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All levels of government contain programs that can potentially fund bicycle projects, programs, and plans. This section covers federal, state, and regional sources of bicycle funding. Many funding sources are highly competitive. Therefore, it is not possible to determine exactly which projects will receive funding from specific funding sources. **Table 12-1** serves as a general guide to funding sources. Staff should refer to current guidelines provided by the granting agency when pursuing any funding opportunity.

Table 12-1: Funding Sources

Funding Source	Due Date*	Administering Agency	Annual Total	Matching Requirement	Eligible Applicants	Planning	Construction	Other	Notes
Federally-Administered Funding									
Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program**	Varies, generally January or February.	Federal Transit Administration	\$204 million nationally in 2009	20%	States, MPOs, local governments and tribal agencies	X	X	X	Implementation grants provide financial resources to enact activities that address transportation efficiency, while meeting community preservation and environmental goals. Policy and program examples include spending policies that direct funds to high-growth regions; urban growth boundaries to guide metropolitan expansion; and “green corridor” programs that provide access to highway corridors in areas targeted for efficient and compact development. Program officials are not currently accepting applications past 2011. In most years, Congress has identified projects to be selected for funding through the TCSP program. The South Bay cities should track the program over the long term and apply if the program is extended.

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Federal Lands Highway Programs**	Not available	Federal Highway Administration	\$1,019 million nationally in 2009		States	X	X		Grant funds are allocated for highways, roads, and parkways (which can include bicycle and pedestrian facilities) and transit facilities that provide access to or within public lands, national parks, and Indian reservations.
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program	Aug 1 for the following fiscal year	National Parks Service	Program staff time is awarded.	Not applicable	Public agencies			X	RTCA staff provides technical assistance to communities to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. The program provides only for planning assistance – there are no implementation monies available.
Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks and Public Lands Program	Varies, Generally October.	Federal Transit Administration	\$27 million nationally in 2009	Not available	Federal, State, local and tribal agencies that manage federal lands	X	X		Grant funds transportation modes that reduce congestion in parks and public lands.

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Partnership for Sustainable Communities	Not applicable	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)	Varies	Not applicable	Varies by grant	X	X	X	Though not a formal agency, the Partnership for Sustainable Communities is a joint project of the EPA, the HUD, and the USDOT. One goal of the project is to expand transportation options that improve air quality and public health, which has already resulted in several new grant opportunities (including TIGER I and TIGER II grants). The participating cities should track Partnership communications and be prepared to respond proactively to announcements of new grant programs.
New Freedom Initiative**	Not available	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Not available	Not applicable	Public agencies		X	X	Grant funds provide capital and operating costs to provide transportation services and facility improvements that exceed those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pedestrian improvements include installing Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), enhancing transit stops to improve accessibility, and establishing a mobility coordinator position.

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Surface Transportation Program**	Not available	Federal Highway Administration	\$6,577 million nationally in 2009	Not applicable	States and local governments	X	X	X	Grants fund projects on any federal-aid highway. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements include on-street facilities, off-street paths, sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle and pedestrian signals, parking, and other ancillary facilities. Non-construction projects, such as maps, bicycle/pedestrian coordinator positions, and encouragement programs are eligible. The modification of sidewalks to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is also an eligible activity.
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)**	Not available	Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration	\$1,777 million nationally in 2009	Not applicable	States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas	X	X	X	Funds are allocated for transportation projects that aim to reduce transportation related emissions. Funds can be used for construction of bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways or for non-construction projects related to safe bicycling and walking (i.e. maps and brochures).

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Transportation Enhancements* *	Not available	Federal Highway Administration	10 percent of State Transportation Program funds	Not applicable	States	X	X	X	Funds are a set-aside of Surface Transportation Program (STP) monies designated for Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities, which include the pedestrians and bicycles facilities, safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists, and the preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian and bicycle trails).
Highway Safety Improvement Program**	October	Federal Highway Administration	\$1,296 million nationally in 2009	Varies between 0% and 10%	City, county or federal land manager	X	X	X	Funds projects on publicly-owned roadways or bicycle/pedestrian pathways or trails that address a safety issue and may include education and enforcement programs. This program includes the Railroad-Highway Crossings and High Risk Rural Roads programs.
Community Development Block Grants	Varies between grants	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	\$42.8 m	Varies between grants	City, county	X	X	X	Funds local community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development. Can be used to build sidewalks and recreational facilities.
Recreational Trails Program**	October	CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation	\$1.3 m in 2010	12%	Agencies and organizations that manage public lands	X	X	X	Provides funds to states for acquisition of easements for trails from willing sellers, maintenance and restoration of existing trails, construction of new paved or unpaved trails, and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails.

