

THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - 2024 UPDATE



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COMMUNITIES**
PROGRAM

San Luis City Council Meeting

March 26, 2024



What is Thriving Communities Program?

The Thriving Communities Program provides two years of no-cost intensive technical assistance to under-resourced and historically disadvantaged communities to help identify, develop, and deliver transportation and infrastructure projects that strengthen communities.

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/thriving-communities>

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/thriving-communities/tcp-fy-2022-selected-recipients>

WHAT IS THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM?

- Part of the larger Federal Thriving Communities Initiative
- Funding part of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Covered under Justice40 Initiative
- Provides tools for under-resourced communities to access Federal infrastructure funding



THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

\$21 Million

awarded to

4 Capacity Builders

to support

64 communities across the US

What is Thriving Communities Network?

The Thriving Communities Network includes:

- Department of Agriculture (DOA)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Commerce (DOC)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- General Services Administration (GSA)



COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE



Main Streets

Rural and Tribal community revitalization; building State DOT relationship



Complete Neighborhoods

Urban and suburban connectivity; equitable transit-oriented development



Networked Communities

Intermodal (rail, port, airport) neighborhoods; outside the STIP/TIP

Safety, Access, Environmental, Equity, Community Development, & Economic Impacts



US DOT + RAIB TCP PROGRAM PARTNERS

PROGRESS SO FAR – CITY OF SAN LUIS

- Work plans – Priority areas:
 - RAIB will assist with technical advisory for safety and congestion infrastructure improvements to Cesar Chavez Boulevard
 - RAIB will assist with grant identification & management including benefit-cost analysis, and partnering opportunities for downtown revitalization including, multimodal, pedestrian-focused infrastructure and wastewater treatment plant development.
- Priority project and grant list
 - Key funding opportunities to support infrastructure upgrades
- Site visit
 - In-person meeting and work session opportunity
 - EPA Grant brainstorming session

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

- Making San Luis successful in getting the funds and partnerships for reconstructing and improving Cesar Chavez Boulevard
 - Like the award of \$25M through the US DOT Rural Surface Transportation Grant program for reconstruction and improvement of Cesar Chavez Boulevard
- Successful submission for additional competitive grant opportunities
- Identifying new funding streams to support grant match requirements, such as philanthropic opportunities or loans
- Increasing staff capacity and expertise through trainings and resources