

2025 VTA Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Program

Programa de Subvenciones para las Comunidades Orientadas al Transporte Público de VTA 2025



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15 de mayo de 2025

Pre-Application Workshop
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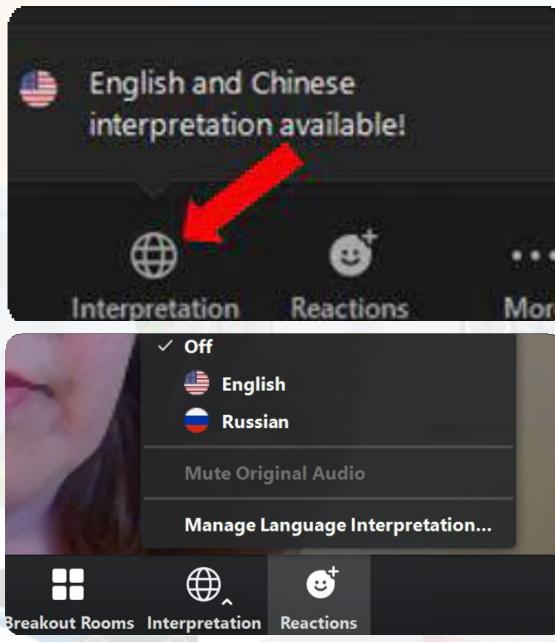
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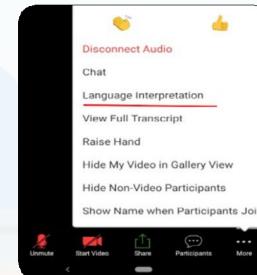
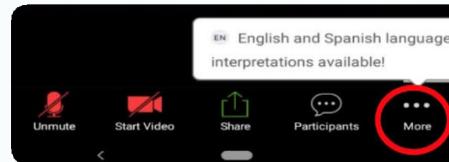
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Language Interpretation



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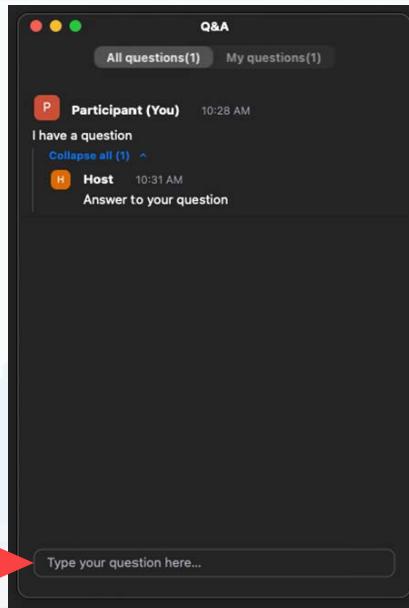
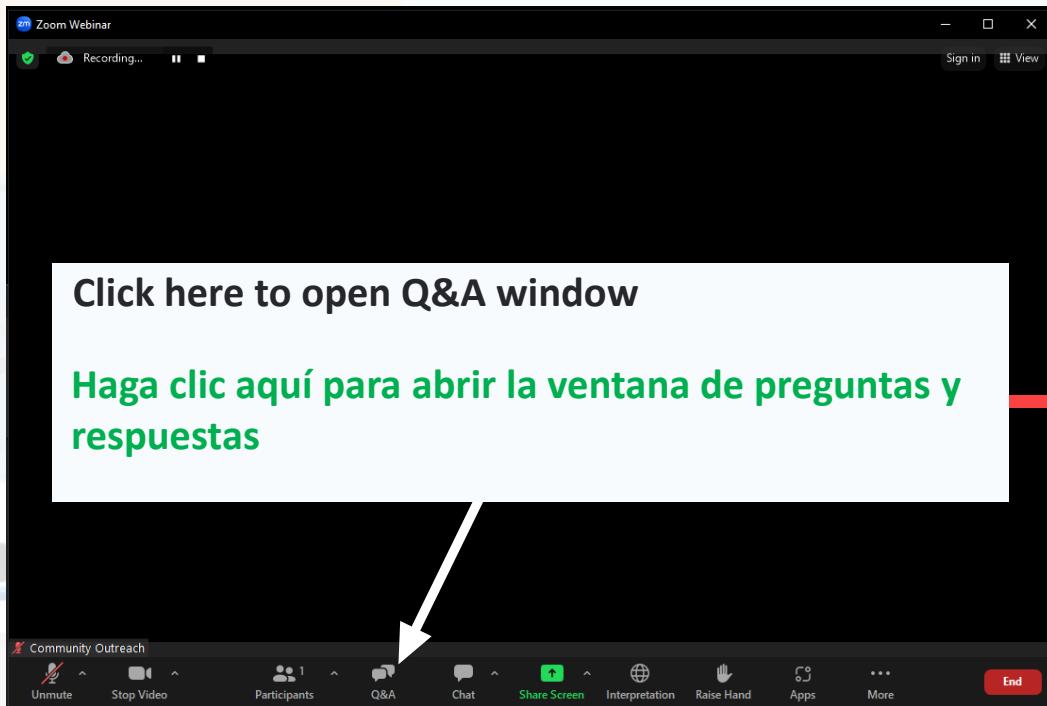
Interpretación en idiomas



For mobile phone users
Para usuarios de teléfonos móviles

How to submit questions

Cómo enviar las preguntas (pasos)



Type your message in Q&A window

Escriba su mensaje en la ventana de preguntas y respuestas

Virtual Meeting

Agreements & Etiquette

- Treat each other with kindness, respect, and consideration.
- Everyone's input matters.
- Stay on track.
- Use the chat function!
- We are recording this and will post it on vta.org/tocgrant.
- VTA Staff will remove participants exhibiting demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior or speech.

Acuerdos de reuniones

virtuales y etiqueta

- Trate a los demás con amabilidad, respeto y consideración.
- Todas las intervenciones son importantes.
- Manténgase al día.
- Utilice la función de chat.
- Lo grabamos y lo publicaremos en vta.org.
- El personal de VTA retirará a los participantes que muestren un comportamiento o discurso humillante, discriminatorio o acosador.

