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AGENDA ITEM 5c
SCC Meeting
February 20, 2018

DATE: February 13, 2018
TO: Service Coordination Committee (SCC)
FROM: Debra Dees, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: **Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Allocation Requests**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:
"I move that the SCC recommend the HCAOG Board approve the FY 2018-19 LCTOP fund allocations.

Staff Summary:

Program Background

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862. Pursuant to Section 39719(b)(1)(B) the State Controller's Office shall allocate proceeds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Program. The goal is to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Entities eligible to receive State Transit Assistant (STA) funds per PUC 99313 or 99314 are also eligible for LCTOP program funds.

Available FY 2018-19 LCTOP Funds: :

PUC 99313		PUC 99314		
		City of Arcata	\$ 2,419	
		City of Eureka	\$ 6,588	
		City of Fortuna	\$ 127	
		HTA	\$ 18,137	
HCAOG	\$168,019		\$27,271	Total \$195,290

Eligible Projects: LCTOP expenditures are solely for projects that reduce GHG and meet any of the following:

- Expenditures that directly enhance or expand transit service by:
 - supporting new or expanded bus, rail services or water-borne transit,
 - expanding intermodal transit facilities,
 - funding equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance, or other costs to operate those services or facilities.
- Operational expenditures that increase transit mode share.
- Expenditures related to purchasing zero-emission buses (including electric buses) or installing necessary equipment and infrastructure to operate and support zero-emission buses.

In 2017, HCAOG and HTA partnered to provide late night Saturday service for the “Transit Takes Off” program. The new service is an expansion and enhancement the Redwood Transit System on Saturday evenings, and run a marketing/incentive campaign to get people to attend Eureka Arts Alive! by public transit. HCAOG was the lead agency for LCTOP funds to pay for (1) expanding service for a later run both northbound (circa 8:50pm) to McKinleyville and southbound (circa 8:30pm) to Fortuna, and (2) supplying free bus vouchers to people attending Arts Alive! (good for one trip that day). At that time, HCAOG was allocated \$27,000 to cover the two years of service. The current draft guidelines has expanded the allowable “new service” timeframe from two to five years from the date of its implementation (January 2017). To date, the existing service has performed well with an estimated 23% fare box ratio. HCAOG would like to continue this service for the remaining three years. HCAOG will work with HTA to determine an updated estimate prior to the SCC meeting.

The deadline for submitting Allocation Requests to Caltrans is March 30, 2018. Concluding SCC review and recommendations, staff will prepare a Resolution listing the LCTOP allocation requests for HCAOG Board approval.