

**Clean California Local Grant Program (State)
Restricted Grant Agreement**

This Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA), between the State of California acting by and through its Department of Transportation, referred to herein as **CALTRANS**, and the **COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**, hereinafter referred to as **AGENCY**, will commence on **April 15, 2026**, or upon approval by **CALTRANS**, whichever occurs later. This RGA is of no effect unless approved by **CALTRANS**. **AGENCY** shall not receive payment for work performed prior to approval of this RGA and before receipt of Notice to Proceed from **CALTRANS**. This RGA shall expire on **November 30, 2027**.

Recitals

1. Under this RGA, **CALTRANS** intends to convey State restricted grant funds to **AGENCY**, pursuant to Budget Act Line Item 2660-130-0001, who will implement the project pursuant to the attached Approved Grant Application and Amendment(s) to Grant Application, Attachment III under the terms, covenants, and conditions of this RGA.
2. **CALTRANS** and **AGENCY** intend that only funds that are authorized as restricted grants will be subject to this RGA, and that no funds that should be the subject of a Joint Powers Agreement, Interagency Agreement, or other non-grant agreement shall be subject to this RGA.
3. WHEREAS, the Clean CA Program, through its Clean CA Local Grants Program, is authorized under California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41 to provide funding and resources to support local projects that advance the program's goals and objectives;
4. WHEREAS, California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41 provides the legislative authority for the Clean CA Program to advance the following intent and objectives:
 - a. Reduce Waste and Beautify Public Spaces: The primary goal of the program is to allocate grants to local and regional public agencies, transit agencies, and tribal governments to reduce waste and debris within public rights-of-way, tribal lands, parks, pathways, transit centers, and other public spaces. The program aims to enhance, rehabilitate, restore, or install measures to beautify and improve these public spaces.
 - b. Improve Public Health and Community Placemaking: The program seeks to enhance public health, cultural connection, and community placemaking by improving public spaces for walking and recreation. By investing in the improvement of these spaces, it aims to create a positive and welcoming environment for the community.
 - c. Promote Equity for Underserved Communities: The program places a strong emphasis on advancing equity for underserved communities.
 - d. Support Sustainable Practices: The program encourages the implementation of sustainable practices in the beautification and enhancement of public spaces. This includes greening efforts, such as providing shade and reducing the urban heat island effect, as well as using native, low-water plants.
 - e. Engage Local Communities: The program promotes community engagement by requiring project proposals to reflect community priorities. It encourages the involvement of local communities in the development and selection of projects to ensure they meet the needs and preferences of the affected population.

- f. **Prohibit Displacement of Persons Experiencing Homelessness:** The program prohibits grants from funding projects that displace persons experiencing homelessness. This reflects the intention to address public space improvements without negatively impacting vulnerable populations.
 - g. **Transparent and Efficient Grant Allocation:** The program requires the program to issue a call for projects and announce grant awards. The guidelines for allocating grants must include project selection criteria and program evaluation metrics.
5. WHEREAS, the purpose of this RGA is to authorize Caltrans districts to enter into agreements with local agencies to support the development, implementation, and funding of local agencies partnership projects that align with the goals and priorities of the Clean CA Program and comply with California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41;
 6. WHEREAS, this RGA establishes a framework for Caltrans districts to provide financial contributions and other assistance to local agencies, fostering effective collaboration and coordination to deliver successful transit partnership projects;
 7. WHEREAS, this RGA emphasizes transparency, objective evaluation, and fair allocation of resources, ensuring that projects scoring higher based on established criteria receive prioritization for funding and implementation;
 8. WHEREAS, the Clean CA Program facilitates collaboration between Caltrans districts and local agencies to support litter abatement and public space beautification efforts on locally owned public right-of-way while creating workforce development opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment that align with the goals and priorities of the Clean CA Program and comply with California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41;
 9. WHEREAS, the Clean CA Program, in partnership with Caltrans districts, seeks to enhance local right-of-way areas to address waste management challenges, graffiti mitigation, and public space beautification, thereby contributing to create cleaner, safer, and more equitable public spaces throughout California;
 10. WHEREAS, the Clean CA Program, established by the State of California, is a transformative initiative which promotes sustainable transportation alternatives, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and combatting climate change to improve the overall quality of life for residents and visitors of California;
 11. WHEREAS, the Clean CA Program envisions a comprehensive approach to address transportation challenges, enhance transit infrastructure, and support local agencies in their efforts to create efficient, safe, and environmentally friendly transit options;
 12. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties enter into this RGA to advance the purpose and intent of the Clean CA transit initiative, harnessing the legislative authority provided under California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41, and collaborating on transit partnership projects that contribute to a sustainable, innovative, and well-connected transportation network throughout the State of California.

Now, Therefore, based upon the terms, covenants, and conditions of this RGA, the parties agree as follows:

Section I

AGENCY Agrees:

To timely and satisfactorily complete all Project work described in **Attachment III** ("Project Work") within the project budget and in accordance with the items of this RGA.

Section II

CALTRANS Agrees:

That when conducting an audit of the costs claimed by **AGENCY** under the provisions of this RGA, to conduct the audit in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Section III

It Is Mutually Agreed:


1. Under this RGA, **CALTRANS** will convey State grant restricted funds to **AGENCY**, pursuant to Budget Act Line Item 2660-130-0001, and **AGENCY** will use the funds to only conduct the scope of work identified in this agreement and authorized by Streets and Highway Code section 91.41. The funds subject to this RGA must be identified as available to a public entity that is responsible for implementing the scope of work authorized under the Clean California Program in **CALTRANS'** budget, and **AGENCY** represents and warrants that it is a public entity that is responsible for implementing the scope of work authorized under the Clean California Program.
2. Under this restricted grant, funds may be only used for the purposes set forth in this RGA, **AGENCY** Resolution (**Attachment IV**), Approved Grant Application and Amendment(s) to Grant Application (**Attachment III**), and the Grant Program Guidelines (**Attachment I**), and the funds may only be used for costs and expenses that are directly related to such purpose.
3. **AGENCY** shall perform all the duties and obligations described in **Mendocino County Health Services Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant**, hereinafter "Project", subject to the terms and conditions of this RGA and Approved Grant Application and Amendment(s) to Grant Application (**Attachment III**), which are attached hereto as **Attachment III**.
4. The resolution authorizing **AGENCY** to execute this RGA pertaining to the above-described Project is attached hereto as **Attachment IV**.
5. All services performed by **AGENCY** pursuant to this RGA shall be subject to and performed in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code §91.41 including, but not limited to, Government Code Section 14460(a)(1), as well as all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, regulations, and ordinances, all applicable **CALTRANS** policies and procedures, and all applicable **CALTRANS** published manuals, including, but not limited to, the Grant Program Guidelines (**Attachment I**).

California Government Code Section 14460(a)(1) provides: "The department [**CALTRANS**], and external entities that receive state and federal transportation funds from the department, are spending those funds efficiently, effectively, economically, and in compliance with applicable state and Federal requirements. Those external entities include, but are not limited to, private for profit and nonprofit organizations, local transportation agencies, and other local agencies that receive transportation funds either through a contract with the department or through an agreement or grant administered by the department."

6. Project funding is as follows:

Fund Title	Fund Source	Dollar Amount
Clean California Funds	State General Fund (0001) Budget Item 2660-130-0001 State Program Code 20.30.010.900 FY 2025/26	\$290,000.00
Local Match/In Kind	Agency Provided	\$15,000.00
Total Project Costs		\$305,000.00

For Caltrans Use Only

I hereby Certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for encumbrance.			
Jie Chen		04/14/2026	\$290,000.00
Accounting Officer Printed Name	Accounting Officer Signature	Date	Amount Certified

7. This RGA is exempt from the legal review and approval by the Department of General Services, pursuant to Legal Opinions of the Attorney General: 58 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 586 (1975), 63 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 290 (1980), 74 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 10 (1991), and 88 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 56.

8. Notification of Parties

- a. **AGENCY's** Project Manager for Project is Karen Lovato (707) 472-2342.
- b. **CALTRANS'** District Partnership Liaison is Preston Allen (707) 684-6996. "District Partnership Liaison" as used herein includes his/her designee.
- c. All notices herein provided to be given, or which may be given, by either party to the other, shall be deemed to have been fully given when made in writing and received by the parties at their respective addresses:

Mendocino County

Attention: Karen Lovato, Deputy Director of Operations
 Phone Number: (707) 472-2342
 Email: lovatok@mendocinocounty.gov
 1120 S Dora St
 Ukiah, California, 95482

California Department of Transportation, District Partnership Liaison

District 1/Clean California
 Attention: Preston Allen, Associate Transportation Planner
 Phone Number: (707) 684-6996
 Email: preston.allen@dot.ca.gov
 1656 Union St,
 Eureka, California 95501

9. Period of Performance

- a. Reimbursable work under this RGA shall begin no earlier than on **April 15, 2026**, following the written approval of **CALTRANS** and **AGENCY's** receipt of the Notice to Proceed letter of this RGA by **CALTRANS**. All reimbursable work shall terminate no later than **July 30, 2027**. Project closeout and final invoicing to **CALTRANS** must be submitted no later than **November 30, 2027**. Work incurred after **July 30, 2027**, will not be reimbursed. Payment shall be forfeit for any and all invoicing submitted to **CALTRANS** after **November 30, 2027**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Caltrans will reimburse for actual close out costs incurred by **AGENCY** through **November 30, 2027** (which, in total, shall not exceed 5% of the grant award).
- b. If requested by the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison**, **AGENCY** will attend a kickoff meeting with **CALTRANS** to be scheduled within one (1) week from receipt of Notice to Proceed sent by **CALTRANS**.

10. Changes in Terms/Amendments

This Agreement may only be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of the parties.

11. Cost Limitation

- a. The maximum total amount granted and reimbursable to **AGENCY** pursuant to this RGA by **CALTRANS** shall not exceed **\$290,000.00**.
- b. It is agreed and understood that the Clean CA funds are limited to the amount granted. **CALTRANS** will only reimburse the cost of services actually incurred in accordance with the provisions of this RGA and as authorized by the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison** at or below that fund limitation established herein.

12. Termination

- a. **CALTRANS** reserves the right to terminate this RGA upon written notice to **AGENCY** at least 30 days in advance of the effective date of such termination in the event **CALTRANS** determines (at its sole discretion) that **AGENCY** failed to proceed with PROJECT Work in accordance with the terms of this RGA. In the event of termination for convenience, **CALTRANS** will reimburse **AGENCY** for all allowable, authorized, and non-cancelled costs up to the date of termination. **AGENCY** shall return any unused advance amounts which cannot be supported by eligible expenditure documentation.
- b. This RGA may be terminated by either party for any reason by giving written notice to the other party at least 30 days in advance of the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for convenience, **CALTRANS** will reimburse **AGENCY** for all costs that are expressly allowable, pre-authorized in writing, and non-cancellable, up to the date of termination.
- c. **AGENCY** has 60 days after the Termination Date to submit accurate invoices to **CALTRANS** to make final allowable payments for Project costs in accordance with the terms of this RGA. Failure to submit invoices within this period of time shall result in a waiver by **AGENCY** of its right to reimbursement of expended costs. Costs that are reimbursed and later determined to be ineligible for reimbursement shall be returned by **AGENCY** to **CALTRANS**.

13. Budget Contingency Clause

- a. It is mutually agreed that if the US Congress or the State Legislature fail to appropriate or allocate funds during the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this RGA do not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this RGA shall be of no further force and effect.

In this event, **CALTRANS** shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to **AGENCY** or to furnish any other considerations under this RGA and **AGENCY** shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this RGA.

- b. The certification of FY 2025/26 funds will be contingent upon the passage of the FY 2023/24 Budget. Payment for any work performed that is funded by FY 2023/24 will be delayed if the FY 2023/24 Budget is not signed by June 30, 2023. Pursuant to Government Code (GC), Section 926.10, no late payment penalty shall accrue during any time period for which no Budget Act in effect. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by US Congress or State Legislature for purposes of this program, **CALTRANS** shall have the option to either terminate this RGA with no liability occurring to **CALTRANS** or offer an RGA Amendment to **AGENCY** to reflect reduced amount.

14. Payment and Invoicing

- a. **AGENCY**, its contractors, subcontractors and sub-recipients, shall establish and maintain an accounting system and records that properly accumulate and segregate incurred Project costs and matching funds by line. The accounting system of **AGENCY**, its contractors, all subcontractors, and sub-recipients shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and any standards specified by the source of funds, to enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and to provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices.
- b. The method of payment for this RGA will be based on the actual allowable costs that are incurred in accordance with the provisions of this RGA and in the performance of the Approved Grant Application and Amendment(s) to Grant Application (**Attachment III**). **CALTRANS** will reimburse **AGENCY** for expended actual allowable direct costs, and including, but not limited to, labor costs, travel, and contracted consultant services costs incurred by **AGENCY** in performance of the Project Work. Indirect costs are reimbursable only if the **AGENCY** has identified the estimated indirect cost rate in **Attachment II** and an approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan or an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal as set forth in **Section III–Cost Principles, Item 16d**. The total cost shall not exceed the cost reimbursement limitation set forth in **Section III–Cost Limitations, Item 11a**. Actual costs shall not exceed the estimated wage rates, labor costs, travel, and other estimated costs and fees set forth in **Attachment III** without an amendment to this RGA, as agreed between **CALTRANS** and **AGENCY**.
- c. Reimbursement of **AGENCY** expenditures will be authorized only for those allowable costs actually incurred by **AGENCY** in accordance with the provisions of this RGA and in the performance of Project Work. **AGENCY** must not only have incurred the expenditures on or after the start date and the issuance of the Notice to Proceed letter for this RGA and before the Expiration Date but must have also paid for those costs to claim any reimbursement.
- d. The **AGENCY** indirect cost rate must be approved in writing by the California Department of Transportation Independent Office of Audits and Investigations or federal cognizant agency before any reimbursement payment is made by **CALTRANS** to **AGENCY** for such cost.
- e. Travel expenses and per diem rates are not to exceed the rate specified by the State of California Department of Human Resources for similar employees (i.e. non-represented employees) unless written verification is supplied that government hotel rates were not then commercially available to **AGENCY**, its subrecipients, contractors, and/or subcontractors, at the time and location required as specified in the California Department of Transportation's Travel Guide Exception Process at the following link: <https://travelpocketguide.dot.ca.gov/>.