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Program Background and Purpose
3. Cycle 1 Lessons Learned
4. Eligibility and Program Areas
5. Application Overview
6. Submittal Process
7. Grant Agreement Requirements
8. Schedule & Closing
9. Question/Discussion

Orden del día

1. Introducción
2. Contexto y propósito del programa
3. Ciclo 1: lecciones aprendidas
4. Idoneidad y áreas de programa
5. Vista general de la solicitud
6. Proceso de presentación
7. Requisitos del contrato de subvención
8. Calendario y cierre
9. Preguntas/Debate

VTA's Role in Santa Clara County



Papel de VTA en el Condado de Santa Clara



TOC Policy Goals:

Increase transit ridership and reduce vehicle trips through intensive mixed-use, mixed-income development around transit stations and corridors.



Berryessa TOD

Objetivos de la política de TOC: aumentar el número de pasajeros en el transporte público y reducir los viajes en vehículos mediante un uso mixto intensivo, y un desarrollo de ingresos mixtos en torno a estaciones de transporte y corredores.



Tamien TOD (Fall 2025)



TOC Grant Program Goals

- Grow innovative and robust partnerships to implement equitable TOCs.
- Advance plans that align with VTA TOC Policy and MTC TOC Policy.
- Enhance transit ridership and active transportation modes.
- Strengthen CBOs to champion affordable housing and economic opportunity projects.
- Empower local communities to advocate for thriving neighborhoods near transit.

Objetivos del programa TOC

- Desarrollar asociaciones innovadoras y sólidas para implementar Comunidades Orientadas al Tránsito justas.
- Avanzar en los planes que se alinean con la Política TOC de VTA y con la Política TOC de MTC.
- Mejorar el número de pasajeros y los medios de transporte activo.
- Fortalecer las CBO que aboguen por los proyectos de viviendas asequibles y las oportunidades económicas.
- Empoderar a las comunidades locales para que defiendan barrios prósperos cerca del transporte público.

Transit-Oriented Communities Grants Program

\$750,000 in total funding for the following program areas:

de financiamiento total para las siguientes áreas del programa:

A. Planning & Policy Implementation

Planificación e implementación de políticas



B. Community Resilience

Resiliencia comunitaria



C. Education & Engagement

Educación y participación



D. Placekeeping, Arts, and Activation

Preservación del lugar (Placekeeping), arte y activación





Cycle 1 Lessons Learned

- Application: simpler **online form**.
- Program Areas: clearer guidelines with more **examples**.
- Scoring: greater **transparency**, stronger transit and equity ties.
- Feedback: characteristics of a **winning application**.

Ciclo 1: Lecciones Aprendidas

- Solicitud: **formulario en línea** más sencillo
- Áreas de programa: directrices más **claras** con más **ejemplos**
- Puntuación: mayor **transparencia**, vínculos más fuertes de transporte y equidad
- Valoraciones: características de una **solicitud ganadora**.





Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- Local agencies (15% match required)
- Local non-profit organizations

Eligible Location

- Project must be within **one-half mile** of VTA Transit Center or VTA Light Rail, Caltrain, ACE, or BART Station

Ineligible Activities

- New infrastructure or building construction
- Projects already receiving TOC Grant funding

Idoneidad

Solicitantes admisibles:

- Agencias locales (15 % de fondos de contrapartida requeridos)
- Organizaciones sin ánimo de lucro locales

Ubicaciones admisibles:

- El proyecto debe estar a **menos de media milla** del Centro de Transporte de VTA, o del tren ligero de VTA, Caltrain, ACE o estación BART.

Actividades admisibles:

- Nuestras infraestructuras o edificaciones
- Proyectos que ya estén recibiendo financiación de subvenciones TOC



Eligibility by Program Area

Admisibilidad según área de programa

PROGRAM AREA ÁREA DEL PROGRAMA	LOCAL AGENCIES AGENCIAS LOCALES	LOCAL NON-PROFITS ORGANIZACIÓNES LOCAL SIN FINES DE LUCRO
Planning & Policy Implementation Planificación e implementación de políticas	✓	
Community Resilience Resiliencia Comunitaria		✓
Education & Engagement Educación y participación	✓	✓
Placekeeping, Arts, and Activation Preservación del lugar, arte y activación	✓	✓



Program A: Planning and Policy Implementation

- Focus County's future growth within one-half mile of transit stations and centers;
- Align with VTA's and MTC's Transit-Oriented Communities policies, and
- Integrate art and/or equitable engagement policies into planning efforts



Programa A: Planificación e implementación de políticas

- Centrarse en el crecimiento a futuro del condado a menos de una milla de estaciones y centros de tránsito;
- Alinearse con las políticas de las Comunidades Orientadas al Tránsito de VTA y MTC, e
- Integrar arte o políticas igualitarias de participación en los esfuerzos de planificación.

Maximum Grant per Application:
Subsidio máximo por solicitud:

±\$150,000

Anticipated number of Awards:
Número previsto de adjudicaciones:

2-3

Program B: Community Resilience

- Increasing stability and resilience of communities near transit;
- Playing larger roles in implementing vibrant, inclusive, balanced and equitable TOCs; and
- Strengthening emerging community development partners to advance affordable housing initiatives and small business resiliency.

Maximum Grant per Application:

Subsidio máximo por solicitud: **±\$100,000**

Anticipated number of Awards:

Número previsto de adjudicaciones:

2-3

Programa B: Resiliencia Comunitaria



- Incrementar la estabilidad y la resiliencia de las comunidades ubicadas cerca de los transportes;
- Jugar un papel mayor en la implementación de TOC vibrantes, inclusivas, equilibradas y justas; y
- Fortalecer a los socios para el desarrollo de comunidades emergentes, a fin de avanzar en iniciativas de viviendas asequibles y en la resiliencia de los pequeños negocios.



Program C: Education and Engagement

- Strengthen neighborhood leadership for TOC-supportive policies and investments;
- Support equitable engagement
- Provide accessible information and resources for all; and
- Highlight transit as essential to thriving TOCs.