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Federal Safe Routes to School**	Mid-July	Federal Highway Administration	Max. funding cap for infrastructure project: \$1 million. Max funding cap for non-infrastructure project: 500,000	none	State, city, county, MPOs, RTPAs and other organizations that partner with one of the above.	X	X	X	Grant funds for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. Infrastructure projects are engineering projects or capital improvements that will substantially improve safety and the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school. Non-infrastructure projects are education/encouragement/enforcement activities that are intended to change community behavior, attitudes, and social norms to make it safer for children in grades K-8 to walk and bicycle to school.
Petroleum Violation Escrow Account	Not applicable	Department of Energy	Varies annually	None	Local and regional agencies		X	X	PVEA funds come from fines paid by oil companies in the 70s for violating oil price caps set by the federal government. Funds are used for projects that save energy, such as public transportation, computerized bus routing and ride sharing, home weatherization, energy assistance and building energy audits, highway and bridge maintenance, and reducing airport user fees.

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Community Transformation Grant	July	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$50,000-10,000,000 per applicant	Not applicable	State and local governmental agencies, tribes and territories, and national and community-based organizations	X		X	Funding is available to support evidence and practice-based community and clinical prevention and wellness strategies that will lead to specific, measurable health outcomes to reduce chronic disease rates. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements are applicable as they encourage physical activity, which has been proven to reduce the risks of diseases associated with inactivity.
State-Administered Funding									
Bicycle Transportation Account	March	Caltrans	\$7.2 million	Minimum 10% local match on construction	Public agencies	X	X	X	Funds bicycle projects that improve safety and convenience of bicycle commuters. In addition to construction and planning, funds may be used for right of way acquisition.
California Safe Routes to School	Varies	Caltrans	\$24.5 million	10%	Cities and counties		X	X	SR2S is primarily a construction program to enhance safety of pedestrian and bicycle facilities near schools.
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	December	Caltrans	Varies	None	Cities	X	X	X	The STIP is a multi-year capital improvement program of transportation projects on and off the State Highway System, funded with revenues from the Transportation Investment Fund and other funding sources. Oxnard should work with the Ventura County Transportation Commission to submit projects for the STIP.

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State Coastal Conservancy	Rolling	State Coastal Conservancy	Varies	None	Public agencies, non-profit organizations	X	X	X	Projects must be in accordance with Division 21 and meet the goals and objectives of the Conservancy's strategic plan. More information can be found at http://scc.ca.gov/applying-for-grants-and-assistance/forms .
California Conservation Corps	On-going	California Conservation Corps	CCC donates labor hours	None	Federal and state agencies, city, county, school district, NPO, private industry		X	X	Funds projects that improve public access to and along the coast, natural resource protection and restoration in the coastal zone or affecting coastal areas, restoration of coastal urban waterfronts, protection of coastal agricultural land, and resolution of land use conflicts. CCC provides labor assistance on construction projects and annual maintenance.
Community Based Transportation Planning	March	Caltrans	\$3 million	20%	MPO, RPTA, city, county		X		Eligible projects that exemplify livable community concepts including enhancing bicycle and pedestrian access.

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Land and Water Conservation Fund	March	NPS, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation	\$2.3 million in CA in 2009	50% + 2-6% administration surcharge	Cities, counties and districts authorized to operate, acquire, develop and maintain park and recreation facilities	X		X	Fund provides matching grants to state and local governments for the acquisition and development of land for outdoor recreation areas. Lands acquired through program must be retained in perpetuity for public recreational use. Individual project awards are not available. The Department of Parks and Recreation levies a surcharge for administering the funds. The LCWF could fund the development of river-adjacent bicycle facilities.
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program	October	California Natural Resources Agency	\$10 million	None	Federal, State, local agencies and NPO		X	X	Support projects that offset environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. These projects can include highway landscaping and urban forestry projects, roadside recreation projects, and projects to acquire or enhance resource lands. EEMP funds projects in California, at an annual project average of \$250,000. Funds may be used for land acquisition.
State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)	Not Available	Caltrans	\$1.69 million statewide annually through FY 2013/14	Not Available	Local and regional agencies		X	X	Capital improvements and maintenance projects that relate to maintenance, safety and rehabilitation of state highways and bridges.