Also see website for summary of travel reimbursement rules.

- f. **AGENCY** shall submit invoices to **CALTRANS** at least quarterly, but no more frequently than monthly, in arrears upon completion of project tasks, milestone and/or deliverables in accordance with the Project Timeline in **Attachment III** to the satisfaction of **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison**
 - g. Invoices shall reference this RGA Number and shall be signed and submitted to **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison**, as stated in **Section III–Notification of Parties, Item 8c**.
 - h. Invoices shall include the following information:
 - 1) Names of the **AGENCY** personnel performing work
 - 2) Dates and times of Project Work
 - 3) Locations of Project Work
 - 4) Itemized costs as set forth in **Attachment III**, including identification of each employee, contractor or subcontractor staff who provided services during the period of the invoice, the number of hours and hourly rates for each employee, contractor, sub-recipient or subcontractor staff member, authorized travel expenses with receipts, receipts for authorized materials or supplies, and contractor, subrecipient and subcontractor invoices.
 - 5) **AGENCY** shall submit written progress reports with each set of invoices to allow **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison** to determine if **AGENCY** is performing to expectations, is on schedule, is within funding cost limitations, to communicate interim findings, and to afford occasions for airing difficulties respecting special problems encountered so that remedies can be developed.
 - i. Incomplete or inaccurate invoices shall be returned to the **AGENCY** unapproved for correction. Failure to submit invoices on a timely basis may be grounds for termination of this RGA for material breach per Section III–Termination, Item 12.
 - j. **CALTRANS** will reimburse **AGENCY** for all allowable Project costs at least quarterly, but no more frequently than monthly, in arrears as promptly as **CALTRANS** fiscal procedures permit upon receipt of an itemized signed invoice.
 - k. The RGA Expiration Date refers to the last date for **AGENCY** to incur valid Project costs or credits and is the date this RGA expires. **AGENCY** has until **July 30, 2027**, to make final allowable payments to Project contractors or vendors, and November 30, 2027, to submit the Project's Final Report, as defined in Attachment I and a final invoice to **CALTRANS** for reimbursement for allowable Project costs. Any unexpended Project funds not invoiced by the 60th day will be reverted and will no longer be accessible to reimburse late Project invoices contractor.
 - l. The final invoice will be paid upon submission by **AGENCY** to **CALTRANS** and acceptance by **CALTRANS** of the Final Delivery Report. Complete final delivery reports and invoices must be submitted to **CALTRANS** by **November 30, 2027**.
15. Quarterly Progress Reporting
- a. **AGENCY** shall submit written quarterly progress reports to the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison** to determine if **AGENCY** is performing to expectations, is on schedule, is within funding cost limitations, to communicate interim findings, and to afford occasions for airing difficulties respecting special problems encountered so that remedies can be

developed.

16. Cost Principles

- a. **AGENCY** agrees to comply with Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- b. **AGENCY** agrees, and will assure that its contractors, sub-recipients, in-kind contributors, and subcontractors will be obligated to agree, that (a) Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31, et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of individual Project cost items and (b) all parties shall comply with Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Every sub-recipient receiving Project funds as a sub-recipient, contractor, or subcontractor under this RGA shall comply with Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards to the extent applicable.
- c. Any Project costs for which **AGENCY** has received payment or credit that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR, Part 200, and/or Part 48, Chapter 1, Part 31, are subject to repayment by **AGENCY** to **CALTRANS**. Should **AGENCY** fail to reimburse moneys due **CALTRANS** within 30 days of discovery or demand, or within such other period as may be agreed in writing between the parties hereto, **CALTRANS** is authorized to intercept and withhold future payments due **AGENCY** from **CALTRANS** or any third-party source, including, but not limited to, the State Treasurer, the State Controller or any other fund source.
- d. Prior to **AGENCY** seeking reimbursement of indirect costs, **AGENCY** must have identified estimated indirect cost rate in **Attachment II**, prepare and submit annually to **CALTRANS** for review and approval an indirect cost rate proposal and a central service cost allocation plan (if any) in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and Chapter 5 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual which may be accessed at: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/lapm/ch05.pdf>
- e. **AGENCY** agrees and shall require that all its agreements with consultants and subrecipients contain provisions requiring adherence to this section in its entirety **except for section c, above**.

17. Americans with Disabilities Act

By signing this Agreement, **AGENCY** assures **CALTRANS** that in the course of performing Project Work, it will fully comply with the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA (42 USC Section 12101 et seq.).

18. Iran Contracting Act

AGENCY must complete and submit to **CALTRANS** the Iran Contracting Act Certification certifying that it is not on the most current DGS list of Entities Prohibited from Contracting with Public Entities in California per the Iran Contracting Act, 2010 (<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/List-of-Ineligible-Businesses>), before the

Agreement has been executed, unless Contractor is exempted from the certification requirement by Public Contract Code Section 2205(c) or (d). If claiming an exemption, the proposed Contractor shall provide written evidence that supports an exemption under Public Contract Code Section 2203(c) or (d) before execution of the Agreement.

19. Indemnification

- a. Neither **CALTRANS** nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage, or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by **AGENCY**, its officers, employees, agents, its contractors, its subrecipients, or its subcontractors under or in connection with any work, authority, or jurisdiction conferred upon **AGENCY** under this RGA. It is understood and agreed that **AGENCY** shall fully defend, indemnify, and save harmless **CALTRANS** and all of **CALTRANS'** officers and employees from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortuous, contractual, likeness statutes under California Civil Code §§ 3344 and 3344.1, inverse condemnation, or other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by **AGENCY**, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, subrecipients, or subcontractors under this RGA.
- b. **AGENCY** agrees to fully defend, indemnify, and save harmless **CALTRANS** and all of its officers and employees from any and all claims, lawsuits, or legal actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees and legal costs, relating to intellectual property claims arising from or related to the Project and/or any work procured under this RGA, including but not limited to claims based on (1) U.S. federal or state trademark infringement laws, (2) patent infringement laws (3) 17 U.S.C. §§ 101-810 (the Copyright Act of 1976, as modified), (4) 17 U.S.C. § 106A(a) (the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990, "VARA"), (5) 17 U.S.C. § 113, (6) California Civil Code § 987 (the California Art Preservation Act), California Civil Code §989, or (7) any other rights arising under U.S. federal or state laws or under the laws of any other country that conveys rights and protections of the same nature as those conveyed under 17 U.S.C. §106A(a) and California Civil Code §987, including intellectual property claims arising from or related to breach of contract, inverse condemnation, conversion, and/or taking of property.

20. Nondiscrimination Clause (2 CCR 11105 Clause b)

- a. During the performance of this RGA, the **AGENCY**, its contractors, its subrecipients, and its subcontractors shall not deny the contract's benefits to any person on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. **AGENCY** shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination.
- b. **AGENCY** shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code Sections 12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 11000 et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1,

Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code Sections 11135-11139.5), and the regulations or standards adopted by **CALTRANS** to implement such article.

- c. **AGENCY** shall permit access by representatives of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and **CALTRANS** upon reasonable notice at any time during the normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or **CALTRANS** shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause.
- d. **AGENCY** and its contractors, its sub-recipients, and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.
- e. **AGENCY** shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all agreements with its sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors, and shall include a requirement in all agreements with all of same that each of them in turn include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all contracts and subcontracts they enter into to perform work under this RGA.

21. Retention of Records/Audits

- a. **AGENCY**, its contractors, subcontractors, and sub-recipients, agree to comply with Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
- b. **AGENCY**, its contractors, subcontractors, and sub-recipients shall establish and maintain an accounting system and records that properly accumulate and segregate incurred Project costs and matching funds by line. The accounting system of **AGENCY**, its contractors, all subcontractors, and sub-recipients shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices. All accounting records and other supporting papers of **AGENCY**, its contractors, subcontractors and sub-recipients connected with Project performance under this RGA shall be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of final payment to **AGENCY** and shall be held open to inspection, copying, and audit by representatives of **CALTRANS**, the California State Auditor, and auditors representing the federal government. Copies thereof will be furnished by **AGENCY**, its contractors, its subcontractors, and sub-recipients upon receipt of any request made by **CALTRANS** or its agents. In conducting an audit of the costs and match credits claimed under this RGA, **CALTRANS** will rely to the maximum extent possible on any prior audit of **AGENCY** pursuant to the provisions of State and **AGENCY** law. In the absence of such an audit, any acceptable audit work performed by **AGENCY's** external and internal auditors may be relied upon and used by **CALTRANS** when planning and conducting additional audits.
- c. For the purpose of determining compliance with applicable State and **AGENCY** law in connection with the performance of **AGENCY's** contracts with third parties pursuant to Government Code Section 8546.7, **AGENCY**, **AGENCY's** sub-recipients, contractors, subcontractors, and **CALTRANS**, shall each maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of such contracts, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering those various contracts. All of the above referenced parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the entire Project period and for three (3) years from the date of final payment to **AGENCY** under this RGA. **CALTRANS**, the

California State Auditor, or any duly authorized representative of **CALTRANS** or the United States Department of Transportation, shall each have access to any books, records, and documents that are pertinent to a Project for audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and **AGENCY** shall furnish copies thereof if requested.

- d. **AGENCY**, its subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors will permit access to all records of employment, employment advertisements, employment application forms, and other pertinent data and records by the State Fair Employment Practices and Housing Commission, or any other agency of the State of California designated by **CALTRANS**, for the purpose of any investigation to ascertain compliance with this RGA.
- e. Additionally, all grants may be subject to a pre-award audit prior to execution of this RGA to ensure **AGENCY** has an adequate financial management system in place to accumulate and segregate reasonable, allowable and allocable costs.
- f. Any contract with a contractor, subcontractor, or sub-recipient entered into as a result of this RGA shall contain all the provisions of this article.

22. Adjudication of Facts in Disputes

- a. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this RGA that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the **CALTRANS** Contract Officer, who may consider any written or verbal evidence submitted by **AGENCY**. The **CALTRANS** Contract Officer shall issue a written decision within 30 days of receipt of the dispute. If **AGENCY** rejects the decision of the **CALTRANS** Contract Officer, **AGENCY** can pursue any and all remedies authorized by law. Neither party waives any rights to pursue remedies authorized by law.
- b. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by **CALTRANS** Contract Officer will excuse **AGENCY** from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this RGA.

23. Third-Party Contracts

- a. **AGENCY** shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work shall be contracted to a third party without prior written authorization by the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison** unless expressly included (subrecipient identified) in **Attachment III** as Project Work.
- b. All State-government-funded procurements must be conducted using a fair and competitive procurement process. **AGENCY** may use its own procurement procedures as long as the procedures comply with the local **AGENCY's** laws, rules, and ordinances governing procurement and all applicable provisions of State law, including, without limitation, the requirement that the **AGENCY** endeavor to obtain at least three (3) competitive bids for solicitation of goods, services, and consulting services (see Part 2, Chapter 2, Articles 3 and 4 of the Public Contract Code); a qualifications-based solicitation process, for which statements of qualifications are obtained from at least three (3) qualified firms for architecture and engineering services (see Title 1, Division 5, Chapter 10 of the Government Code); and, the applicable provisions of the State Contracting Manual (SCM), Chapter 5, which are not inconsistent with this **Item 23, Third Party Contracts**. The SCM can be found and the following link: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Legal-Services-Resources-List-Folder/State-Contracting>.

- c. Any contract entered into as a result of this RGA shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this RGA to be applicable to **AGENCY's** sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors. Copies of all agreements with sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors, must be submitted to the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison**.
- d. **CALTRANS** does not have a contractual relationship with the **AGENCY's** subrecipients, contractors, or subcontractors, and the **AGENCY** shall be fully responsible for all work performed by its subrecipients, contractors, or subcontractors.
- e. Prior authorization in writing by the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison** shall be required before **AGENCY** enters into any non-budgeted sub-agreement. **AGENCY** shall provide an evaluation of the necessity or desirability of incurring such costs. **AGENCY** shall retain all receipts for such purchases or services and shall submit them with invoices per **Section III–Payment and Invoicing, Item 14(h)(4), above**.
- f. Any contract entered into by **AGENCY** as a result of this RGA shall mandate that travel and per diem reimbursements and third-party contract reimbursements to subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors, will be allowable as Project costs only after those costs are incurred and paid for by the subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors. Travel expenses and per diem rates for subcontractors shall be reimbursed pursuant to **Section III–Payment and Invoicing, Item 14c, above**.

24. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

By signing this RGA, **AGENCY** hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that **AGENCY** will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Gov. Code Sections 8350 et seq.) and will provide a Drug-Free workplace by doing all of the following:

- a. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a).
- b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by Government Code Section 8355(a)(2) to inform employees about all of the following:
 - 1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
 - 2) The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a Drug-Free workplace.
 - 3) Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs.
 - 4) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- c. Provide, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a)(3), that every employee who works on the proposed contract or grant:
 - 1) Will receive a copy of the company's Drug-Free policy statement.
 - 2) Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the contract or grant.
- d. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under this RGA or termination of this RGA or both, and **AGENCY** may be ineligible for the award of any future state contracts if **CALTRANS** determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) **AGENCY** has made a false certification or, (2) **AGENCY** violates the certification by failing to

carry out the requirements as noted above.