Maximum Grant per Application:

Subsidio máximo por solicitud:

±\$25,000

Anticipated number of Awards:

Número previsto de adjudicaciones:

3-5

Programa C: Educación y Participación

- Incrementar la estabilidad y la resiliencia de las comunidades ubicadas cerca de los transportes;
- Jugar un papel mayor en la implementación de TOC vibrantes, inclusivas, equilibradas y justas; y
- Fortalecer a los socios para el desarrollo de comunidades emergentes, a fin de avanzar en iniciativas de viviendas asequibles y en la resiliencia de los pequeños negocios.



Program D: Placekeeping, Arts and Activation

- Enhance vibrancy of public spaces to highlight local culture;
- Foster community bonds across generations and backgrounds.; and
- Enliven access around transit and improve pedestrian comfort.

*Activities/art must be in publicly accessible space(s).



Programa D: Preservación del lugar, arte y activación

- Mejorar la vitalidad de los espacios públicos a fin de poner en valor la cultura local;
- Fomentar los lazos comunitarios en todas las generaciones y orígenes; y
- Animar el acceso alrededor del transporte y mejorar la comodidad de los peatones.

*Las actividades/arte deben desarrollarse en espacios públicamente accesibles.

Maximum Grant per Application:

Subsidio máximo por solicitud: **±\$25,000**

Anticipated number of Awards:

Número previsto de adjudicaciones:

4-5



Application Resources

Recursos para presentar la solicitud

I. INVITATION AND NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is launching a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to invite eligible applicants to submit proposals for projects and activities that will advance Transit-Oriented Communities in Santa Clara County. VTA is making available up to \$750,000 in total to eligible applicants responding to this Notice of Funding Availability for Cycle 2 (2025) for projects and activities that are planned to commence by the end of 2026. Through this NOFA, VTA is announcing the opportunity for Local Agencies and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), as such terms are described in this NOFA, to apply for grant funding.

VTA seeks to fund Local Agencies and Community-Based Organizations implementing a diverse set of activities that will enhance equitable, Transit-Oriented Communities by growing transit ridership, increasing mobility and economic opportunities for all, and addressing regional priorities, thereby empowering residents to shape the future of their neighborhoods.

Through the Transit-Oriented Communities Grant, VTA supports partnerships between Local Agencies and Community-Based Organizations that invest in art, public spaces, and development to make areas near transit stations and transit hubs in Santa Clara County more vibrant, walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the vta.org/TOGrant webpage by 4:00PM PST on Monday, June 11, 2025.

II. TOC Grant Program Vision

A. Transit-Oriented Communities

VTA defines Transit-Oriented Communities (TOCs) as mixed-use, mixed-income equitable and sustainable communities around transit stations and transit centers to provide places for people to live, work, play, learn, shop, and play with all the necessities of daily life available within a short walk, bike ride, or transit trip.

Transit-Oriented Communities benefit the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through more sustainable travel patterns that prioritize transit, walking, and biking. They also promote health and safety, support local businesses, and create vibrant neighborhoods by incorporating local art, culture, and community spaces for events. Transit-Oriented Communities have the potential to increase transit ridership, reduce displacement impacts from future growth, and enhance existing communities through improved access to choices for employment, housing, recreation, education, culture, and services.

B. VTA's Commitment to Advancing Vibrant, Equitable and Connected Communities

VTA's Transit-Oriented Communities Policy outlines how VTA implements its Transit-Oriented Communities and Sustainable Development (TOC) programs in furtherance of its mission. The Policy addresses how VTA will further the building of mixed-use and mixed-income equitable and sustainable Transit-Oriented Communities on designated VTA-owned property and in surrounding communities in close collaboration with Local Agencies and their partners.

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Section 4 (Page 4): TOC Elements

37. Community Being Served
Please identify & describe the demographic profile of the community that your project will serve. Include information about any specific challenges related to equity members of this community.

Optional: Please note whether your project is located within an [MTC Equity Priority Community](#). MTC Equity Priority Communities are identified by color in the [TOC-CTP Grant Eligibility Map](#).
(Please keep your response to 200 words or fewer)

For Evaluation – Maximum (2) points would be awarded for an application that:

- Identifies and describes demographic elements of a disadvantaged or historically excluded population that the project would serve.

AND

38. Equity-Focused Activities & Outcomes
Please explain how your project will address historical or existing barriers to equity in your community by identifying specific equitable processes and outcomes for members of the community.
(Please keep your response to 200 words or fewer)

For Evaluation – Maximum (3) points would be awarded for application that:

- Clearly describes equitable processes & anticipated equitable outcomes of the project.

For Evaluation – Maximum (3) points would be awarded for application that identifies:

- At least two (2) activities/initiatives that will use existing organizations, start volunteers, and/or program participants.

AND

39. Transit-focused Outcomes
Please select which, if any, of the following activities the project is proposed to accomplish in support of transit-oriented development:
 Develop transit trip planning for employees, volunteers, event participants, and the general public
 Incentivize active transportation, such as walking, bicycling, wheeling, and/or transit use to attend grant activities
 Develop a program that emphasizes taking VTA transit to promote active lifestyles
 Provide funding for VTA tuition at an activity for transit-related education
 Purchase transit passes (i.e., Clipper Card, VTA SmartPass) for employees, volunteers, and the general public
 Develop special signage to direct patrons to transit at grant activity locations
 Collect stories and testimonials from grantee employees, volunteers, patrons – about how they got to the activities
 Incorporate transit usage into surveys or other public engagement tools (i.e., collect data on transportation choices)
 Other _____

For Evaluation – Maximum (2) points would be awarded for application that identifies:

- Identify the transit services anticipated to see additional ridership, and how your project will increase the community's use of those services.

For example: how will this project raise the profile of the station as transit hub? How will this project increase the number of transit users to current transit use? How will your project support transit-dependent populations, or reduce dependency on private auto?

For more information on transit services in your project area, please reference the [Bartops by State & CTP Open Data Site](#).
(Please keep your response to 200 words or fewer)

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Section 2: Project Information

Project Name:
Please share the name of your project. It should be descriptive and succinct.

Brief Project Description:
Please provide a brief paragraph describing your project. Please limit your description to 80 words or fewer.

