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**Subject:** Fw: CalTrans Clean California Grant Program Call for Projects (\$\$\$ for El Camino Real bad road)  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:21:57 AM

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David & Michael:

Looks like funding will be available for SMC.  
This bad stretch of road needs a whole revamp.  
It needs to be widened.  
This might mean buying into the back yards of residents whose lots back up to El Camino Real.  
On the east side of El Camino Real the right of way is owned by Caltrans.

We need road lights on some of the 9 PGE power poles which are available.

We still have ADA problems for walker, biker, wheel chair access from Arlington to Hickey.  
This should have been upgraded before 1970.

Samtrans bus stop is non complaint & dangerous.

Mike

**To:** MICHAEL HARRIS <usmmmh@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 01:22:11 PM PST  
**Subject:** Fwd: CalTrans Clean California Grant Program Call for Projects

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** CNRA Bonds and Grants <bondsandgrants@resources.ca.gov>  
**Date:** December 14, 2021 at 1:16:40 PM PST  
**To:** CNRA\_BONDS\_GRANTS@listservice.cnra.ca.gov  
**Subject:** CalTrans Clean California Grant Program Call for Projects

At the beginning of December, Governor Newsom announced the Clean California Grant Program administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Approximately \$300 million in funds will support projects to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. Caltrans' Clean California Grant Program complements the California Natural Resources Agency's Urban Greening Grant Program so we want to ensure that prospective grantees, from either grant program, are aware of this additional opportunity.

Please review the release below for more information and how to apply to the Caltrans Clean California Grant Program.





# GAVIN NEWSOM

## GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Contact: Governor's Press Office  
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### **Governor Newsom Announces \$300 Million Clean California Grant Program for Local Projects Across the State**

SACRAMENTO – Today the Newsom Administration announced the availability of almost \$300 million in Clean California grants and called on local communities to submit applications for projects that will clean and beautify local streets, tribal lands, parks and transit centers throughout California. The new grants are part of Governor Gavin Newsom's Clean California initiative, a sweeping \$1.1 billion, multiyear clean-up effort led by Caltrans to remove trash, create thousands of jobs and engage communities to transform public spaces.

"Clean California is an unprecedented investment into cleaning up our state and engaging directly in our communities to create public spaces that all Californians can take pride in," said Governor Newsom. "The funding is also an acknowledgement of what we all already know – it's past time to take serious action to remove the unsightly litter on our streets and highways and in local communities. Clean California will create thousands of jobs and revitalize neighborhoods in every corner of our state."

Clean California is a massive expansion of state and local litter abatement efforts that will remove 1.2 million cubic yards of trash from state highways each year – up from 270,000 cubic yards in 2020. The initiative is set to generate an estimated 10,000 to 11,000 jobs over three years, including for people exiting homelessness, at-risk youth, veterans, those reentering society from incarceration, local artists and students. The initiative complements the Governor's multi-pronged approach to combat the state's homelessness crisis through a historic \$12 billion over two years to implement bold, transformative solutions to shelter, stabilize and keep people from returning to the streets.

"Our communities and neighborhoods are weighed down by the buildup of trash and its negative impacts on our economy, environment, safety and public health," said Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin. "These Clean California grants are designed to help communities clean up and beautify their hometowns and local streets."

Beginning today, California cities, counties, transit agencies, tribal governments and other governmental entities can submit proposals of up to \$5 million to beautify their communities and address trash and debris. Among other examples, Caltrans will consider projects that remove litter on city streets, create a marker on a thoroughfare entering a town or neighborhood, beautify an area through greening or landscaping, or facilitate cultural connections and civic pride within a community.

“This is an historic opportunity to beautify public spaces in communities that are too often overlooked and to make our streets and sidewalks safer for all. I thank the Newsom Administration for working hand-in-hand with local agencies, tribes and other partners to make these transformative resources available,” said Mayor of Sacramento Darrell Steinberg.

Caltrans anticipates receiving proposals from agencies in all 58 California counties and will award approximately 200 grants to create hundreds of sustainable, green beautification and litter abatement projects statewide. The department will match local investments and address the needs of more severely underserved communities to meet an ambitious goal of funding 300 local projects throughout California over the three-year program. Since July, Caltrans has collected 3,800 tons of trash – enough to fill more than 70 Olympic-size swimming pools – and made more than 600 conditional job offers as part of the program.

“Clean California gives cities the resources to take meaningful action to clean and revitalize our public spaces and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. I thank the Governor for his leadership and partnership with local governments, non-profits and other stakeholders to beautify our communities,” said Mayor of San Jose Sam Liccardo.

The grant application period closes February 1, 2022, and Caltrans will announce the grant recipients on March 1, 2022. Award recipients must complete their project by June 30, 2024.

“California’s roadways and commercial corridors are too dirty, you see it, I see it, and Governor Newsom sees it. Today’s announcement will provide unprecedented funding for local communities like Long Beach so we can expand our litter abatement and clean-up efforts and make California shine,” said Mayor of Long Beach Robert Garcia.

Caltrans developed the grant guidelines with community input through public workshops on September 1 and October 7, 2021. Combined, more than 1,600 stakeholders attended the workshops, including transportation agencies and local and tribal governments.

To apply for the Clean California grants, visit <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants/workshops-milestones>.

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**Subject:** El Camino Real progress being made tree trimming PGE poles & lines  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 10:55:58 AM

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Mark at Caltrans just called.

Paul Wilson is sick.  
So Mark was assigned.

He will visit site this week.  
He plans within next 2 weeks to close road & get trees trimmed.

PGE must cut the trees within 10' of their high voltage lines.  
CPUC could have helped Summer 2021.

I called Mike Richardson.  
Mike had talked to Earl Sherman this morning.

As far as road lighting on the 9 PGE poles from Arlington to Hickey, this comes under Caltrans SF.  
Paul Wilson was going to turn this over to them.

There are numerous ADA problems here.

SSF has responsibility for some of this under the 1990 MOU with Caltrans.  
It would be good if Nell Selander would assist.

We would not have gotten this far without David Canepa's & Michael Richardson's help.

This road needs access for walkers, bikers, wheel chairs.  
The Arlington Drive bus stop is hardly ADA compliant.

I visit Seton MC Tuesday. I will probably buy a \$2 bus pass.  
I will take the bus both directions.

I do not like to spend \$2 for a day pass to walk down hill & home.  
Seniors over 70 who do not drive should be treated better.

Mike