25. Relationship of Parties

It is expressly understood that this agreement is executed by and between two (2) independent governmental entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association, or any other relationship whatsoever other than that of an independent party.

26. State-Owned Data

- a. **AGENCY** agrees to comply with the following requirements to ensure the preservation, security, and integrity of State-owned data on portable computing devices and portable electronic storage media:
 - 1) Encrypt all State-owned data stored on portable computing devices and portable electronic storage media using government-certified Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) cipher algorithm with a 256-bit or 128-bit encryption key to protect **CALTRANS** data stored on every sector of a hard drive, including temp files, cached data, hibernation files, and even unused disk space.
 - 2) Data encryption shall use cryptographic technology that has been tested and approved against exacting standards, such as FIPS 140-2 Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules.
 - 3) Encrypt, as described above, all State-owned data transmitted from one computing device or storage medium to another.
 - 4) Maintain confidentiality of all State-owned data by limiting data sharing to those individuals contracted to provide services on behalf of the State, and limit use of State information assets for State purposes only.
 - 5) Install and maintain current anti-virus software, security patches, and upgrades on all computing devices used during the course of the Agreement.
 - 6) Notify the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison** immediately of any actual or attempted violations of security of State-owned data, including lost or stolen computing devices, files, or portable electronic storage media containing State-owned data.
 - 7) Advise the owner of the State-owned data, the **AGENCY** Information Security Officer, and the **AGENCY** Chief Information Officer of vulnerabilities that may present a threat to the security of State-owned data and of specific means of protecting that State-owned data.
- b. **AGENCY** agrees to use the State-owned data only for State purposes under this Agreement.
- c. **AGENCY** agrees to not transfer State-owned data to any computing system, mobile device, or desktop computer without first establishing the specifications for information integrity and security as established for the original data file(s) (State Administrative Manual (SAM) Section 5335.1).

27. CALTRANS' Use of "Before" and "After" Project Photographs

- a. **AGENCY** acknowledges it provided a "Before" photograph of the Project with the **AGENCY's** application for the Clean California Local Grant Program. **AGENCY** acknowledges and agrees it must provide an "After" photograph of the Project as part of the close out reporting process.
- b. **AGENCY** warrants it is the copyright owner of the "Before" and "After" Project photographs.
- c. Neither the "Before" nor "After" Project photographs shall include the faces of any

individuals.

- d. **AGENCY** grants to **CALTRANS** an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free, sublicensable, unlimited, worldwide license to prepare derivative works, make, publish, display, and distribute two-dimensional reproductions and/or copies, digitally and in print, of the “Before” and “After” Project photographs, or derivatives thereof, for non-commercial purposes or any State government purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, reproductions used in brochures, media publicity, public outreach campaigns (including television and social media campaigns), education, and exhibition catalogues or other similar publication.
 - e. When applicable, **AGENCY** shall obtain and provide to **CALTRANS** any and all documentation **CALTRANS** reasonably determines is necessary or desirable to perfect the license described in this RGA to **CALTRANS**. This documentation shall be provided to **CALTRANS** within fifteen (15) days of written notice that this documentation is required.
28. Limited Grant of Rights to **CALTRANS** for Use of Educational Programming (“educational programming”) Created or Produced for Project and Visual Art Located Outside of State Right-of-Way (“**Artwork**”) Created or Produced for Project
- a. Educational programming:
 - i. **AGENCY** shall obtain from any and all copyright owner(s) of educational programming a sublicensable, irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free, unlimited, worldwide license to prepare derivative works, make, publish, display, and distribute two-dimensional reproductions and/or copies, digitally and in print, of the educational programming created or produced for Project under this RGA, or derivatives thereof, for non-commercial purposes or any State government purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, reproductions used in brochures, media publicity, public outreach campaigns (including television and social media campaigns), education, exhibition catalogues or other similar publication. **AGENCY** shall obtain any and all other intellectual property rights necessary to make this grant to **CALTRANS** as described in this RGA.
 - ii. **AGENCY** grants to **CALTRANS** an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free, sublicensable, unlimited, worldwide license to prepare derivative works, make, publish, display, and distribute two-dimensional reproductions and/or copies, digitally and in print, of the educational programming created or produced for Project under this RGA, or derivatives thereof, for non-commercial purposes or any State government purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, reproductions used in brochures, media publicity, public outreach campaigns (including television and social media campaigns), education, and exhibition catalogues or other similar publication.
 - iii. When applicable, **AGENCY** shall obtain and provide to **CALTRANS** any and all documentation **CALTRANS** reasonably determines is necessary or desirable to perfect the license or sublicense described in this RGA to **CALTRANS**. This documentation shall be provided to **CALTRANS** within fifteen (15) days of written notice that this documentation is required.
 - iv. To the extent any logos, including trademarks or service marks, belonging to third parties and/or the **AGENCY** are used on educational programming created or produced for Project under this RGA, **AGENCY** agrees to obtain and grant all necessary rights for **CALTRANS** to use and allow agents of **CALTRANS** to use the logos in connection with use of the educational programming for non-commercial purposes or State government purposes. This includes but is not limited to reproductions used in brochures, media publicity, public outreach

campaigns (including television and social media campaigns), education and exhibition catalogues or other similar publication. This documentation shall be provided to **CALTRANS** within fifteen (15) days of written notice that this documentation is required.

b. **Artwork:**

- i. **AGENCY** shall obtain from the artist(s), or any other copyright owner(s) of **Artwork**, a sublicensable, irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free, unlimited, worldwide license to prepare derivative works, make, publish, display, and distribute two-dimensional reproductions and/or copies, digitally and in print, of **Artwork** created or produced for Project under this RGA, or derivatives thereof, for non-commercial purposes or any State government purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, reproductions used in brochures, media publicity, public outreach campaigns (including television and social media campaigns), education, and exhibition catalogues or other similar publication. **AGENCY** shall obtain any and all other intellectual property rights necessary to make this grant to **CALTRANS** as described in this RGA.
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- iii. **AGENCY** shall obtain and provide to **CALTRANS** any and all documentation **CALTRANS** reasonably determines is necessary or desirable to perfect the license or sublicense described in this RGA to **CALTRANS**. This documentation shall be provided to **CALTRANS** within fifteen (15) days of written notice that this documentation is required.

29. Government Purpose Rights for Inventions

- a. Inventions are any idea, methodologies, design, concept, technique, invention, discovery, improvement or development regardless of patentability made solely by **AGENCY** or jointly with the **AGENCY's** contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient during the term of this RGA and in performance of any work under this RGA, provided that either the conception or reduction to practice thereof occurs during the term of this RGA and in performance of work issued under this RGA.
- b. **CALTRANS** will have Government Purpose Rights to any inventions created as a result of the Project. "Government Purpose Rights" are the unlimited, irrevocable, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive rights, and licenses to use, modify, reproduce, perform, release, display, create derivative works from, and disclose any said invention. "Government Purpose Rights" also include the right to release or disclose said invention(s) outside **CALTRANS** for any State government purpose and to authorize recipients to use, modify, reproduce, perform, release, display, create derivative works from, and disclose the invention(s) for any State government purpose. "Government Purpose Rights" do not include any rights to use, modify, reproduce, perform, release, display, create derivative works from, or disclose the invention(s)

for any commercial purpose.

30. Additional Intellectual Property Provisions

- a. To the extent any intellectual property is created or produced for Project under this RGA, and not covered in other provisions of this RGA, **AGENCY** agrees to take reasonable steps to ensure that **CALTRANS** has the rights necessary to allow for use of the intellectual property in a fashion substantially similar to other rights for non-commercial uses and State government purposes described in this RGA.
- b. If additional uses are reasonably determined to be needed by **CALTRANS** for public outreach purposes, **AGENCY** will obtain rights and grant **CALTRANS** and its agents said additional rights for use of the "Before" and "After" Project photos, **Artwork** created or produced for Project under this RGA, and educational programming created or produced for Project under this RGA. The grant will be an irrevocable, non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, sublicensable, unlimited, worldwide license.
- c. When requested to so do by **AGENCY**, all reproductions and/or copies by **CALTRANS** of "Before" or "After" Project photographs, educational programming, and **Artwork** shall contain a credit to the Artist/ Copyright owner(s) and a copyright notice in substantially the following form: © [Artist/Copyright owner's name, date of publication]. **AGENCY** bears sole responsibility to promptly notify **CALTRANS**, in writing, about instances where such accreditation is requested and provide the Artist/ Copyright owner's name and date of publication. **CALTRANS** will make reasonable efforts to affix the copyright notice in a timely manner.
- d. Required disclaimer language for educational programming and **Artwork** created or produced for Project under this RGA.
 - i. Educational programming: **AGENCY** must place a disclaimer statement in a conspicuous manner on the educational programming created or produced for Project under this RGA a disclaimer that states the content of the educational programming does not reflect the official views or policies of **CALTRANS**. The educational programming does not constitute a standard, specification, or regulation.
 - ii. **Artwork**: **AGENCY** must place a disclaimer statement in a conspicuous manner on or in close proximity to the **Artwork** created or produced for Project under this RGA a disclaimer statement that the contents of the artwork do not reflect the official views or policies of **CALTRANS**.
- e. Avoidance of Infringement: In performing work under this RGA, **AGENCY** and its employees agree to avoid designing or developing any items that infringe one or more patents or other intellectual property rights of any third party. If **AGENCY** or its employees becomes aware of any such possible infringement in the course of performing any work under this RGA, **AGENCY** or its employees shall immediately notify **CALTRANS** in writing.
- f. **Contractors, Subcontractors, and Subrecipients**: Through contract with its sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors, **AGENCY** shall affirmatively bind by contract all of its contractors, subcontractors, subrecipients, and service vendors (hereinafter "**AGENCY's Contractor/Subcontractor/Subrecipient**") providing services under this RGA to conform to the provisions of paragraphs 31-33 of this RGA. In performing services under this RGA, **AGENCY's Contractor/Subcontractor/Subrecipient** shall agree to avoid designing or developing any items that infringe one (1) or more patents or other intellectual property rights of any third party. If **AGENCY's Contractor/Subcontractor/Subrecipient** becomes aware of any such possible

infringement in the course of performing any work under this RGA, **AGENCY's** Contractor/Subcontractor/Subrecipient shall immediately notify the **AGENCY** in writing, and **AGENCY** will then immediately notify **CALTRANS** in writing.

31. Visual Art Located on California State Right-of-Way

AGENCY agrees if Project involves visual art located on California State right-of-way, Project must be submitted and adhere to **CALTRANS'** most current Transportation Art Proposal process, policies, guidelines, and requirements. Information regarding **CALTRANS'** Transportation Art program can be found at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-j-transportation-art>. **AGENCY** bears sole responsibility for ensuring that any Project will be timely submitted through **CALTRANS'** Transportation Art Proposal process, approved, and installed prior to any deadlines as required by this RGA.

- a. **AGENCY** acknowledges that funds provided by **CALTRANS** under this RGA shall not be used for maintenance outside of the project time limits as provided in this RGA.
- b. **AGENCY** acknowledges that the **CALTRANS'** Transportation Art Proposal process requires, among other things, **CALTRANS** ownership of any tangible visual final artwork, an unlimited, irrevocable copyright assignment to **CALTRANS** of the final artwork, and waiver of moral rights under California Civil Code § 987 (the California Art Preservation Act) and 17 U.S.C. § 106A(a) (the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990, "VARA") of the final artwork.
- c. **AGENCY** acknowledges that any submittal to the **CALTRANS'** Transportation Art Proposal process includes restrictions on the type of work that can be located on California State right-of-way.

32. Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Regarding Exposure to Environmental Health Hazards

In addition to, and not a limitation of, **AGENCY's** indemnification obligations contained elsewhere in this Agreement, **AGENCY** hereby assumes all risks of the consequences of exposure of **AGENCY's** employees, agents, Subcontractors, Subcontractors' employees, and any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, to any and all environmental health hazards, local and otherwise, in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Such hazards include, but are not limited to, bodily injury and/or death resulting in whole or in part from exposure to infectious agents and/or pathogens of any type, kind or origin. **AGENCY** also agrees to take all appropriate safety precautions to prevent any such exposure to **AGENCY's** employees, agents, Subcontractors, Subcontractors' employees, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

AGENCY also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless **CALTRANS**, the State of California, and each and all of their officers, agents and employees, from any and all claims and/or losses accruing or resulting from such exposure. Except as provided by law, **AGENCY** also agrees that the provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of negligence or fault on the part of **CALTRANS**, the State of California, and/or any of their officers, agents and/or employees.

33. Mandatory Organic Waste Recycling

It is understood and agreed that pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 42649.8 et seq., if **AGENCY** or its subcontractor generates two (2) cubic yards or more of organic waste or commercial solid waste per week, **AGENCY** or its subcontractor shall arrange for organic waste or

commercial waste recycling services that separate/source organic waste for organic waste recycling. **AGENCY** shall provide proof of compliance, i.e. organic waste recycling services or commercial waste recycling services that separate/source organic waste recycling, upon request from **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison**

34. Project Close Out/Closeout Report

- a. **AGENCY** will provide a final close out report to the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison** no later than November 30, 2027.
CALTRANS reserves the right to inspect the project location prior to approving the final invoice and closeout report.
- b. **CALTRANS** reserves the right to withhold final payment to **AGENCY** pending receipt and approval of the final closeout report by the **CALTRANS District Partnership Liaison**.
- c. Payments shall be forfeit if invoices are submitted after **November 30, 2027**.