Project Location/Address
Street Address, City, Zip Code

Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Station/Transit Center:
Please identify the eligible station/transit center closest to your project. A complete list of eligible stations/transit centers is available in the 2025 VTA TOC Grant NOFA Appendix A, or you may reference the [TOC-VTA Grant Eligibility Map](#).

Project Type:
Select one or more of the following eligible project types that best describe your Project:

- Area plan/program
- Transit access planning and/or access gap evaluation
- Code & policy alignment with MTC's TOC Policy
- Municipal art program to support station area plan or land use/zoning policy updates
- Equitable engagement plan to support station area plan or land use/zoning policy update
- Other (please describe)

Project Narrative:
Please describe how your proposed project or program demonstrates alignment with the TOC Grant Program Goals as described in Section II.C of the Notice of Funding Availability.
(Please limit your narrative to 500 words or fewer)

Grant Amount Requested:

Match:

Notice of Funding Availability + Appendix B Application Guide → Application Worksheet

Aviso de disponibilidad de fondos + Guía de la solicitud del Apéndice B → Hoja de trabajo de solicitud

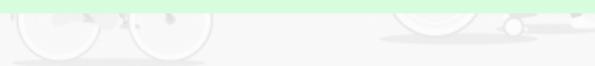
Review: 6 Tips for a Winning Application

1. **TOC ELEMENTS:** Project clearly ties to increased long-term transit use.
2. **EQUITY:** Describes disadvantaged or underserved community served, and root cause.
3. **CONTEXT:** Acknowledges existing projects, initiatives, engagement in the community.



Resumen: 6 consejos para una solicitud ganadora

1. **ELEMENTOS TOC:** El proyecto se vincula claramente con el incremento del uso del transporte a largo plazo.
2. **EQUIDAD:** Describe las comunidades desventajadas o mal atendidas, y la causas.
3. **CONTEXTO:** Reconoce los proyectos existentes, las iniciativas y la participación en la comunidad.



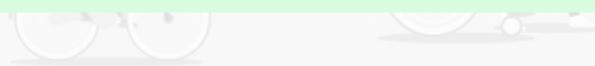
Review: 6 Tips for a Winning Application (Continued)

4. **CRITICAL NEED:** How critical is this funding to the success of your project?
5. **PARTNERSHIPS:** Demonstrate strong partnerships through thoughtful collaboration.
6. **CONCRETE:** Move beyond conceptual and into the nuts and bolts of your program.



Resumen: 6 consejos para una solicitud ganadora (continuación)

4. **NECESIDADES ESENCIALES:** ¿Qué tan esencial es esta financiación para el éxito de su proyecto?
5. **SOCIOS:** Demostrar asociaciones robustas basadas en una cuidadosa colaboración.
6. **CONCRECIÓN:** Ir más allá de lo conceptual e ir al meollo de su programa.



Application Components

Applicant & Project Information

- Applicant location & status
 - Project Type

Administrative Elements – 5 pts

- Project Schedule
- Proposed Budget
- Partnerships

TOC Elements – 10 pts

- Community Being Served
- Equity-Focused Activities & Outcomes
 - Transit-Focused Activities
 - Transit Ridership

Program-Specific – 10 pts

- *Programs A & B*
- *Programs C & D*

Componentes de la Solicitud

Información del solicitante y del proyecto

- Ubicación y estatus del solicitante
 - Tipo de proyecto

Elementos administrativos – 5 puntos

- Calendario del proyecto
- Presupuesto propuesto
- Socios

Transit-Oriented Elementos – 10 puntos

- Comunidades atendidas
- Actividades y resultados centrados en la equidad
 - Actividades centradas en el tránsito
 - Número de pasajeros del transporte

Específico del programa: 10 puntos

- *Programas A y B*
- *Programas C y D*

Applicant & Project Information Requirements

Applicant Information

- Must be local to Santa Clara County
- Must be operating in Santa Clara County for at least one year
- Must be a public agency or have (or partner with organization that has) 501(c)3 non-profit status.

Project Information

- Project type must be an eligible activity aligned with program goals
- Must be located within one-half mile of transit station or transit center

Requisitos de información del solicitante y del proyecto

Información del solicitante

- Debe ser ciudadano local del condado de Santa Clara.
- Debe haber estar operando en el condado de Santa Clara durante al menos 1 año.
- Debe ser una agencia pública o tener (o bien ser socio de una organización que tenga) estado 501(c)3 sin ánimo de lucro.

Información del Proyecto

- El tipo de proyecto debe ser una actividad idónea alineada con los objetivos del programa.
- Debe estar ubicado a menos de una milla de una estación o centro de tránsito.



Administrative Elements

Project Schedule

- Realistic timeline
- Includes detailed milestones for key activities

2 points

Project Budget

- Detailed budget with realistic cost estimates
- Realistic ability to complete grant activities

2 points

Partnerships

- Partnership with other Agency, CBO, or stakeholder

1 point

Total: 5 points

A minimum total score of 2/5 is necessary for consideration

Elementos Administrativos

Calendario del Proyecto

- Calendario realista
- Incluye hitos detallados de las actividades clave

2 puntos

Presupuesto del Proyecto

- Presupuesto detallado con una estimación realista de los costes
- Capacidad realista de completar las actividades subvencionadas

2 puntos

Partnerships

- Asociarse con otra Agencia, CBO o parte interesada

1 punto

Total: 5 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 2/5 para ser tenido en cuenta.

TOC Elements: Equity

Community Being Served

- Application describes disadvantaged or underserved community that the project would serve; AND
- Application identifies root cause of the barriers historically faced.

2 points

Equity-focused Activities

- Project includes activities that include equitable processes and anticipated equitable outcomes for community it is serving.

3 points

Total: 5 points

A minimum total score of 2/5 is necessary for consideration

Actividades centradas en la equidad

Comunidades atendidas

- La solicitud describe las comunidades desventajadas y mal atendidas que el proyecto podría atender; Y
- La solicitud identifica la causa de los obstáculos a las que dichas comunidades se han enfrentado históricamente

2 puntos

Equity-focused Activities

- El proyecto incluye actividades que incluyan procesos equitativos y resultados equitativos previstos para la comunidad a la que atiende.

3 puntos

Total: 5 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 2/5 para ser tenido en cuenta.