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Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grants	January	Caltrans	Varies annually - \$82 million statewide in FY 2009/2010	None	Government agencies, state colleges, state universities, city, county, school district, fire department, public emergency service provider			X	Funds are used to establish new traffic safety programs, expand ongoing programs, or address deficiencies in current programs. Bicycle safety is included in the list of traffic safety priority areas. Grant funding cannot replace existing program expenditures, nor can traffic safety funds be used for program maintenance, research, rehabilitation, or construction. Evaluation criteria to assess needs include potential traffic safety impact, collision statistics and rankings, seriousness of problems, and performance on previous OTS grants.
Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 (SB 821)	Not applicable	State of California and Ventura County Transportation Commission	Varies	Not applicable	Cities and counties		X	X	Funds are a percentage of the state sales tax given annually to local jurisdictions for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Funds may be used for engineering expenses leading to construction, right-of-way acquisition, construction and reconstruction, retrofitting existing facilities, route improvements, and bicycle support facilities.
Habitat Conservation Fund	October	CA Department of Parks and Recreation	\$2 million	Requires a dollar-for-dollar match of grant funds	Cities, counties, and districts		X	X	Funds provide grants to protect fish, wildlife, and native plant resources, to acquire or develop wildlife corridors and trails, and to provide for nature interpretation programs and other programs which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas.

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Tire-Derived Product Grant Program	Varies	CA Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)	Varies	Not applicable	Public agencies and qualifying tribes			X	Promotes markets for recycled-content products derived from waste tires generated in California and decrease the adverse environmental impacts created by unlawful disposal and stockpiling of waste tires. Funds can be used to purchase materials for bicycle and pedestrian projects, including sidewalks/pathways, accessibility ramps, and traffic safety products.
Regional- and Local-Administered Funding									
Metro Call for Projects (CFP)	January	LA Metro	Varies annually	None	Public agencies that provide transportation facilities or services within Los Angeles County	X	X	X	Co-funds new regionally significant capital projects that improve all modes of surface transportation. Relevant categories include Bikeway Improvements; Regional Surface Transportation Improvements; Transportation Enhancement Activities; Transportation Demand Management; and Pedestrian Improvements.
Proposition A	N/A	LA County	Varies	None	Cities and unincorporated communities in LA County				A half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation funding. One-fourth of the funds go to Local Return Programs. The monies help these entities develop and improve local public transit, paratransit, and related transportation infrastructure

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Proposition C	N/A	LA County	Varies	None	Cities and unincorporated communities in LA County				Revenues are allocated into categories including Rail & Bus Security; Commuter Rail, Transit Centers and Park and Ride Lots; Local Return; and, Transit Related Improvements to Streets and Highways. Supports projects and programs developed with Prop A funds.
Measure R	N/A	LA County	Varies	none	Cities and unincorporated communities in LA County	X	X	X	A half-cent sales tax to finance new transportation projects and programs, and accelerate many of those already in process.
Adopt-A-Trail Programs	Not applicable	Local trail commission or non-profit	Varies	Not applicable	Local governments		X	X	These programs used to fund new construction, renovation, trail brochures, informational kiosks and other amenities. These programs can also be extended to include sponsorship of trail segments for maintenance needs.
Design Arts Program	Varies by grant	National Endowment for the Arts	Varies	A nonfederal match of at least 1 to 1	Counties, local governments, public entities, or nonprofits	X		X	Provides grants to states and local agencies, individuals and nonprofit organizations for projects that incorporate urban design, historic preservation, planning, architecture, landscape architecture and other community improvement activities, including greenway development. Grants to organizations and agencies must be matched by a 50% local contribution. Agencies can receive up to \$50,000.

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Community Action for a Renewed Environment	March	US EPA	Varies	Not Available	Applicant must fall within the statutory terms of EPA's research and demonstration grant authorities	X		X	Grant program to help community organize and take action to reduce toxic pollution in its local environment
Bikes Belong Grant	Multiple dates throughout year.	Bikes Belong	Not Available	50% minimum	Organizations and agencies		X	X	Bikes Belong provides grants for up to \$10,000 with a 50% match that recipients may use towards paths, bridges and parks.
Volunteer and Public-Private Partnerships	Not Applicable	City, county, joint powers authority	Varies	Not Applicable	Public agency, private industry, schools, community groups		X	X	Requires community-based initiative to implement improvements.

* Due dates are subject to change due to pending authorization of a new federal transportation bill.

** Program is one of many programs authorized under SAFETEA-LU and current funding has only been extended through September 30, 2011.

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