35. ADA Compliance

All entities that provide electronic or information technology or related services that will be posted online by **CALTRANS** must be in compliance with Government Code Sections 7405 and 11135 and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 or subsequent version, published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium at a minimum Level AA success. All entities will respond to and resolve any complaints/deficiencies regarding accessibility brought to their attention.

36. Prevailing Wages and Labor Code Compliance

AGENCY shall comply with any and all applicable labor and prevailing wage requirements in Labor Code Sections 1720 through 1815 and implementing regulations for any public works or maintenance contracts and subcontracts executed for the **AGENCY**'s work on or for the Project.

37. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions which constitute this RGA, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- I. This Restricted Grant Agreement (as amended);
- II. The **CALTRANS** Local Grant Program Guidelines;
- III. Approved Indirect Cost Rate (if applicable);
- IV. Approved Grant Application (as amended); and
- V. **AGENCY** Resolution.

38. Survival

AGENCY's representations, the indemnification provisions in paragraph 21, intellectual property provisions in paragraphs 30, 31, 32, and 33, and all other provisions which by their inherent character establish ongoing obligations shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any expiration and/or termination of this RGA.

39. Sanctions

No agreements under this RGA shall be made with individuals and/or entities that are determined to be a target of sanctions by the State of California while such sanctions are in

effect.

Section IV

Attachments:

The following attachments are incorporated into and are made a part of this RGA by this reference and attached hereto.

- I. Clean CA Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program Guidelines
- II. Approved Indirect Cost Rate (if applicable)
- III. Approved Grant Application and Amendment(s) to Grant Application (if applicable)
- IV. **AGENCY** Resolution (if applicable)

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have executed this RGA on the day and year first herein above written:

AGENCY NAME

County of Mendocino

By:



Printed Name:

Jenine Miller, Psy.D.

Title:

Health Services Director

Date:

5/15/26

**CALTRANS DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP LIAISON
CLEAN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM**

By:



Printed Name:

Preston Allen

Title:

Associate Transportation Planner

Date:

5/19/2026

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CLEAN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM**

By:



Printed Name:

Walter Yu

Title:

for Clean California Program Director

Date:

05/20/2026

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

DEPARTMENT FISCAL REVIEW:

By: 
Jerinne Miller, Psy.D.
Director of Health Services

Date: 5/15/26

Budgeted: No
Budget Unit: 4050
Line Item: 82-5490
Org/Object Code: MHGRANT
Grant: Yes
Grant No.: 01-CCEP-06 AMS ADV ID:
0126000115

INSURANCE REVIEW:

By: 
Risk Management

Date: **05/18/2026**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE/FISCAL REVIEW:

By: 
Deputy CEO or Designee

Date: **05/18/2026**

CONTRACTOR/COMPANY NAME

By: See Page 20
SIGNATURE

Date: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:

California Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 168019
Sacramento, CA 95816

By signing above, signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
COUNTY COUNSEL

Date: **05/18/2026**

Signatory Authority: \$0-25,000 Department; \$25,001-\$75,000 Purchasing Agent; \$75,001+ Board of Supervisors



Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway Grants

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Clean CA Program
Summer 2025

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Clean CA Program Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway Grant Program Guidelines

Introduction

The Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program is a signature initiative under the Clean California Program, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). This grant program is designed to support litter abatement and public space beautification efforts on locally owned public right-of-way while creating workforce development opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment.

Through competitive grants, the program provides funding to local agencies (including federally recognized tribal governments) to conduct targeted litter cleanup and graffiti removal activities, complemented by educational and engagement efforts that foster community pride and long-term maintenance. The program places strong emphasis on serving disadvantaged and underserved communities (as identified in Section 4.1 of grant application template) and encourages local commitment through participation in the Clean California Community designation pledge¹.

A core component of this program is the creation of employment pathways through partnerships with workforce development organizations or use of existing employment development departments. These partnerships will connect justice-impacted individuals, those experiencing homelessness, at-risk youth, and others with meaningful job training and paid transitional employment opportunities focused on litter abatement, landscaping, and environmental stewardship.

Program Objectives

- **Litter and Graffiti Abatement:** Support sustained litter cleanup and graffiti removal on local right-of-way.
- **Workforce Development:** Create transitional employment and training opportunities for vulnerable populations either through partnerships with workforce development organizations or use of existing employment development departments.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** Prioritize disadvantaged communities and support pathways to community self-sufficiency.
- **Sustainable Community Engagement:** Promote public education and anti-littering campaigns. Take the online Clean California Community designation pledge to ensure sustainability and long-term impact.

By integrating cleanup, workforce development, and community engagement, the CCEP Grant Program seeks to create cleaner, safer, and more equitable public spaces throughout California.

¹ <https://cleanca.com/designation/>

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Eligible Entities

For the purposes of the CCEP Grant Program, eligible entities will be defined as:

- **Local Governments** – Cities, counties, and special districts responsible for community services and maintenance.
- **Transit Agencies** – Public transportation agencies with jurisdiction over facilities or right-of-way that intersect with cleanup needs.
- **Tribal Governments** – Federally recognized tribes.
- **Joint Applications** – Partnerships among the above entities, including collaborations with community-based organizations, workforce development boards, educational institutions, or local nonprofits, are encouraged and eligible.

Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- **Staff Time:** Local agency staff time directly related to proposal delivery is eligible. This includes staff time for developing and administering contracts, program management, and coordination with community-based organizations.
- **Travel Costs:** Reasonable and necessary travel costs that are directly related to proposal implementation (e.g., site visits, stakeholder engagement, workforce coordination) are eligible.
- **Materials and Supplies:** Tools, equipment, safety gear, and cleanup supplies needed for community cleanup activities.
- **Workforce Development Costs:** Training, certification, stipends, or wages directly tied to workforce development opportunities for program participants.
- **Public Outreach and Education:** Costs related to promoting cleanup events, workforce opportunities, and community engagement.

Caltrans District Partnerships

The Caltrans districts possess in-depth knowledge of the local context and unique challenges, making them invaluable enablers to support grant applicants in proposal identification, development, and implementation processes. They are encouraged to foster strong partnerships with local agencies to ensure seamless coordination and efficient proposal delivery. By leveraging their expertise and collaborating closely with stakeholders, districts can support local agencies in effectively address challenges related to waste management, graffiti, and aesthetic appeal in urban areas, ultimately beautifying public spaces within their districts.

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Proposals

Objectives

The grant proposal is the foundation for securing funding under the CCEP Grant Program. The proposal must demonstrate how the applicant will use grant funding to meet the program's core objectives through locally led, community-driven efforts. Proposals should clearly articulate the public benefit of the proposed activities, particularly in disadvantaged or underserved communities.

Applicants are expected to:

- Identify litter abatement and graffiti removal needs in specific areas of local right-of-way.
- Detail a plan for workforce development, including partnerships with workforce organizations and strategies for engaging vulnerable populations.
- Commit to community engagement strategies and educational outreach that promote long-term cleanliness and civic pride.
- Demonstrate alignment with the Clean California Community designation pledge. The pledge is not required to apply for or receive funding.
- Provide a sustainable approach to maintaining the public space improvements achieved through the grant.

Each proposal must be comprehensive, feasible, and results-driven, ensuring that awarded funding leads to measurable environmental, social, and economic impacts in the applicant's community.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be submitted by local agencies to their respective Caltrans district coordinators, then evaluated and scored competitively by the Clean CA Program based on the criteria listed below. Applications that score highest across these categories will be prioritized for funding.

1. Community Need and Impact (15 points)

- Demonstrates a clear need for litter abatement and graffiti removal, including information such as description of the history of the area, prior efforts to address the issues and how this grant will make a difference.

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- Identifies underserved or disadvantaged areas where the proposal will be implemented.
- Outlines benefits to public health, safety, environmental quality, and community aesthetics.

2. Workforce Development Strategy (15 points)

- Includes a detailed plan for engaging and employing vulnerable populations.
- Establishes partnerships with workforce development organizations (e.g., BCOE Back 2 Work, Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), Chrysalis or similar) or leverage existing employment departments.
- Provides evidence of transitional employment (as measured by participants who are able to find long-term employment), training, and pathways to long-term job placement.

3. Community Engagement and Education (15 points)

- Describes plans for community input, public education, and volunteer participation.
- Commits to youth education, anti-littering outreach, or (encouraged but not mandatory) participation in the Clean California Community designation program.

4. Long-Term Sustainability and Maintenance (15 points)

- Outlines a long-term plan to fund the maintenance of cleaned and beautified spaces.
- Includes partnerships, volunteer programs, or recurring community events in alignment with the Clean CA community designation pledge.
- Describes infrastructure or policy measures to prevent future littering.

5. Clean California Community Designation Pledge (10 points)

- Applicant has taken or plans to take the Clean California Community pledge.
- Demonstrates commitment to meeting at least 10 of the 15 designation criteria.

6. Proposal Feasibility and Readiness (10 points)

- Provides a detailed implementation schedule.
- Demonstrates capacity to manage the proposal, including procurement, reporting, and oversight.

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7. Matching Funds and Leveraged Resources (10 points)

- Describes how matching funds (cash or in-kind) will support and expand proposal activities.
- Ensures that match contributions are additive and not part of existing baseline cleanup operations.

8. Disadvantaged or Under-served Community (10 points)

Applicants will be required to include supporting documentation (e.g., CalEnviroScreen map outputs, local demographic data, or letters from community organizations) to demonstrate that the proposed project serves a disadvantaged or under-served community. The following criteria will be recognized as indicators of disadvantaged or under-served communities (see grant proposal template for details):

- Median Household Income
- CalEnviroScreen 4.0
- Free or Reduced-Price School Meals
- Healthy Places Index
- Native American Tribal Lands

Application Submissions

- The Clean CA grant program proposal template must be used for submitting the proposal. Ensure that all sections of the template are completed comprehensively and provide sufficient detail to support the evaluation and decision-making process.
- Local agencies, in collaboration with districts, complete the template and submit comprehensive proposals.
- Each proposal submitted for consideration must include a letter of support from the Caltrans district that is submitting the proposal. The letter of support should demonstrate the district's endorsement to the proposal. It will serve as evidence of the district's collaboration and partnership with local agencies, ensuring seamless coordination and efficient proposal delivery. The inclusion of the letter will help validate the proposal's feasibility and foster confidence in the successful implementation of the proposal.

Outreach and Partnership

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District-Level Engagement

- Caltrans district staff will serve as on-the-ground liaisons to promote the program locally, identify high-need areas, and encourage eligible applicants to submit proposals.
- District coordinators will collaborate with grant applicants to build partnerships aligned with the program's objectives.

Encouraging Clean California Community Pledges

- As part of the outreach effort, Caltrans will actively promote the Clean California Community designation pledge, encouraging applicants to take the pledge during the grant application process.
- The Clean CA Program will provide technical assistance as needed to help communities understand the benefits of designation and complete the pledge requirements.

Through strategic outreach and strong partnerships, Caltrans will ensure that the grant program reaches a diverse range of communities and delivers equitable opportunities to participate in the Clean California mission.

Selection and Notification

1. Proposal Review and Evaluation:

- Clean CA Program reviews all proposals against qualitative evaluation criteria outlined in the guidelines.
- Proposals are assessed for alignment with waste management, graffiti mitigation, aesthetics and equity objectives.

2. Proposal Selection:

- Clean CA Program selects proposals based on evaluation results and criteria alignment. High-priority proposals that benefit underserved communities are prioritized.

3. Proposal Award Notification:

- Clean CA Program notifies Caltrans districts of the selected proposals by email. Districts inform the corresponding local agencies about their grant award. Debriefs will be provided upon request to applicants who were not awarded a grant.

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Schedule

Milestone	Date
Program Launch & Public Outreach Begins	July 1, 2025
Grant Guidelines Finalized & Published	August 15, 2025
Call for Proposals Opens	September 15, 2025
Proposal Submission Deadline	November 3, 2025
Application Review and Scoring	November–December 2025
Award Notifications Issued	January 15, 2026
Grant Agreements Executed	February–March 2026
Proposal Implementation Period Begins	April 1, 2026
Quarterly Progress Check-In (Reporting Due)	April 2026–April 2027
Proposal Implementation Period Ends	April 1, 2027
Final Reports and Closeout Due	November 1, 2027

Funding Mechanism

The funding mechanism for the CCEP proposals involves a restricted grant agreement (RGA) between the Caltrans district and the grant recipient (local agency, including federally recognized tribe) which is a legal mechanism that outlines the terms and conditions of the financial commitments for the awarded grant funding. It serves as a formal contract that establishes the roles and responsibilities of each party in the CCEP proposal.

The agreement includes the following elements:

- **Proposal Scope:** The RGA defines the scope of the proposal, detailing the specific improvements and enhancements to be undertaken within the local right-of-way.
- **Funding Commitment:** It outlines the financial contributions, specifying the amount that Caltrans will provide for the proposal and any in-kind contribution from the grant applicant.
- **Timeline and Milestones:** The agreement sets forth a clear timeline for proposal development, implementation, , and completion, including key milestones to be achieved during each phase.
- **Roles and Responsibilities:** It outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Caltrans district and the local agency in the proposal's execution, ensuring seamless coordination and cooperation.

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- Compliance and Reporting: The RGA may include requirements for compliance with relevant regulations, reporting on proposal progress, and any necessary documentation and record-keeping.
- Dispute Resolution: In the event of any disputes or disagreements, the RGA may outline a mechanism for resolving issues between the Caltrans district and the local agency.

Matching Funds / In-Kind Contributions

The CCEP Grant Program is designed to reduce financial barriers for local agencies, nonprofits, and community-based organizations. As such, no cash match requirement is imposed on applicants. However, applicants are encouraged to identify and document in-kind contributions and other non-state resources that will help maximize the impact of state funds.