TOC Elements: Transit



Transit-focused Activities

- At least two activities that encourage transit use; AND
- At least one strategy for measuring growth/change in transit use throughout the project timeline.

3 points

Transit Ridership

- Identifies transit services anticipated to benefit from project activities or outcomes; AND
- Describes connection between project and long-term increase in transit use.

2 points

Total: 5 points

A minimum total score of 2/5 is necessary for consideration

Elementos de TOC: Tránsito

Transit-focused Activities

- Al menos dos actividades que fomenten el uso del transporte: Y
- Al menos una estrategia que mida el crecimiento/cambio en el uso del transporte a lo largo de la línea de tiempo del proyecto.

3 puntos

Número de pasajeros del transporte

- Identifica los servicios de transporte que se prevé que se beneficien de las actividades o resultados; Y
- Describe la conexión entre el proyecto y el incremento a largo plazo del uso del transporte.

2 puntos

Total: 5 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 2/5 para ser tenido en cuenta. 24

Program A: Planning & Policy Implementation

Alignment with Regional Policy

- Station area planning or land use policy updates that focus growth around transit; AND
- Aligns with MTC TOC Policy.

4 points

Advancement of Transit-Oriented Development

- Zoning facilitates mixed-use, mixed-income development around transit; AND
- Results in benefits to VTA TOD sites.

3 points

Alignment with Grant Program Goals

- Supports placekeeping around transit; AND
- Incorporates equitable processes; AND
- Rezoning facilitates production of workforce or affordable housing around transit.

3 points

A minimum total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Programa A: Planificación y Implementación de Políticas



Alineación con la Política Regional

- Planificación del área de la estación o actualizaciones de la política del uso del suelo que se centra en el crecimiento en torno al transporte; Y
- Alineación con la Política TOC de MTC

4 puntos

Avance del Desarrollo Orientado al Tránsito

- Zonificación que facilite el desarrollo del uso mixto y de ingresos mixtos en torno al tránsito; Y
- Resulta en beneficios a los sitios TOD de VTA.

3 puntos

Alineación con los objetivos del programa de subvenciones

- Apoya la preservación del lugar en torno al tránsito; Y
- Incorpora procesos igualitarios; Y
- La rezonificación facilita la producción de fuerza de trabajo o de viviendas asequibles en torno al tránsito.

3 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta.

Program A: Example #1

Station area plan that would update land use around VTA Transit Center and is conducted using traditional engagement practices.

Alignment with Regional Policy

- ✓ Station area planning that focuses growth around transit;
- ✗ Aligns with MTC TOC Policy.

2.5/4 points

Advancement of Transit-Oriented Development

- ✓ Zoning facilitates mixed-use, mixed-income development around transit;
- ✓ Results in benefits to VTA TOD sites.

3/3 points

Alignment with Grant Program Goals

- ✗ Placekeeping around transit;
- ✗ Equitable engagement processes;
- ✓ Facilitates affordable housing production around transit

Total: 6.5/10 points

1/3 points

Min. total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Programa A: Ejemplo #1



Plan de un área de estación que actualizaría el uso del suelo en torno el Centro de Transporte de VTA, y que se lleva a cabo utilizando prácticas de participación tradicionales.

Alineación con la Política Regional

- ✓ La planificación del área de la estación que se centra en el crecimiento en torno al tránsito;
- ✗ Se alinea con la Política TOC de MTC

2.5/4 puntos

Avance del Desarrollo Orientado al Tránsito

- ✓ La zonificación facilita el desarrollo del uso mixto y de los ingresos mixtos en torno al tránsito;
- ✓ Resulta en beneficios a los sitios TOD de VTA.

3/3 puntos

Alineación con los objetivos del programa de subenciones

- ✗ Preservación del lugar en torno al tránsito;
- ✗ Procesos de participación equitativos;
- ✓ Facilita la producción de viviendas asequibles en torno al tránsito.

Total: 6.5/10 puntos

1/3 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta. 26



Program B: Community Resiliency

Stability and Resilience

- Access to affordable housing; OR
- Retains small businesses; OR
- Resilience to displacement pressures.

6 points

Raise CBO Profile

- Potential to influence policy and increase collaboration with stakeholders.

2 points

Emerging Development Partner

- Capacity to preserve, protect, acquire, and/or manage existing affordable housing; OR
- Capacity to develop affordable housing; OR
- Capacity to establish community ownership or investment model.

2 points

A minimum total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Programa B:

Resiliencia Comunitaria

Estabilidad y resiliencia

- Acceso a viviendas asequibles; O
- Mantenimiento de los pequeños negocios; O
- Resiliencia ante las presiones de reubicación.

6 puntos

Elevar el perfil CBO

- Potencial para influir en las políticas e incrementar la colaboración con las partes interesadas.

2 puntos

Socio Emergente en Desarrollo

- Capacidad para preservar, proteger, adquirir, y/o gestionar la vivienda asequible existente; O
- Capacidad para desarrollar vivienda asequible; O
- Capacidad de establecer propiedad comunitaria o modelo de inversión.

2 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta.²⁷

Program B Example #1

Workshops focused on small business resiliency through construction of future transit station.

Stability and Resilience

- X Access to affordable housing; OR
- ✓ Retains small businesses; OR
- ✓ Resilience to displacement pressures.

6/6 points

Raise CBO Profile

- ✓ Potential to influence policy and increase collaboration with stakeholders.

2/2 points

Emerging Development Partner

- X Capacity to preserve, protect, acquire, and/or manage existing affordable housing; OR
- X Capacity to develop affordable housing; OR
- X Capacity to establish community ownership or investment model.

0/2 points

Total: 8/10 points

A minimum total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Programa B: Ejemplo #1



Talleres centrados en la resiliencia de los pequeños negocios mediante la construcción de futuras estaciones de tránsito.

Estabilidad y resiliencia

- X Acceso a viviendas asequibles;
- ✓ Mantenimiento de los pequeños negocios;
- ✓ Resiliencia ante las presiones de reubicación.

6/6 puntos

Elevar el perfil CBO

- ✓ Potencial para influir en las políticas e incrementar la colaboración con las partes interesadas.

