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What types of grants are available?

There are three categories of grants: Nexus Grants (based on geographic criteria), SDF Non-Nexus Grants, and Non-Nexus Grants:

Nexus Grants - Based on a nexus test of a County or City's geographical proximity to tribal lands upon which a tribal casino is located. A County or City may apply for nexus grants provided at least two of the following criteria are met: 1) City or County borders the tribal land on all sides; 2) City or County partially borders tribal land; 3) City or County maintains a highway or road that is predominant access to a casino that is located within 4 miles of the casino; and 4) All or a portion of the City or County jurisdiction is located within a 4-mile radius of a tribal casino.

SDF Non-Nexus Grants – Grants to mitigate impacts from the casinos of Tribes that pay into the SDF - Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino, Sycuan Resort & Casino and/or Viejas Casino. Applications for SDF Non-Nexus Grants must demonstrate the jurisdiction applying is impacted by one or more of these casinos and the projects to be funded by the grants would mitigate the impacts from these casinos.

Non-Nexus Grants – Grants to mitigate service-oriented impacts from the casinos of Tribes not paying into the SDF and for assistance to a County, City or Special District for one-time large capital projects. Tribes operating casinos in San Diego County that do not pay into the SDF are: Campo, Pala, Pauma, Rincon and San Pasqual.

Who can apply for SB 621 local government mitigation grants?

Nexus Grants: In San Diego, the only jurisdiction that meets at least two of the specified minimum criteria is the County of San Diego, therefore only County Departments and Offices are eligible to apply for Nexus Grants.

SDF Non-Nexus Grants - The County of San Diego, Cities, and Special Districts may apply for SDF Non-Nexus Grants for projects that would

mitigate the impacts from the casinos of Barona, Sycuan and Viejas Bands.

Non-Nexus Grants - The County of San Diego, Cities, and Special Districts may apply for Non-Nexus Grants for projects that would mitigate the impacts from the casinos of the Campo, Pala, Pauma, Rincon and San Pasqual Bands. The County of San Diego, Cities and Special Districts may also apply for one-time large capital projects r

What is a Special District?

Special Districts are Fire, Water and Sewer Districts. Government Code Section 56036 (a) (4) includes a County Service Area (CSA) but excludes a school district or a community college district from the definition of "Special District."

What types of projects can grant funds be used for?

The San Diego IGLCBC has indicated a preference for funding one-time only projects rather than projects that would depend on continued funding from the SDF. Additionally, State law states the following priorities for approval of grant funds:

- ✓ Law Enforcement
- ✓ Fire Services
- ✓ Emergency Medical Services
- ✓ Environmental Impacts
- ✓ Water Supplies
- ✓ Waste Disposal
- ✓ Behavioral Health
- ✓ Planning and Adjacent Land Uses
- ✓ Public Health
- ✓ Roads
- ✓ Recreation and Youth Programs
- ✓ Child Care Programs

How does a jurisdiction get Tribal sponsorship of a grant application?

A jurisdiction submits a grant application to the County of San Diego, which transmits the application to each of the Tribes paying into the SDF. The Tribes review all the applications received and determine which they want to fund after confirming that the grant applications have a reasonable relationship to a casino impact and satisfy at least one of the priorities for funding. The Tribes then send a letter of affirmative sponsorship to the County for distribution to the Subcommittee of the San Diego Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (IGLCBC).

Is a separate grant application required for each project?

Yes, a separate grant application is required for each project. An application may however be submitted for more than one type of grants.

How many grant applications can be submitted?

There is not limit to the number of applications that can be submitted.

What is the deadline for grant applications?

The deadline for applications for FY 2005/2006 pursuant to SB 288 is 5:00PM on April 17, 2006.

How much money is available for grants that mitigate Tribal casino impacts?

Under SB 288, which the Governor signed on March 28, 2006, the State Controller identified an additional \$3,326,301.80 for the San Diego County Tribal Casino Account. Approximately \$1,991.75 of that amount will cover County administrative costs, leaving a total of \$3,324,310.05 in the three individual Tribal Casino Accounts (TCA's), as follows:

Barona: \$2,350,134.64

Sycuan: \$392,413.05

Viejas: \$349,057.42

How much money is available for each type of grants after County Administrative Costs?

Funding in TCA's must be allocated according to the following percentages: 60% for Nexus grants; 20% for SDF Non-Nexus grants; and 20% Non-Nexus grants.

| TRIBE | INDIVIDUAL TCA | TYPE 1 NEXUS GRANTS | TYPE 2 NON-NEXUS GRANTS | TYPE 3 NON-NEXUS GRANTS |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BARONA | \$2,350,134.64 | \$1,410,080.79 | \$470,026.93 | \$470,026.93 |
| SYCUAN | \$392,413.05 | \$235,447.83 | \$78,482.61 | \$78,482.61 |
| VIEJAS | \$349,057.42 | \$349,057.42 | \$116,352.47 | \$116,352.47 |
| TOTAL | \$3,324,310.05 | \$1,994,586.03 | \$664,862.01 | \$664,862.01 |