Eligible In-Kind Contributions may include:

- Staff time dedicated to project planning, implementation, or coordination.
- Volunteer labor associated with cleanup events, outreach, or community engagement.
- Donated materials or equipment used directly in cleanup or beautification activities.
- Facilities and meeting space contributed for trainings, workforce activities, or project planning.
- Complementary programs or services provided by partner agencies or organizations that directly support grant objectives.

Program Expectations:

- In-kind contributions are not required to apply for or receive funding.
- Applicants who provide in-kind support should quantify contributions where possible (e.g., estimated dollar value of staff time, equipment, or materials).
- In-kind contributions will be considered during proposal evaluation as evidence of community commitment, partnership strength, and project sustainability.
- Documentation of in-kind contributions should be included in the proposal budget narrative at the time of application and reported during proposal implementation.

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Funding Disbursement

Grant awards will be issued as reimbursable agreements, not lump sum payments.

- **Reimbursable Basis:** Grantees will be required to incur and document eligible expenses up front. Caltrans will then reimburse those expenses upon submission of proper invoices and supporting documentation.
- **Invoicing:** Invoices must include receipts, staff time records, or other documentation demonstrating that expenses are consistent with approved Caltrans Division of Local Assistance guidelines/template (Form LAP 5-A).
- **Payment Timeline:** Reimbursements will generally be processed within 45 days of receipt of a complete and accurate invoice package.
- **Advance Payments:** No advance or upfront lump sum disbursements will be provided under this program.

Performance Metrics

To ensure accountability and evaluate success, all grantees are required to track and report on key performance metrics aligned with the program's goals. These metrics will be tracked by grantees on templates provided by Caltrans to help measure the environmental, economic, and social impact of funded activities.

Environmental Impact Metrics

- Volume of litter and debris removed (in cubic yards or pounds with supporting documentation, e.g. weight/dump tickets and before/after photos)
- Square footage of graffiti abated (before/after photos)
- Number of litter cleanup events conducted (event attendance sheets and/or event flyers)
- Number of hard-to-recycle or bulky item collection events held (event attendance sheets and/or event flyers)

Workforce Development Metrics

- Number of individuals employed through workforce programs (with supporting documentation of individuals/crews employed, e.g. payroll logs)

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- Hours of paid work experience and job training provided (with supporting documentation of individuals paid and training provided, e.g. payroll logs)
- Demographics of workforce participants (e.g., justice-involved, unhoused, at-risk youth)
- Number and percentage of participants securing long-term employment post-program

Community Engagement Metrics

- Number of community volunteers engaged (attendance sheets)
- Number of public outreach events or education campaigns implemented (event flyers / attendance sheets)
- Clean California Community pledge status and progress toward meeting designation criteria
- Number of community partnerships established (e.g., schools, businesses, nonprofits)

Sustainability and Maintenance Metrics

- Number of anti-litter infrastructure elements installed (e.g., bins, signage with supporting documentation, e.g. before/after photos)
- Planned frequency of cleanup and maintenance activities post-grant implementation
- Plan for ongoing community stewardship and long-term litter prevention practices post-grant implementation

Grantees will submit quarterly progress reports and a final close-out report at the end of the implementation period. These reports will summarize accomplishments, challenges, lessons learned, and include supporting documentation such as photographs, volunteer logs, and workforce data.

Clean CA Roles/Responsibilities

- **Program Management:** Responsible for overall program management and coordination of CCEP proposals statewide. Ensure that proposals align with the CalSTA objectives on climate action and meet the program's guidelines and priorities.

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- **Proposal Selection:** Select proposals based on factors such as recognizing underserved communities, high litter areas known challenges for waste management, graffiti, and lack of aesthetic appeal in urbanized districts and local agencies which align with CCEP Program objectives.
- **Proposal Oversight:** Provide oversight and guidance throughout the proposal lifecycle. Review proposals, assess their feasibility and alignment with program objectives, and ensure that the proposals adhere to the guidelines and timelines.
- **Technical Assistance:** Provide technical assistance to grant applicants and recipients during the proposal planning and implementation phases. Provide expertise and support in areas such as graffiti abatement, employment pathways, litter abatement, beautification, , and climate action.
- **Budget Management:** Responsible for overseeing the allocation and management of funds for CCEP proposals. Ensure that budgetary requirements are met and that funds are appropriately allocated to prioritize high-visibility proposals with an urgency to be delivered within their respective districts.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Monitor proposal progress, track milestones, and evaluate the effectiveness of implemented enhancements. Assess the impact of CCEP proposals on improving waste management practices, reducing graffiti, and enhancing the aesthetic appeal of local areas .
- **Quarterly Reporting and Documentation:** Maintain accurate records of proposal activities, including proposals, RGAs, progress reports, and proposal outcomes. Prepare periodic reports to communicate proposal status, achievements, and challenges to Caltrans leadership.

District Roles

Partnership Identification

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Engage with local stakeholders, such as city officials, local agency representatives, community organizations, and advocacy groups, to foster partnerships and collaborations.

Project Management and Oversight

- **Project Implementation:** Monitor and facilitate the implementation of proposals according to the defined scope of work, schedule, and milestones.
- **Communication and Coordination:** Maintain regular communication and coordination with partner organizations to address any issues, provide guidance, and track progress.

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- **Performance Evaluation:** Conduct periodic evaluations to assess project performance, identify any necessary adjustments, and ensure adherence to objectives and quality standards.

Reporting and Documentation

- **Progress Updates:** Maintain regular communication with the Clean CA Program on project status, achievements, challenges, and any adjustments made to the scope of work or schedule.
- **Documentation Retention:** Ensure proper documentation of all agreements, communication records, project plans, and reports for record-keeping and future reference.
- **Performance Monitoring:** Monitor the progress and performance of projects to ensure the allocated funds are being effectively utilized.
- **Reporting:** Require regular reporting from local/transit agencies on the implementation and outcomes of the funded projects, including progress updates and evaluation results.
- **Data Collection:** Coordinate with partners to collect relevant project data, metrics, and deliverables.

Invoice Verification (Reimbursement)

- **Ensure Compliance with RGA:** Confirm that submitted invoices align with the terms and conditions outlined in the RGA.
- **Validate Eligible Expenditures:** Review costs to ensure they are allowable under program guidelines, e.g., litter abatement, beautification, and employment pathway activities.
- **Confirm Completion of Work:** Verify that the work claimed in the invoice has been completed as described, including site visits or photographic documentation if required.
- **Check Supporting Documentation:** Ensure that all required backup materials (e.g., receipts, timesheets, contractor invoices) are included and accurate.
- **Monitor Project Progress:** Track milestones and deliverables to confirm that the project is on schedule and consistent with the approved scope.
- **Coordinate with Local Agencies:** Communicate with grantees to resolve discrepancies, request missing documentation, or clarify unclear charges.

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- **Approve for Reimbursement:** Once verified, inform the Clean California Program to proceed with payment processing by Caltrans Accounting.
- **Report and Escalate Issues:** Flag any non-compliance, ineligible costs, or incomplete work for further review and potential corrective action.

Project Close-out Verification

- **Review Final Deliverables:** Confirm that all project components were completed as outlined in the original grant scope and agreement.
- **Verify Documentation Accuracy:** Ensure the closeout report includes complete and accurate records, e.g. before/after photos, receipts, payroll logs, and performance metrics.
- **Confirm Use of Funds:** Check that all expenditures align with approved budget categories and Clean CA eligibility requirements.
- **Assess Community Impact:** Evaluate whether the project met its stated goals (e.g., litter reduction, beautification, job creation) and delivered measurable benefits.

Stakeholder Engagement

- **Community Outreach:** Engage with local communities to provide updates on project progress, gather feedback, and address any concerns or inquiries related to the urbanized transit projects.
- **Public Awareness:** Promote the projects and their benefits to raise public awareness of their benefits, climate action goals, and improvements in active transportation, micro-mobility, and transit station aesthetics.

Grant Recipient Responsibilities

RGA Development

- **Scope of Work:** Collaborate with Caltrans district coordinator to define the scope of work for each proposal, including the specific activities, objectives, and desired outcomes.
- **Schedule and Milestones:** Work with Caltrans district coordinator to establish a comprehensive schedule with realistic milestones to ensure completion of all proposals. The schedule should consider proposal complexity, resource availability, and potential challenges that may arise during implementation.
- **Resource Planning:** Determine the necessary resources, including funding, personnel, equipment, and materials, required to execute the proposals successfully.

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- **Legal and Administrative Considerations:** Ensure that all RGAs and cooperative agreements comply with Caltrans legal requirements and administrative procedures.

Proposal Management and Oversight

- **Proposal Implementation:** Monitor and facilitate the implementation of proposals according to the defined scope of work, schedule, and milestones.
- **Communication and Coordination:** Maintain regular communication and coordination with Caltrans district coordinator to address any issues, provide guidance, and track progress.
- **Performance Evaluation:** Conduct periodic evaluations to assess proposal performance, identify any necessary adjustments, and ensure adherence to objectives and quality standards.

Reporting and Documentation

- **Progress Updates:** Maintain regular communication with the Caltrans district coordinator and Clean CA Program on proposal status, achievements, challenges, and any adjustments made to the scope of work or schedule.
- **Documentation Retention:** Ensure proper documentation of all agreements, communication records, proposal plans, and reports for record-keeping and future reference.
- **Performance Monitoring:** Monitor the progress and performance of proposals to ensure the allocated funds are being effectively utilized.
- **Quarterly Reporting:** Complete quarterly reporting on the implementation and outcomes of the funded proposals, including progress updates and evaluation results.
- **Data Collection:** Collect relevant proposal data, metrics, and deliverables.

Final Vouchering and Project Close-out

- **Submit Final Documentation:** Provide a comprehensive close-out report detailing completed work, expenditures, and outcomes.
- **Include Proof of Completion:** Attach visual evidence (e.g., before/after photos), final deliverables, and any required certifications to demonstrate project completion.
- **Provide Financial Reconciliation:** Submit a final invoice with itemized costs and supporting documentation to reconcile total grant expenditures.

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- **Address Scope and Budget Alignment:** Confirm that all activities and costs align with the approved project scope and budget in the RGA.
- **Respond to Caltrans Requests:** Be prepared to clarify, revise, or supplement the report if requested by Caltrans District Coordinators.
- **Submit Final Voucher Request:** Package the close-out report with the final payment request for review and approval by Caltrans.

Stakeholder Engagement

- **Community Outreach:** Engage with local communities to provide updates on proposal progress, gather feedback, and address any concerns or inquiries related to the urbanized CCEP proposals.
- **Public Awareness:** Promote the proposals and their benefits to raise public awareness of their benefits, climate action goals, and improvements in graffiti abatement, employment pathways, litter abatement, and local area aesthetics.

In addition, applicants are encouraged to include:

- **Community education campaigns** that highlight the impacts of litter, encourage behavior change, and promote responsible waste disposal.
- **Engagement strategies** such as school partnerships, volunteer events, and youth training that build long-term stewardship.
- **Collaboration with local businesses** to reduce litter at the source (e.g., convenience stores, fast food outlets, or transit hubs).

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Clean CA Program Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Proposal

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CALTRANS DISTRICT	PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY NAME	AGENCY CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
1	Mendocino County Health Services Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Proposal	Mendocino County Health Services Agency	Agency Contact Name (Secondary)	Phone Number (Secondary)	Email Address (Secondary)
			Jenine Miller, Psy. D.	(707) 472-2341	millerje@mendocinocounty.gov

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Instructions: Describe the proposed project, including key activities and outcomes. Indicate if the project includes (300-500 words):

- Community-led litter cleanup activities
- Employment or workforce training opportunities
- Local partnerships with local organizations, nonprofits, or public agencies
- Cleanup of public rights-of-way or public spaces

The Mendocino Riverway Restoration and Employment Pathways Project is a comprehensive, community-driven initiative led by the Mendocino County Department of Health Services. Partnerships are still in the process of being established. We are actively working to engage local agencies, nonprofit organizations, tribal representatives, and resident volunteers. With a Two-Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$305,000) requested budget, the project will administer cleanup, restoration, and workforce development activities, creating meaningful employment opportunities for individuals who are unhoused, justice-involved, at-risk youth, or underemployed.

This initiative represents a new program, designed specifically for implementation under the Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) grant and not a continuation of any prior or existing effort.

A competitively selected subcontractor will serve as the primary implementer, responsible for cleanup operations, habitat restoration, workforce training, volunteer coordination, and community engagement. Mendocino County Health Services Agency (HSA) provides administrative oversight, including invoice tracking, grant metrics, data collection, and reporting.

The project focuses on five high-priority areas along the Russian River corridor:

1. **Ackerman Creek, Ukiah:** A high-visibility site experiencing persistent litter, illegal dumping, and encampment-related debris. Activities will include cleanup crews, volunteer coordination, and restoration of a large section of riverbank to improve public access and visual appeal.

2. **Talmage Bridge Area:** Heavily impacted by illegal dumping and encampments, this area will benefit from debris removal, riparian habitat restoration, and increased community engagement, including volunteer events.
3. **Talmage Doolin Creek Corridor:** The second project area will continue on the north side of Talmage Road to State Street, immediately upstream from the Talmage Russian River project area. Doolin Creek stretches from the western hills of Ukiah to the Russian River. The creek flows only during the winter months and serves as a channel for stormwater runoff.

Doolin Creek is a valuable community resource capable of supporting a variety of habitats and wildlife. In 2015, the City prepared the Doolin Creek Enhancement Plan, which provided long-term guidance for preserving and enhancing the healthy portions of the creek, restoring and enhancing degraded areas, and reestablishing parts of the creek as a place for human use and appreciation.

This subproject will focus on restoring and enhancing Doolin Creek. Both the Talmage and Doolin Creek areas are within the city limits.