2/2 puntos

Socio Emergente en Desarrollo

- X Capacidad para preservar, proteger, adquirir, y/o gestionar la vivienda asequible existente; O
- X Capacidad para desarrollar vivienda asequible; O
- X Capacidad de establecer propiedad comunitaria o modelo de inversión.

0/2 points

Total: 8/10 points

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta.

Program B Example #2

Establishing plan to identify and raise funds to acquire and manage existing unsubsidized affordable housing near a transit station.

Stability and Resilience

- ✓ Access to affordable housing; OR
- ✓ Retains small businesses; OR
- ✓ Resilience to displacement pressures.

6/6 points

Raise CBO Profile

- ✓ Potential to influence policy and increase collaboration with stakeholders.

2/2 points

Emerging Development Partner

- ✓ Capacity to preserve, protect, acquire, and/or manage existing affordable housing; OR
- X Capacity to develop affordable housing; OR
- ✓ Capacity to establish community ownership or investment model.

2/2 points

Total: 10/10 points

A minimum total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Programa B: Ejemplo #2



Establecer un plan para identificar y recaudar fondos a fin de adquirir y gestionar viviendas asequibles no subvencionadas existentes cerca de una estación de tránsito.

Estabilidad y resiliencia

- ✓ Acceso a viviendas asequibles; O
- ✓ Mantenimiento de los pequeños negocios; O
- ✓ Resiliencia ante las presiones de reubicación.

6/6 puntos

Elevar el perfil CBO

- ✓ Potencial para influir en las políticas e incrementar la colaboración con las partes interesadas.

2/2 puntos

Socio Emergente en Desarrollo

- ✓ Capacidad para preservar, proteger, adquirir, y/o gestionar la vivienda asequible existente; O
- X Capacidad para desarrollar vivienda asequible; O
- ✓ Capacidad de establecer propiedad comunitaria o modelo de inversión.

Total: 10/10 puntos

2/2 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta.²⁹



Program C: Education and Engagement

Education

- Provides knowledge and tools to advocate for TOCs policies and implementation; OR
- Improves community understanding of and provides resources to encourage transit use and transit-supportive activities; OR

Engagement

- Empowers community to co-define local programs or planning efforts; OR
- Encourages the participation of all community members through initiatives that remove barriers faced by historically underrepresented and disengaged groups.

10 points

A minimum total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Program C: Educación y participación

Educación

- Proporciona información y herramientas para defender las políticas TOC y su implementación; O
- Mejora el conocimiento por parte de las comunidades, o proporciona recursos que fomenten el uso del transporte y las actividades que apoyen el tránsito; O

Participación

- Da poder a la comunidad para definir de forma conjunta los programas locales o los esfuerzos de planificación; O
- Fomenta la participación de todos los miembros de la comunidad mediante iniciativas que eliminan las barreras a las que se han enfrentado históricamente los grupos más desventajados e infrarrepresentados.

10 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta.

Program C: Example

Spanish translation services for homeowners' application workshops, including education on transit use and benefits.

Education

- X Provides knowledge and tools to advocate for TOCs policies and implementation; OR
- ✓ Improves community understanding of and provides resources to encourage transit use and transit-supportive activities; OR

Engagement

- X Empowers community to co-define local programs or planning efforts; OR
- *Encourages the participation of all community members through initiatives that remove barriers faced by historically underrepresented and disengaged groups.*

7.5/10 points

A minimum total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Program C: Ejemplo

Servicios de traducción al español para los talleres de solicitud de los propietarios, incluyendo educación en el uso del transporte y beneficios.

Educación

- X Proporciona información y herramientas para defender las políticas TOC y su implementación; O
- ✓ Mejora el conocimiento por parte de las comunidades, o proporciona recursos que fomenten el uso del transporte y las actividades que apoyen el tránsito; O

Participación

- X Da poder a la comunidad para definir de forma conjunta los programas locales o los esfuerzos de planificación; O
- *Fomenta la participación de todos los miembros de la comunidad mediante iniciativas que eliminan las barreras a las que se han enfrentado históricamente los grupos más desventajados e infrarrepresentados.*

7.5/10 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta.

Program D: Placekeeping, Arts, and Activation

- Promotes local artists, culture, and history, by hosting events or programs, or providing **public art in an area that currently lacks activation**; **AND**
- Contributes to the **pedestrian experience** by directly improving safety and comfort for all, especially **vulnerable groups** such as youths and seniors.

10 points

A minimum total score of 4/10 is necessary for consideration

Program D: Preservación del lugar (Placekeeping), arte y activación

- Promueve a los artistas locales, la cultura y la historia, mediante la organización de eventos o programas, u ofrece **arte público en un área que actualmente carece de activación**; **Y**
- Contribuye a la **experiencia de los peatones**, mejorando directamente la seguridad y el confort de todos, especialmente de los **grupos vulnerables** como los jóvenes o los mayores.

10 puntos

Es necesaria una puntuación mínima de 4/10 para ser tenido en cuenta.



Program D: Example

Free performance by local artists in a station area with frequent street activation and arts events.

- ✓ Promotes local artists, culture, and history, by hosting events or programs, or providing **public art** *in an area that currently lacks activation; AND*
- ✓ Contributes to the **pedestrian experience** by directly improving safety and comfort for all, especially vulnerable groups such as youths and seniors.



7/10 points

Program D: Ejemplo

Actuaciones gratuitas de artistas locales en una zona de la estación con activación callejera frecuente y eventos artísticos.

- ✓ Promueve a los artistas locales, la cultura y la historia, mediante la organización de eventos o programas, u ofrece **arte público** *en un área que actualmente carece de activación;* Y
- ✓ Contribuye a la experiencia de los peatones, mejorando directamente la seguridad y el confort de todos, especialmente de los grupos vulnerables como los jóvenes o los mayores.

7/10 puntos



Preparing Your Application

Preparar su solicitud



Appendix B App Guide + Application Worksheet → Online Application form
 Guía de la solicitud del Apéndice B + Hoja de trabajo de solicitud → formulario de solicitud en línea

2025 TOC Grant Application Guide
Program B: Community Resiliency

Section 4 (Page 4): TOC Elements

Community Being Served
 Please identify & describe the demographic profile of the community that your project will serve. Include information about any key characteristics of the community, such as equity members of this community who have experienced.

Optional: Please note whether your project is located within an **MTC Equity Priority Community**. MTC Equity Priority Communities are identified in light blue in the [TOC VTA Grant Eligibility Map](#).

(Please keep your response to 200 words or fewer)

Equity-Focused Activities & Outcomes
 Please explain how your project will address historical or existing barriers to equity, access, and mobility, and incorporate equitable processes and outcomes for members of the community.

(Please keep your response to 200 words or fewer)

Transit-focused Outcomes
 Please select which, if any, of the following activities your project is expected to accomplish in support of your project:
 Develop transit facilities for employees, volunteers, event participants
 Improve active transportation, such as walking, bicycling, wheeling, and/or transit use to attend grant activities.
 Develop programs to encourage employees/commuters taking VTA transit to prioritize active transportation
 Provide opportunity for VTA riding at an activity for transportation purposes
 Purchase transit passes (i.e., Clipper Card, VTA SmartPass) for employees/volunteers to attend grant activities
 Develop special signage to direct patrons to transit at grant activity locations
 Collect stories, experiences, and testimonials from grantee employees, volunteers, partners – about how they got to the grant activity
 Incorporate transit usage into surveys or other public engagement tools (i.e., collect data on transportation choices) (Other)

Transit Ridership
 Please describe how your project will result in increased transit ridership for the transit services it, but optimizes these services to see additional ridership, and how your project will increase the community's use of these services.

For example, how will this project raise the profile of the station as a transit hub? How will this project encourage more transit partners to current transit use? How will your project support transit dependent populations, or reduce dependency on private auto?

For more information on transit services in your project area, please reference the [Executive Summary](#) or [Open Data Site](#).

(Please keep your response to 200 words or fewer)

For Evaluation – Maximum (2) points would be awarded for application that:

- Identifies and describes demographic elements of a disadvantaged or historically excluded, or underserved community that the project would serve.
- Clearly identifies and explains the root cause of the barriers historically faced by that community.

For Evaluation – Maximum (2) points would be awarded for application that:

- Clearly describes equitable processes & anticipated equitable outcomes of the proposed project.

For Evaluation – Maximum (2) points would be awarded for application that identifies:

- At least two (2) activities/meetings that demonstrate how the project will engage organizations, staff, volunteers, and project/program participants.
- At least one (1) strategy for surveying transit and transportation choices among constituents/stakeholders, and/or measuring growth/change in transit use throughout the project timeline.

AND:

- Describes the connection between project activities/resources and long-term increases in transit use.

For Evaluation – Maximum (2) points would be awarded for application that clearly:

- Identifies the transit services anticipated to be positively impacted by project activities and/or project outcomes.
- Describes the connection between project activities/resources and long-term increases in transit use.

Grant Amount Requested:

Match:

2025 TOC Grant Application Worksheet
Program A: Planning and Policy Implementation

Section 2: Project Information

Project Name:
 Please share the name of your project. It should be descriptive and succinct.

Brief Project Description:
 Please provide a brief paragraph describing your project. Please limit your description to 80 words or fewer.

Project Location/Address
 Street Address, City, Zip Code

Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Station/Transit Center:
 Please identify the eligible station/transit center closest to your project. A complete list of eligible stations/transit centers is available in the [2025 VTA Grant NOFA Appendix A](#), or you may reference the [TOC VTA Grant Eligibility Map](#).

Project Type:
 Select one or more of the following eligible project types that best describe your Project:

Station area plan
 Transit station planning and/or access gap evaluation
 Code & policy alignment with MTC's TOC Policy
 Municipal art program to support station area plan or land use/zoning policy updates
 Equitable engagement plan to support station area plan or land use/zoning policy update
 Other (please describe)

Project Narrative:
 Please describe how your proposed project or program demonstrates alignment with the TOC Grant Program Goals as described in Section II.C of the Notice of Funding Availability.

(Please limit your narrative to 500 words or fewer)

Grant Amount Requested:

Match:

2025 VTA's Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Grant

Section 1: Applicant Information

Organization Name
 Organization title needs to match your federal tax ID number for verification purposes. If your organization is Doing Business As (DBA) under a different name, please also note this here.

Enter your answer

Organization Address
 Enter your answer

Organization Website (optional)
 Please enter a URL

Applicant Point of Contact (First Name, Last Name)
 Enter your answer

Applicant Contact Email
 Please enter an email

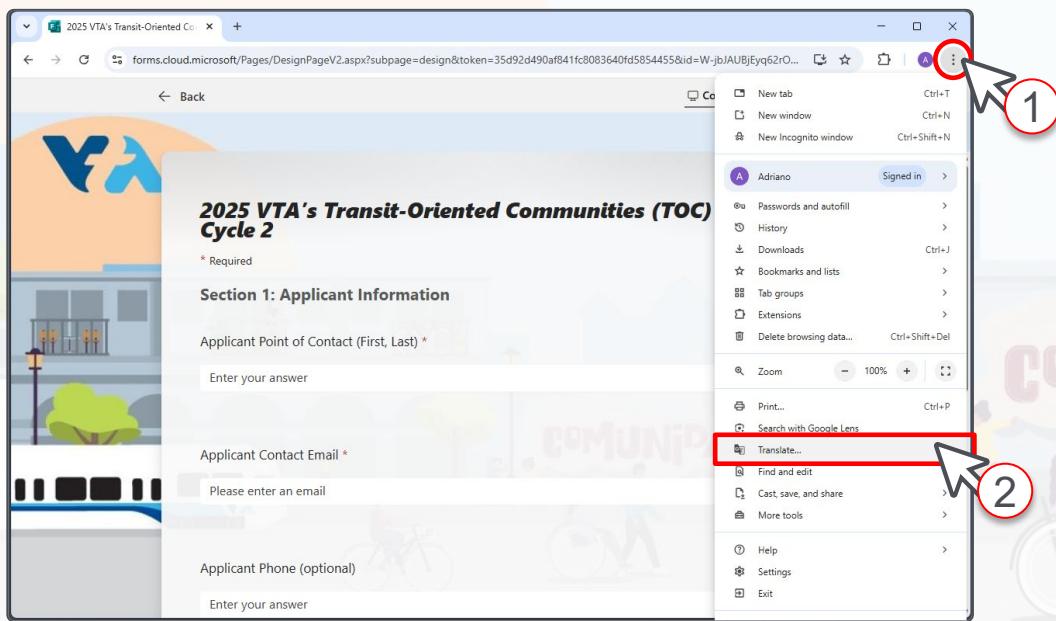
Applicant Phone (optional)
 Enter your answer