4. **Airport Rd, Blvd and Hwy 101:** Additionally, the project will address the cleanup of encampment-related debris on Airport Road and the stretch of Airport Park Boulevard that runs adjacent to Highway 101, behind Wal-Mart and Jack in the Box, where similar encampment-related debris requires attention.
5. **Orr Creek:** The project also seeks to expand its reach to include Orr Creek between Ford and Brush Street, and broader Highway 101 cleanup activities, recognizing the need for coordinated restoration and debris removal, installation of native plants, and invasive plant removal across these high-impact corridors. Orr Creek is the largest creek running through the city of Ukiah, flowing into the Russian River.

Expanding to include the three areas described will provide multiple benefits, including improved water quality, habitat connectivity, and flood reduction through creek restoration in Ukiah. The project will also benefit from community-based outreach and educational resources. At the end of this project, participants will feel a sense of accomplishment and empowerment as they witness improvements unfold before their eyes.

Key Project Components Include:

- **Cleanup Operations:** Subcontractor-led removal of debris, encampment waste, and illegal dumping from riverbanks, trails, and associated public areas.
- **Employment and Training:** Paid work experience, skill-building, and mentorship managed by the subcontractor. Locally established partnerships will connect justice-impacted individuals, those experiencing homelessness, at-risk youth, and others with meaningful job training and paid transitional employment opportunities focused on litter abatement, landscaping, and environmental stewardship.
- **Ecological Restoration:** Funding will support planting native species, implementing advanced soil stabilization techniques, and rehabilitating a larger footprint of degraded riverbank. Collaboration with native plant specialists and the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (RCD) ensures ecological sustainability and enhanced biodiversity. In addition, the project intends to coordinate with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) during permitting and implementation to ensure compliance with ecological best practices and habitat protection standards.
- **Community Partnerships:** The Health Services Agency (HSA) will engage a broad network of partners to support project implementation and long-term success. Collaborators will include community-based organizations that recruit and train volunteers, Behavioral Health providers serving vulnerable populations, ecological and native

plant groups, and workforce development programs.

Existing and prospective partnerships may include local organizations such as Friend of Boon, recognized for their community cleanup and volunteer coordination efforts, and dedication to aiding those in need through community-focused initiatives, including clean-up projects, food gatherings, and support for individuals recovering from addiction.

A subcontractor, selected through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, will oversee staffing, cleanup operations, and coordination of employment pathways, while ensuring compliance and collaboration with the Department of Transportation (DOT), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and other permitting agencies.

The Community Outreach Response Engagement (CORE) team will conduct trauma-informed outreach to unhoused residents, connecting participants with housing and supportive resources.

- **Public Education and Engagement:** The budget allows for workshops, interpretive signage, and community-focused events, creating greater opportunities for civic engagement and environmental awareness, creating a great sense of ownership within the community to these spaces.

This initiative integrates environmental restoration with social reinvestment. By engaging residents and business owners as active participants, the project increases the visibility and impact of restoration efforts, strengthens workforce pathways, and promotes community pride. The scope amplifies the dual benefits of cleaner public spaces and increased economic opportunity for historically underserved populations, creating a replicable model of inclusive, community-led environmental stewardship along the Russian River corridor.

1.3 PURPOSE AND NEED

Instructions: Explain the problem the project is addressing and why the project is needed in the community. Describe the local conditions (e.g., litter, illegal dumping, blight, unemployment, etc.) and how this project supports community revitalization and workforce development (300-500 words).

Mendocino County faces intertwined challenges of environmental degradation, homelessness, economic inequity, and limited access to workforce development opportunities. The Russian River corridor—particularly in the **Ackerman Creek** and **Talmage Bridge** areas—is where these challenges converge most visibly in the Ukiah Valley. Persistent litter, illegal dumping, and encampment debris threaten public health, compromise water quality, and impede safe public access to recreational and natural spaces.

Severe flooding exacerbates these issues by carrying debris downstream, impacting fish habitats, wetlands, and riparian ecosystems. Accumulated waste also contributes to increased fire risk during dry summer months, placing nearby neighborhoods at risk and straining emergency services. Vulnerable populations, including unhoused individuals and residents of low-income neighborhoods, are disproportionately affected by these hazards, experiencing reduced access to safe, clean, and healthy environments. FEMA has designated these areas as “Special Flood Hazard Areas” as of September 2025.

At the same time, Mendocino County’s largely rural economy offers limited entry-level employment opportunities, particularly for individuals facing systemic barriers such as unhoused or justice-involved residents. Without targeted workforce pathways, many remain trapped in cycles of instability, unable to gain employment or access training that could lead to long-term self-sufficiency.

This project directly addresses these dual needs through a holistic “restore and employ” model that integrates environmental cleanup with workforce development:

- **Subcontractor-led Cleanup Teams:** Participants and volunteers will remove debris, illegal dumping, and litter from riverbanks, trails, and adjacent public spaces while implementing native planting strategies to restore natural ecosystems and stabilize soils.
- **Workforce Development:** Participants will earn wages, gain transferable job skills, and employment coaching as provided by the subcontractor.
- **Community Partnerships:** A subcontractor, selected through RFP, will oversee staffing, supervision, and employment coordination. CORE will lead trauma-informed outreach to unhoused residents, connecting them with appropriate treatment, employment opportunities, and supportive services.

By addressing urgent environmental and social needs simultaneously, the project empowers residents to become active participants in problem-solving. Community members will take ownership of revitalized spaces, contributing to improved public health, safer neighborhoods, and restored ecological integrity.

1.4 MAP (Attachment A)

Instructions: Include any relevant project location maps, and associated data maps.

- Ackerman Creek – Cleanup and restoration site boundaries, access points, sensitive habitats, and adjacent neighborhoods. (Maps were acquired via Google Maps and www.Topozone.com)



Ackerman Creek Topo Map in Mendocino County CA

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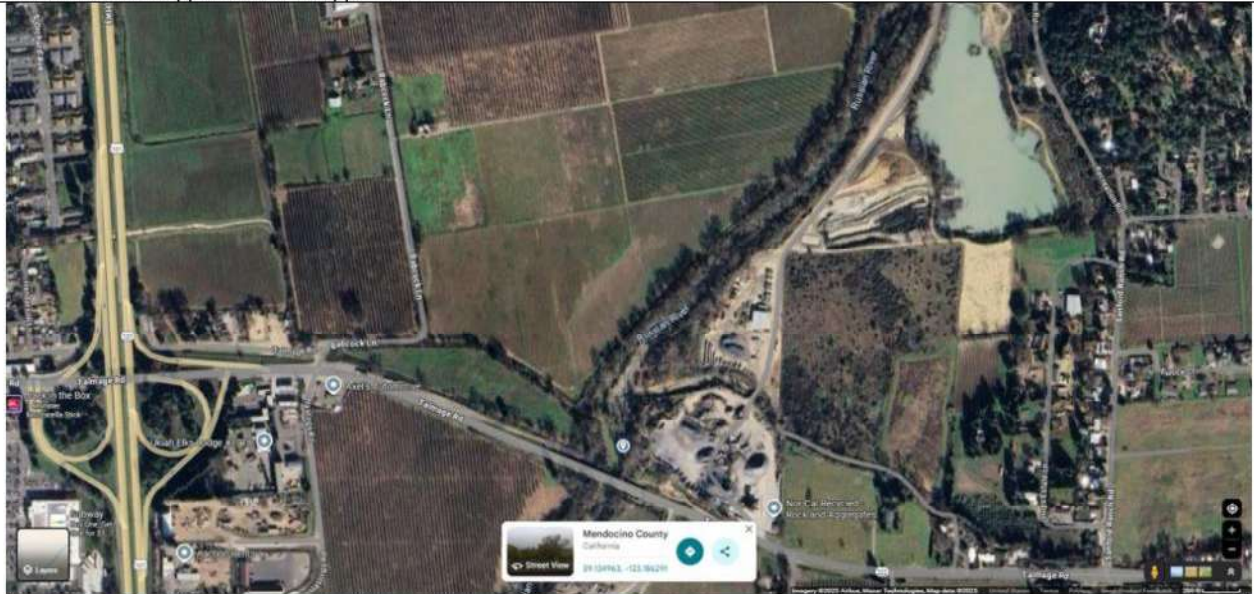


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Ackerman Creek Information

Coordinates: 39.1785032°N, -123.1991717°W
Approx. Elevation: 604 feet (184 meters)
USGS Map Area: Ukiah
Feature Type: Stream

- Talmage Bridge Area – Cleanup focus zones along the river and access routes. (Maps were acquired via Google Maps and www.Topozone.com)



East Fork Russian River Topo Map in Mendocino County CA

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East Fork Russian River Information

Coordinates: 39.1898918°N, -123.2005605°W

Approx. Elevation: 623 feet (190 meters)

USGS Map Area: Ukiah

Feature Type: Stream

1.5 COST – Suggested Amount: \$50,000 to \$200,000**Instructions: Provide a detailed cost estimate for each activity below and submit with Attachment E.**

Activity	Estimated Cost	Would applicant accept partial funding for this activity?
Planning / Outreach	\$ 20,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Project Implementation – Employment (based on historic number of litter crews/staff)	\$ 90,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Project Implementation – Cleanup (based on historic quantities of litter collection)	\$ 175,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Matching Funds – In-Kind Contribution	\$ 15,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other (Public Engagement - Outreach, education, and community reporting)	\$ 5,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
TOTAL	\$ 305,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Cost Category	Description of Activities / Deliverables	Estimated Cost (\$)	Funding Source	Eligible / In-Kind
A. Direct Labor	Includes County staff and subcontractor staff time directly related to project implementation, including cleanup, restoration, site supervision, and coordination.	\$90,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
B. Workforce Development Partners	Costs for subcontractor (RFP) managing staffing, workforce coordination, training, mentorship, and supervision.	\$22,500	CCEP Grant	Eligible
C. Cleanup and Beautification Materials	Supplies for litter removal, native plants, soil stabilization materials, protective gear, disposal fees, and hauling services.	\$90,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
D. Equipment Rental / Use	Temporary use or rental of vehicles, trucks, tools, and other equipment directly used for project activities.	\$37,500	CCEP Grant	Eligible
E. Outreach and Engagement	Community engagement events, volunteer coordination, educational campaigns, signage, printed materials, social media campaigns, and youth outreach.	\$10,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
F. Project Administration (Direct)	Administrative work tied to project delivery, including reporting, documentation, coordination, and evaluation.	\$30,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible (≤10%)
G. In-Kind Contributions	Volunteer labor, donated materials, partner services, or facilities contributions.	\$15,000	Local / Partner	In-Kind
H. Other Direct Costs	Contingency, miscellaneous eligible expenses not captured above.	\$10,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST		\$305,000		

Budget Notes:

- Direct Labor** includes participant wages, subcontractor staff time, and Mendocino County Health Services (HSA) staff time dedicated to contracts, RFP administration, initial project implementation, and continuous oversight throughout the project. All activities will be administered by the subcontractor under HSA guidance.
- Workforce Development Partners** represents subcontractor costs for managing crews, workforce pathways, and mentorship activities.
- Cleanup and Beautification Materials** include disposal fees, tools, protective gear, native plantings, soil stabilization materials, and other supplies needed for site restoration. To be administered by the subcontractor.
- Equipment Rental / Use** covers temporary rental or use of trucks, vehicles, dumpsters, tools, and other equipment necessary for project operations. Managed by the subcontractor.
- Outreach and Engagement** encompass community engagement events, volunteer coordination, workshops, youth outreach, educational materials, signage, and social media campaigns. Managed by the subcontractor in collaboration with HAS and County leadership.
- Project Administration (Direct)** includes HSA administrative tasks tied to project delivery, such as reporting, documentation, coordination, and evaluation. This category is capped at ≤10% of total project costs in accordance with grant guidelines.
- In-Kind Contributions** include volunteer labor, donated materials, partner services, or use of County facilities.
- Other Direct Costs (H)** covers contingency and miscellaneous eligible expenses not captured in other categories, as needed to support project implementation.

1.6 SCHEDULE

Note: Project implementation should be completed by April 1, 2027 and final reports/close-out completed by October 31, 2027.

Milestone	Start Date	End Date
Planning & Community Engagement Begins; continuous Community Outreach throughout the project life cycle	Jan. 2026	April 2027
Hiring/Training Program Launch	April 2026	May 2026
Cleanup Activities Begin	June 2026	April 2027
Project Completion (By April 1, 2027)	Jan. 2026	April 1, 2027
Project Close-out (By October 31, 2027)	May 2027	Oct. 31, 2027

Phase	Timeframe	Major Activities
Community Engagement & Planning	(A) Jan – Mar 2026; (B) Jan – Apr 2027	(A) Host initial community workshops, public input forums, and volunteer recruitment; site surveys, mapping, permits, and RFP process for partner coordination. (B) Additionally, there will be continuous Community Outreach throughout the project life cycle.
Training & Workforce Onboarding	Apr – May 2026	Subcontractor-led job readiness, safety and environmental training, equipment setup, and staging areas; optional CORE outreach.
Cleanup & Restoration (Phase I)	Jun – Sep 2026	Subcontractor-led debris removal, habitat restoration, and soil stabilization.
Planting & Stewardship Activities	Oct – Dec 2026	Native planting days, workshops, ongoing educational outreach, and public recognition events.
Cleanup & Restoration (Phase II)	Jan – Apr 2027	Follow-up cleanup, vegetation management, continued subcontractor workforce support, and final on-the-ground implementation activities.
Project Evaluation & Close-Out	May – Oct 2027	HSA-led data collection and reporting, review of surveys and grant data, PDSA process improvement, preparation of final reports, and identification of strategies for extension or alternate funding.

1.7 KNOWN CONCERNS OR RISKS

Known environmental concerns or risks

- No
 Yes

Known right-of-way concerns or risks

- No
 Yes

Instructions:

Please list any other known risks that could impact this project from being delivered on schedule, budget and scope (300-500 words).

Potential project risks include environmental permitting delays, encampment sensitivity, adverse weather events, workforce retention, and budget fluctuations. Recognizing and addressing these risks proactively is essential to ensure successful and timely delivery of project objectives. Early planning, clearly defined roles, and strong community

coordination will help mitigate many of these challenges, but careful monitoring and flexibility will remain critical throughout project implementation.

Environmental Permitting and Seasonal Access: Cleanup and restoration activities occur in riparian zones that require compliance with state and federal environmental regulations. Securing permits and coordinating with agencies such as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) may take additional time, particularly if work coincides with sensitive wildlife periods, such as fish spawning or bird nesting. Seasonal flooding and fluctuating river levels could temporarily restrict access to work areas, further complicating schedules. To mitigate these risks, the project will engage early with the Mendocino County RCD and relevant regulatory bodies, implement contingency scheduling, and adjust work plans to minimize environmental impact.

Encampment and Community Sensitivity: Both Ackerman Creek and Talmage bridge currently have encampments of unhoused people living in them. Prior to clean up and restoration processes, the CORE team will lead. Trauma-informed outreach to unhoused residents, ensuring communication is respectful, collaborative, and non-disruptive. Unhoused individuals will be offered resources to connect with housing and other resources; those individuals that are willing will be offered an opportunity to participate in volunteer clean up and workforce skills building. Volunteers and staff will receive training on respectful interactions with any encampment residents still residing in the area at the time of clean up and restoration emphasizing empathy, safety, and trust-building.

Workforce Retention and Staffing: Maintaining participant engagement is critical to achieving cleanup, restoration, and training goals. The selected subcontractor will manage staffing, transportation, supervision, and workflow coordination to optimize retention. Additional strategies include mentorship, clear schedules, and recognition programs for participants. Backup recruitment through local agencies and community networks will ensure adequate staffing in case of turnover or absenteeism.

Budget and Resource Management: Rising costs for equipment, supplies, and disposal services pose potential risks to the budget. Cost management strategies include leveraging in-kind resources, negotiated supplier contracts, and efficient use of volunteer labor. Regular budget monitoring will allow for adjustments to ensure all critical components are delivered without compromising quality.

Long-Term Maintenance and Sustainability: Even after initial cleanup and restoration, sites may accumulate debris or require ongoing habitat management. The project will implement a long-term stewardship plan supported by regular volunteer cleanups, continued subcontractor engagement, and County efforts to secure ongoing funding, ensuring sustained restoration and strengthened community capacity.

Data—including surveys, volunteer metrics, workforce outcomes, and ecological measures—will be reviewed quarterly and annually. The Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) process allows for real-time adjustments. At the end of each grant period, evaluations will identify strategies for extension, integration into existing services, or alternative funding. Subcontractor follow-up and volunteer stewardship will sustain long-term benefits.

Through proactive risk assessment, adaptive planning, and strong coordination among HSA, subcontractor, and community partners, challenges will be effectively managed, ensuring the project meets its schedule, budget, and objectives while maximizing environmental and social impact.

2 EVALUATION CRITERIA ALIGNMENT

2.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA ALIGNMENT

Instructions:

Describe how the project addresses the following goals (include narrative under each section, 500-700 words):

- **Litter Abatement:**
(Describe the type, scale, and location of cleanup efforts.)

- **Job Creation & Employment Pathways:**
(Explain how the project provides direct employment, workforce training, and/or career pathway support for underemployed or underserved individuals.)
- **Community Engagement & Partnership:**
(Describe how local community groups, nonprofits, and/or workforce boards are engaged in project design or implementation.)
- **Sustainability:**
(Describe any strategies for sustaining outcomes beyond the grant term—e.g., partnerships, continued employment, long-term maintenance plans.)

The Mendocino County Health Services Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) project is closely aligned with the program’s overarching goals of litter abatement, workforce development, and community engagement. By combining environmental restoration with social equity initiatives, the project creates a holistic model that delivers tangible benefits to both residents and the local ecosystem while fostering long-term stewardship, resilience, and public health. Through an integrated approach, the project addresses urgent environmental challenges while simultaneously supporting economic opportunity and social inclusion for populations facing systemic barriers.

Litter Abatement: The project focuses on two priority sites—Ackerman Creek and Talmage Bridge—areas historically burdened by litter, encampment debris, and illegal dumping. These environmental stressors pose serious threats to water quality, wildlife habitat, and public safety, including increased risks of flooding, fire, and disease exposure. The cleanup operations aim to remove approximately 20–25 tons of accumulated debris over the project period. By stabilizing riverbanks, restoring riparian zones with native vegetation, and clearing trails and rights-of-way, the project not only improves ecological health but also enhances community access to safe, usable green spaces. In addition to hands-on cleanup, the project will implement public education initiatives, including community workshops, signage, and information campaigns, to cultivate environmentally responsible behaviors. These efforts aim to reduce future littering, encourage proper waste disposal, and build a culture of care for local waterways, ensuring that the benefits of restoration are sustained long after initial cleanup activities conclude.

Based on records from the 39th Annual Russian River Watershed Cleanup on September 20, 2025, a community cleanup effort, which collected approximately 15 tons of waste, we anticipate removing an estimated 20–25 tons of debris and refuse across both project sites, reflecting the expanded scope and duration of this initiative.

Job Creation and Employment Pathways: The program anticipates engaging around 10 participants in paid transitional employment, each supported by individualized mentorship and training designed to lead to long-term stability and self-sufficiency. By engaging residents who face systemic barriers—such as individuals experiencing homelessness, those with justice system involvement, and underemployed community members, the project provides meaningful employment opportunities that have both immediate and long-term impact. A competitively selected subcontractor will manage work crews, oversee day-to-day operations at project sites, and provide on-site mentorship, emphasizing safety, technical skills, and environmental best practices. CORE, a partner specializing in trauma-informed outreach and supportive services, will enhance these efforts by offering individuals access to short term care management, housing referrals, and mental health or substance use services. Project participants will gain paid work experience, and transferable skills that strengthen their employability in a variety of fields. These employment pathways not only support individual economic stability but also contribute to a broader, inclusive local workforce capable of sustaining community-based environmental initiatives.

Community Engagement and Partnerships: Collaboration is central to the project’s design. Technical guidance from native plant specialists, the Mendocino County RCD, and other local agencies ensures that restoration activities are scientifically sound, ecologically sustainable, and culturally sensitive. Volunteer events, workshops, and community stewardship activities will be organized to engage residents directly in the restoration process, fostering civic participation and environmental literacy. County leaders and officials will participate in community events, showcasing cleanup achievements, workforce opportunities, and fostering civic pride. By involving a wide range of stakeholders, including local nonprofits, educational institutions, and neighborhood groups, the project cultivates a shared sense of responsibility

for public spaces, strengthens local networks, and encourages long-term stewardship that extends beyond the immediate project scope.

Sustainability: While immediate cleanup and restoration are critical, the project places equal emphasis on long-term sustainability. Strategic plantings of native vegetation, habitat improvements, and bank stabilization measures will reduce erosion, prevent future debris accumulation, and support biodiversity. Continuous monitoring of project goals, volunteer stewardship, and coordination between subcontractors, and county staff will guide ongoing management and inform future litter-abatement strategies. By integrating workforce development, ecological restoration, and community engagement into a single, coordinated framework, the project generates lasting ecological, economic, and social benefits. This model demonstrates how rural communities can implement inclusive, community-led environmental stewardship programs that simultaneously strengthen ecosystems, support residents' livelihoods, and build resilient, engaged communities.

In sum, the Mendocino County Health Services CCEP project offers a comprehensive approach to addressing intertwined environmental and social challenges. By focusing on high-need areas for cleanup, coordinating safe hazard disposal, installing garbage receptacles and signage, providing workforce training and supportive services, and engaging diverse community stakeholders, the project delivers measurable, long-term improvements in public health, environmental quality, and social equity. Its integrated, community-driven model prioritizes sustainability and provides a scalable framework for other rural communities seeking to promote environmental stewardship while creating meaningful opportunities for historically underserved populations to participate in workforce and civic engagement initiatives.

3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INFLUENCE

Instructions (300-500 words):

- *Identify how community input shaped the proposal.*
- *Describe planned engagement during implementation.*
- *Attach Public Engagement Plan (Attachment B).*

Community engagement is a cornerstone of the Mendocino Riverway Restoration and Employment Pathways Project, ensuring that restoration efforts are guided by local priorities, foster long-term stewardship, and cultivate a strong sense of ownership among residents. The project adopts a multi-layered engagement approach that integrates public input, volunteer coordination, outreach to unhoused populations, and ongoing public communication to maximize both environmental and social impact.

Workshops and Public Input: The subcontractor in coordination with County leaders and officials will host a series of interactive community workshops, focus groups, and community education events to identify future high-priority cleanup areas and co-develop strategies for restoration and volunteer programming. These sessions will actively solicit input from residents of all ages, including youth, seniors, and underserved populations, ensuring that the project aligns with community needs and values. Feedback gathered during these sessions will directly inform future site selection, cleanup methodologies, and ecological restoration planning, fostering transparency and shared decision-making.

Volunteer Coordination: The subcontractor, selected through a competitive RFP process, will play a central role in organizing and supervising recurring volunteer events. Activities will include fundraising events to support future projects and ongoing restoration initiatives, along with riverbank cleanups, native plantings, habitat restoration projects, and hands-on educational activities designed to teach participants about local ecosystems, watershed health, and sustainable practices. Volunteers will be engaged in meaningful roles that build environmental stewardship skills, reinforce civic responsibility, and create opportunities for intergenerational learning and mentorship. This approach ensures that residents develop a lasting connection to the sites and take pride in maintaining these public spaces and contribute to the sustainability of future initiatives.

Outreach to Unhoused Residents: CORE will lead trauma-informed engagement with unhoused vulnerable populations. This outreach will connect individuals to housing referrals, public health services, behavioral health and recovery services, and social support.

Public Communication and Recognition: The project will maintain an active communication strategy to promote transparency, increase awareness, and celebrate community contributions. Social media campaigns and on-site signage will keep residents informed of ongoing activities, highlight accomplishments, and share ecological and workforce outcomes. Public recognition events will honor volunteer contributions, strengthen community pride, and encourage continued engagement, creating a feedback loop that sustains participation and fosters ongoing stewardship. By integrating these engagement strategies, the project ensures that residents, community organizations, and underserved populations are meaningfully involved throughout all phases. This collaborative approach builds trust, strengthens social engagement and encourages long-term ownership of restored public spaces, ultimately creating a resilient, environmentally conscious community along the Russian River corridor

4 UNDERSERVED or HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED COMMUNITIES

4.1 ANALYSIS	
<p>Is the project located in an underserved or historically excluded community?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> partially located in an underserved community</p>	<p>What was the basis for determining if any part of project is located in or benefits an historically excluded community: (only check a box if in or partially in an historically excluded community)</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Median Household Income</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CalEnviroScreen 4.0</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free or Reduced-Price School Meals</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthy Places Index</p> <p>e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Tribal Lands</p> <p>f. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>

The Mendocino Riverway Restoration and Employment Pathways Project intentionally focuses on communities experiencing overlapping social, economic, and environmental disadvantages, recognizing that these populations are often disproportionately affected by environmental degradation, limited economic opportunity, and systemic inequities. The project's design prioritizes equity and inclusion by centering the needs of low-income residents, unhoused individuals, Indigenous communities, and other historically excluded groups.

Economic Disadvantage: Census data reveals approximately 80% of residents in the targeted areas of Ukiah and Talmage live below the state median household income, with over 70% of county students participating in free or reduced-price school meal programs. Limited access to stable, living-wage employment opportunities disproportionately affects residents facing systemic barriers, including individuals who are justice-involved, underemployed, or unhoused. The project addresses these economic disparities by integrating workforce development directly into environmental restoration efforts, offering paid and skill-building opportunities for participants who face limited employment pathways.

Environmental Burdens: Targeted communities along the Russian River corridor experience elevated exposure to environmental hazards. CalEnviroScreen 4.0 rankings indicate that these areas are above the 75th percentile for pollution exposure, including water contamination, soil degradation, and air quality concerns. Additionally, riparian ecosystems in these communities are degraded by accumulated litter, illegal dumping, and encampment waste, creating risks to public health and reducing access to safe, clean, and recreational spaces. The project's cleanup and restoration efforts directly address these environmental burdens, reducing hazards and enhancing natural resources for residents.

Indigenous Populations: The project intends to collaborate with local tribal representatives to incorporate Indigenous ecological knowledge, cultural practices, and land stewardship perspectives into restoration planning. This approach ensures that restoration activities respect tribal sovereignty, protect culturally significant sites, and enhance biodiversity while honoring traditional ecological practices that have supported these ecosystems for generations.

Unhoused and Marginalized Populations: The project explicitly engages justice-impacted individuals, at-risk youth, and those experiencing homelessness, who often face compounded social and economic barriers. Through trauma-informed outreach led by CORE, unhoused participants gain meaningful access to case management, housing referrals, and health services while participating in restoration activities. This integration supports social inclusion, skill development, and improved pathways to stability for residents who are frequently excluded from mainstream workforce and community development initiatives.

By keeping the context and historical barriers to these communities in focus, the project will strive to ensure that environmental restoration and workforce developments are equitably distributed in consideration of history and social impacts. The initiative promotes access to safe, clean, and healthy environments, enhances economic opportunity, and

strengthens community resilience, ultimately fostering long-term social, ecological, and economic equity along the Russian River corridor.