Organization Description/Mission Statement (optional)
 (Please limit your description to 80 words or fewer)

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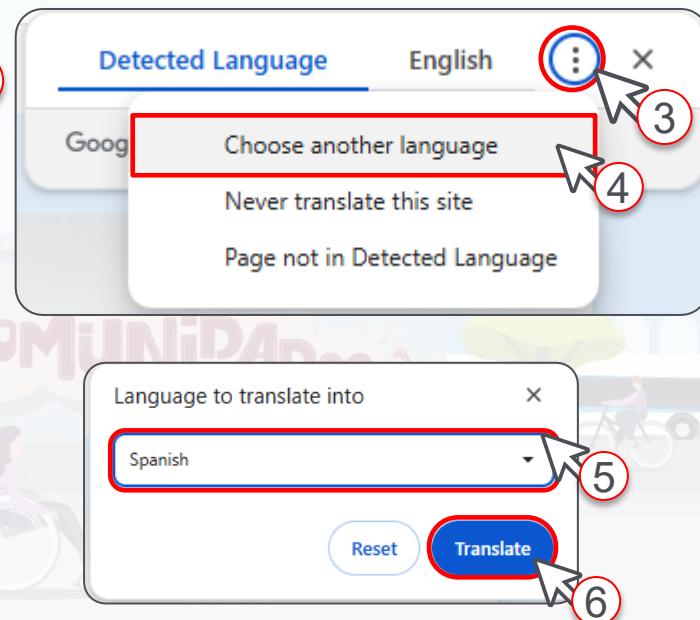
Using the Online Application Form

- !! You cannot save and return to the form if you close the webpage.
- Use your web browser's translation tool to translate the form if needed.



Usar el formulario de solicitud en línea

- !! No puede guardar y volver al formulario si cierra la página web.
- Use la herramienta de traducción de su navegador web para traducir el formulario, si lo necesita.



Step-by-Step Submittal Process

- Step 1: Review the 2025 NOFA, Appendix B Application Guideline, and pre-application workshops.
- Step 2: Download the Application Worksheet (*Word Doc; Links provided within Appendix B*)
- Step 3: Fill out Application Worksheet using Appendix B as a guide (*Hint: do this early!*)
- Step 4: Copy and paste responses into the online form and submit your application.



Proceso de presentación paso a paso

- Paso 1: Revisar NOFA 2025, la guía de solicitud del Apéndice B, y los talleres de solicitud preliminar.
- Paso 2: Descargar la hoja de solicitud (*los enlaces pueden encontrarse en el Apéndice B*)
- Paso 3: Cumplimentar la hoja de solicitud utilizando el Apéndice B como guía (*consejo: ¡Hacer esto con anticipación!*)
- Paso 4: Copiar y pegar las respuestas en el formulario en línea y presentar su solicitud

Submitting Your Application

- Applications must be submitted no later than **4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 11**
- Once submitted, look for a confirmation email with a PDF copy of your application.
- Attachments must be emailed to tocgrant@vta.org by the application deadline.
- Review and reply to the email ***by the application deadline*** if you notice any errors.

Enviando su solicitud

- Las solicitudes deben presentarse antes de las **4:00 p.m. del miércoles, 11 de junio.**
- Una vez presentada, busque el correo electrónico de confirmación en el que encontrará una copia en PDF de su solicitud.
- Los documentos adjuntos deben enviarse por correo electrónico a tocgrant@vta.org antes de la fecha límite para presentar las solicitudes.
- Revise y responda al correo electrónico ***antes de la fecha límite si se da cuenta*** de algún error.



Submitting Questions

- Submit questions to tocgrant@vta.org
- Deadline to submit questions by **June 2, 2025**
- Questions and Answers will be posted on our webpage (vta.org/TOCgrant) by **June 6**

Presentación de preguntas

- Presentar las preguntas a tocgrant@vta.org
- Fecha límite para presentar las preguntas **antes del 2 de junio de 2025**
- Las preguntas y las repuestas se publicarán en nuestra página web (vta.org/TOCgrant) **antes del 6 de junio.**

Questions

Applicants can email questions to tocgrant@vta.org. VTA will answer questions regarding the application requirements and will be making all questions and answers public for all applicants. Questions must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2025.

Questions & Answers

1. Will the online Pre-Application Workshops be recorded?



Requirements for Selected Grantees

Selected grantees will be required to:

- ✓ Enter into a Grant Agreement with VTA.
- ✓ Participate in Grantee Cohort
- ✓ Be compliant with applicable regulatory agencies.
- ✓ Meet applicable insurance requirements.

Requisitos para los beneficiarios seleccionados

Los beneficiarios seleccionados tendrán que:

- ✓ Firmar un Contrato de Subvención con VTA.
- ✓ Participar en la Cohorte de Beneficiarios.
- ✓ Cumplir con las agencias reguladoras aplicables.
- ✓ Cumplir con los requisitos de seguros aplicables.



Schedule (All dates in 2025)	Cronograma (Todas las fechas en 2025)
Release Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) - May 5	Aviso de publicación de disponibilidad de fondos (NOFA) - 5 de mayo
Questions Deadline – June 2 at 4 PM	Plazo límite para presentar preguntas: 2 de junio a las 4 PM
Applications Deadline – June 11 at 4PM	Fecha límite para presentar la solicitud - 11 de junio a las 4 PM
Notification of Awards - Fall	Notificación de las adjudicaciones - otoño



Questions and Discussion

Sign up for the mailing list!

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THANK YOU!

Preguntas y Discusión

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¡Gracias!



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