4.2 BENEFITS TO UNDERSERVED or HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED COMMUNITY

Instructions: Describe how the project will benefit underserved or historically excluded communities through (300-500 words):

- *Job access*
- *Cleaner, safer streets or public spaces*
- *Increased civic pride and stewardship*
- *Connection to public resources and services*

The Mendocino Riverway Restoration and Employment Pathways Project delivers substantial and tangible benefits to historically excluded and underserved communities by simultaneously addressing environmental, social, and economic inequities. By integrating workforce development, environmental restoration, and community engagement, the project creates multiple pathways for empowerment, inclusion, and long-term sustainability.

Employment and Workforce Development: Participants gain paid work experience, training, and transferable skills through the subcontractor's coordinated employment program. Job readiness workshops, environmental safety training, and mentorship provide transferable skills that enhance long-term employability, particularly for individuals facing barriers such as unhoused status, prior justice involvement, or limited formal work experience. CORE provides complementary wraparound services, including case management, housing and healthcare referrals, and individualized support, ensuring that participants have the tools and guidance to build stable, self-sufficient futures.

Clean, Safe, and Accessible Spaces: Through targeted cleanup and restoration activities at Ackerman Creek and Talmage Bridge, litter, encampment debris, and illegally dumped materials are removed, directly reducing public health hazards, fire risks, and environmental degradation. Native plantings and soil stabilization techniques rehabilitate degraded ecosystems, improving habitat quality for local wildlife and enhancing water quality. These interventions ensure that public spaces are safer, more welcoming, and accessible for residents of all ages, fostering equitable access to recreational and natural resources.

Community Pride and Civic Engagement: Volunteer programs coordinated by the subcontractor engage residents in meaningful hands-on activities, including restoration projects, educational workshops, and stewardship events. Participation in these programs cultivates a sense of ownership, civic responsibility, and pride in local public spaces. Intergenerational and cross-cultural engagement encourages knowledge-sharing and strengthens social cohesion, creating lasting community networks that continue beyond the life of the project.

Access to Resources and Social Inclusion: CORE's outreach ensures that unhoused and underemployed individuals that are willing and able are meaningfully included in project activities, connecting participants to vital support services and creating pathways to stability. By providing safe, structured opportunities for engagement, the project reduces social isolation, promotes dignity, and fosters stronger connections between marginalized populations and the broader community.

Cultural and Ecological Restoration: Efforts are underway to collaborate with tribal representatives to ensure that restoration efforts are culturally sensitive and ecologically sound, integrating Indigenous ecological knowledge and honoring traditional land stewardship practices. This approach will enhance biodiversity, strengthen cultural awareness, and ensure that environmental improvements reflect local heritage values. By combining employment pathways, environmental restoration, community engagement, and cultural stewardship, this integrated project framework strengthens community well-being, enhances environmental health, and fosters long-term equity. Residents gain meaningful employment, restored natural spaces, and improved access to resources, creating a replicable model of inclusive, community-led environmental stewardship along the Russian River corridor.

5 LETTER OF SUPPORT

5.1 LETTER OF SUPPORT

Instructions: Attach signed letters from Caltrans district (where proposal is located) endorsing the project.

6 ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

6.1 SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Instructions – Attach any applicable documents as follows:

- **Attachment A:** Project / Data Maps
- **Attachment B:** Public Engagement Plan
- **Attachment C:** Existing Site Photos
- **Attachment D:** Letters of Support
- **Attachment E:** Cost Breakdown & Estimate
 - Break down expenses by category (e.g., staff time, equipment, materials, outreach, etc.)
 - Briefly explain the purpose of each cost to demonstrate alignment with project goals.

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Jenine Miller, Psy.D.

Health Services Director

Mendocino County Health Services

10/31/2025

[Agency Representative Name]

Date

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Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathways (CCEP) Grant Program

Attachment B – Public Engagement Plan Template

Applicant Name: Mendocino County Health Services Agency (HSA)

Project Title: Mendocino County Health Services Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Proposal

District: 1 - Mendocino County

Date: 10/31/2025

1. Engagement Overview

The Mendocino County Health Services Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) project adopts a multi-layered public engagement approach to ensure that restoration, cleanup, and workforce development efforts are informed by community priorities and supported by local stakeholders. Engagement activities will involve residents, youth, workforce development partners, community-based organizations, local businesses, and tribal representatives throughout project planning, implementation, and maintenance phases.

Key strategies include interactive workshops, volunteer coordination, trauma-informed outreach to unhoused and justice-impacted residents, public education campaigns, and ongoing communications through social media and on-site signage. This plan ensures that stakeholders actively contribute to identifying cleanup priorities, implementing restoration activities, and fostering long-term stewardship of public spaces along the Russian River corridor.

2. Engagement Objectives

- Ensure inclusive community participation in identifying cleanup and ecological restoration priorities.
 - Build local ownership of restored public spaces through volunteer activities, workshops, and civic events.
 - Support behavioral change through public education on litter prevention, environmental stewardship, and safe recreation.
 - Provide accessible workforce pathways for historically underserved populations, including unhoused and justice-involved residents.
 - Strengthen partnerships with local agencies, nonprofits, tribal entities, and schools to promote sustainability of cleanup efforts.
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Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathways (CCEP) Grant Program**Attachment B – Public Engagement Plan Template****3. Stakeholder Identification**

Stakeholder Group	Engagement Role	Outreach Methods
Residents / Neighborhood Associations	Provide input on litter hotspots, restoration needs, and volunteer interest	Public workshops, surveys, site walks, community events
Local Workforce Development Partners	Recruit, train, and mentor project participants	Coordination meetings, partnership agreements, RFP collaboration
Local Businesses	Sponsor or participate in cleanup and restoration activities	Direct outreach, business association meetings, social media recognition
Youth and Schools	Participate in education, volunteer, and litter prevention programs	Classroom programs, Clean CA toolkit, youth-focused workshops
Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)	Co-lead volunteer events, amplify outreach	Joint event planning, bilingual communications, local media campaigns
Tribal Representatives	Advise on culturally sensitive restoration practices and ecological knowledge	Consultations, workshops, collaborative site planning
Unhoused and Marginalized Residents	Participate in trauma-informed engagement, workforce activities, and restoration	CORE-led outreach, case management, supportive services referral

4. Engagement Methods and Tools

- **Workshops and Public Forums:** Early-stage planning and ongoing sessions to co-develop cleanup strategies and restoration priorities.
- **Volunteer Events:** Regular cleanup days, habitat restoration, planting, and educational activities for residents of all ages.
- **Surveys and Feedback:** Digital and in-person surveys to assess community priorities, satisfaction, and engagement outcomes.
- **Trauma-Informed Outreach:** CORE-led engagement with unhoused populations to connect participants with services and employment opportunities.
- **Educational Materials:** Signage, social media campaigns, and youth-focused programs to raise environmental awareness.

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- **Public Recognition:** Community celebrations to honor volunteers and showcase workforce and ecological achievements.

5. Timeline of Engagement Activities

Project Phase	Engagement Activities	Timeframe
Pre-Application	Community outreach, needs assessment, initial meetings with local partners	Month 1–2
Application Development	Present proposed project scope to stakeholders for feedback	Month 3
Community Engagement & Planning	Host interactive workshops, recruit volunteers, and establish community partnerships	Jan–April 2027
Training & Workforce Onboarding	Coordinate job readiness and environmental safety training; engage participants	Apr–May 2026
Implementation	Volunteer cleanups, native plantings, habitat restoration, and public engagement events	Jun 2026–Apr 2027
Post-Implementation	Community recognition events, surveys, and evaluation of engagement success	May–Oct 2027

6. Measuring Engagement Success

- Total number of participants and volunteers engaged at events and workshops.
- Number and diversity of community meetings, public forums, and educational sessions held.
- Feedback from surveys measuring satisfaction, awareness, and ownership of restored spaces.
- Partnerships established and maintained with schools, CBOs, tribal entities, and workforce development programs.
- Quantifiable outcomes such as debris removed, native plantings completed, and participants completing workforce training.

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Attachment B – Public Engagement Plan Template

7. Community Endorsement and Partnerships

Letters of support and partnership confirmations will be attached from:

- Local nonprofits and community-based organizations coordinating volunteers.
- Workforce development partners supporting employment pathways.
- Tribal representatives providing guidance on ecological and cultural practices.
- County agencies collaborating on project oversight, permitting, and public engagement events.

Attachments (as applicable):

- Letters of support from local partners
 - Maps showing cleanup and restoration areas
 - Examples of outreach materials (flyers, social media posts, youth education toolkit)
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Mendocino County Health Services
Attachment C**

Ackerman Creek, Ukiah

Photos taken 10/31/2025



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Talmage Bridge Area

Photos taken 10/31/2025



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Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathways (CCEP) Grant Program**Attachment E – Cost Breakdown and Estimate Template****Applicant Name:** Mendocino County Health Services (HS)**Project Title:** Mendocino County Health Services Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Proposal**District:** 1 - Mendocino County**Date:** 1/14/2025**1. Summary of Estimated Project Costs**

Cost Category	Description of Activities / Deliverables	Estimated Cost (\$)	Funding Source	Eligible / In-Kind
A. Direct Labor Costs	Staff or crew time directly related to project implementation (cleanup, workforce training, coordination).	\$90,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
B. Workforce Development Partners	Costs for partnerships with workforce organizations (e.g., training programs, stipends, supervision).	\$22,500	CCEP Grant	Eligible
C. Cleanup and Beautification Materials	Litter collection supplies, disposal fees, landscaping or greening materials, safety equipment.	\$90,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
D. Equipment Rental / Use	Temporary use or rental of vehicles, tools, or heavy equipment directly used for project activities.	\$37,500	CCEP Grant	Eligible
E. Outreach and Engagement	Community engagement events, educational campaigns, signage, printed materials, translation, youth outreach.	\$10,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
F. Project Administration (Direct)	Direct administrative work tied to project delivery, including reporting, documentation, and coordination.	\$30,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible (Limited to ≤10%)
G. In-Kind Contributions	Volunteer labor, donated materials, facilities, or services.	\$15,000	Local / Partner	In-Kind
H. Other Direct Costs	Any other eligible direct costs (specify).	\$10,000	CCEP Grant	Eligible
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST		\$305,000		

Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathways (CCEP) Grant Program**Attachment E – Cost Breakdown and Estimate Template****2. Cost Estimate Narrative**

Instructions: Provide a detailed explanation of the cost assumptions used in your budget. Describe how each cost category supports the goals and deliverables of the proposed project.

The proposed budget prioritizes direct implementation costs to maximize cleanup and workforce impacts. Labor and workforce development represent the largest cost components, reflecting our partnership with subcontractors to employ and train justice-impacted individuals, those experiencing homelessness, at-risk youth, and others with meaningful job training and paid transitional employment opportunities focused on litter abatement, landscaping, and environmental stewardship. Equipment and material costs are based on standard Waste Management and nursery rates for litter collection and beautification activities. In-kind contributions include volunteer labor and donated supplies from community partners. Each cost category has been structured to directly support project goals and deliverables, ensuring efficient, community-driven outcomes.

3. Funding Sources

Funding Source	Type	Amount (\$)	Status (Confirmed / Pending)
Clean California CCEP Grant Request	State	\$290,000	Pending
Local Agency Contribution	Local	TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending
Workforce Partner Contribution	In-Kind	\$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending
Other Source (Specify)		TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending
TOTAL		\$305,000	

4. Schedule of Expenditures

Note: Fields are pre-populated in italics as examples for consideration.

Project Phase	Description of Activities	Estimated Start / End Dates	Estimated Expenditure (\$)
<i>Phase 1: Project Initiation</i>	<i>Finalize agreement, hire crew, procure materials</i>	Jan – May 2026	\$90,000
<i>Phase 2: Implementation</i>	<i>Conduct cleanup events, training, and beautification</i>	June – Dec. 2026	175,000

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Attachment E – Cost Breakdown and Estimate Template

<i>Phase 3: Public Engagement</i>	<i>Outreach, education, and community reporting</i>	Jan 2026 – April 2027	\$10,000
<i>Phase 4: Reporting and Close-Out</i>	<i>Final reports, outcomes documentation</i>	May – Oct. 2027	\$30,000
TOTAL			\$305,000

5. Cost Certification

By signing below, the applicant certifies that:

- All costs are **reasonable, necessary, and directly related** to proposal / project delivery.
- No indirect or overhead expenses are included.
- All in-kind and partner contributions have been accurately represented.
- The applicant agrees to maintain cost documentation for audit purposes in compliance with CCEP guidelines.

Authorized Signature:  _____

Title: Director of Health Services _____

Date: 5/15/26 _____

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF

DEPARTMENT FISCAL REVIEW:

By: See Pages 20-21
DEPARTMENT HEAD

Date: _____

Budgeted: No
Budget Unit: 4050
Line Item: 82-5490
Org/Object Code: MHGRANT
Grant: Yes
Grant No.: 01-CCEP-06 AMS ADV ID:
0126000115

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

By: _____
BERNIE NORVELL, Chair
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: _____

ATTEST:

DARCIE ANTLE, Clerk of said Board

By: _____
Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

DARCIE ANTLE, Clerk of said Board

By: _____
Deputy

INSURANCE REVIEW:

By: See Page 21
Risk Management

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR/COMPANY NAME

By: See Page 20
SIGNATURE

Date: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:

California Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 168019
Sacramento, CA 95816

By signing above, signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: See Page 21
COUNTY COUNSEL

Date: _____

EXECUTIVE OFFICE/FISCAL REVIEW:

By: See Page 21
Deputy CEO or Designee

Date: _____

Signatory Authority: \$0-25,000 Department; \$25,001-\$75,000 Purchasing Agent; **\$75,001+ Board of Supervisors**