SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS OF 2021 — REAP 2.0

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The Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants of 2021 (or REAP 2.0) is a $560 million program administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). REAP 2.0 is designed to accelerate progress toward California housing and climate goals through strengthened partnerships with local governments, Tribes, and state and regional governments.

REAP 2.0 funding has three objectives:

1. Accelerate infill housing,
2. Support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), and
3. Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Under the REAP 2.0 program, SCAG is set to receive $231.5 million in State funding. SCAG will sub-allocate a large portion of these funds (via grants) to eligible entities in the SCAG region to implement Connect SoCal, our regional vision to address transportation and land use strategies that help the region achieve sustainability goals.

SCAG'S CORE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

> **Support Connect SoCal objectives**

> **Leverage and augment the Connect SoCal Implementation Strategy**

> **Support 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals**

> **Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction**

> **Demonstrate consistency with the Racial Equity Early Action Plan**

> **Promote infill development in Connect SoCal identified Priority Growth Areas**

SCAG is dedicated to broad representation across all of our programs, including communities that have historically not been engaged or had opportunities to participate, are under-resourced and/or represent SCAG's Priority Populations—such as Tribal communities, environmental justice, and historically disadvantaged communities.

FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED	SCAG'S REAP 2.0 APPLICATION DUE TO STATE	FUNDING AVAILABLE/ CALL FOR APPLICATIONS RELEASED	CONDITIONAL AWARDS	FUNDING OBLIGATIONS	FUNDING EXPENDED
April-July 2022	December 31, 2022	Early 2023	Summer 2023	June 2024	June 2026

ABOUT SCAG'S REAP 2.0 PROGRAMS

SCAG's REAP 2.0 program is divided into three program areas:

EARLY PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The **Early Program Initiatives** builds capacity for planning innovation across the region through advancements in community engagement, data-driven decision-making, and performance measurement and monitoring. This program includes and expansion of the Regional Data Platform, the Subregional Partnership 2.0 Program, and the Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice.

TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

The **County Transportation Commission Partnership Program** will connect infill housing to daily services and increase travel options that support multimodal communities to shift travel modes.

PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING

The **Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)** will support strategies to accelerate infill development leading to increased housing supply, choice, and affordability.

RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT CONNECT SOCAL 2020

SCAG's REAP 2.0 programs are designed to implement Connect SoCal 2020, SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. Connect SoCal is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic and environmental goals. It set the stage for the region's ambitious housing plan to accommodate 1.3 million new housing units and includes new mobility strategies to enhance accessibility without adding auto trips. SCAG's REAP 2.0 programs support transformative planning and implementation activities that realize these objectives by providing resources to local cities, counties, transportation agencies, and other partners to implement Connect SoCal 2020.

USING DATA FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

SCAG offers data tools for program applicants to develop strong proposals. SCAG's Regional Data Platform (RDP) provides data and planning templates and tools – such as the Housing Element Parcel (HELPR) and Local Data Exchange (LDX) tools. SCAG's RDP also provides access to Streetlight, a travel behavior and trends data platform. Streetlight provides access to real-time, anonymized, and aggregated information, sourced from mobile data and sensors, for the six-county region. These tools can be used to develop baseline data and performance metrics that strengthen proposals for SCAG's REAP 2.0 programs.

SCAG's REAP 2.0 program will expand support and training for local jurisdictions to use the RDP, as well as provide additional features and functions to help further align local efforts with regional goals through performance dashboarding features.

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For regular program updates and to learn more about upcoming events, please visit www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

SCAG REAP 2.0 PROGRAM FUNDING

	Program	Sample Eligible Uses	Funds Available	Eligible Applicants	Focus
Early Program Initiatives	Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - Civic Engagement, Equity and Equity Environmental Justice (CEEEJ	**Housing and Land Use Strategies:** • Affordable Housing Plans and Ordinances • Integrating Infill Housing and/or Environmental Justice Strategies into General Plan • Infrastructure and Utility Financing Plans **Multimodal Communities:*** • Vision Zero Policy and Programs or Transportation Safety Plans • Multimodal Corridor Studies (alongside planning or implementation actions) • Park and Greenway Connectivity Plans • Highways to Boulevards and Freeway Cap Plans • Transportation Accessibility and Safety Demonstration Projects *These activities will be funded through a non-REAP sources as they are not all eligible under REAP 2.0.	$5 million competitive** ** $3 million from REAP 2.0 and $2 million non-REAP	**Primary Applicant:** • Cities and Counties • County Public Health Agencies • County Transportation Agencies • Tribal Entities • Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies • Public Academic institutions • School Districts • Special Districts • Transit Agencies or Districts **Co-Applicants:** • Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) • Non-profits • Regional housing trust funds • All primary applicants are also eligible as co-applicants	The SCP CEEEJ will prioritize plans that close the racial equity gap, include partnerships with community-based organizations, and fund or provide direct benefit to historically disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented, and under-resourced areas, including the following Priority Populations: • SB535 Disadvantaged Communities • SCAG Communities of Concern • AB 1550 Communities • TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities; affordable housing production in high resource and highest resource communities will also be prioritized)
	Subregional Partnership 2.0 (SRP 2.0) Program	• Land Use Planning • Housing Strategies - including strategic planning and/or seed funding for subregional housing trust funds and community land trusts • Technical Assistance for Housing Production • PATH Program activities	Up to $23 million Non-competitive Suballocation program based on portion of 6th Cycle RHNA	Subregional Partners identified in the SRP 2.0 guidelines adopted by the Regional Council on 9/1/2022.	The SRP 2.0 program focuses on implementation of the region's housing elements with programs that accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability.
Transportation Partnership Program		• Transit Recovery – examples include capital improvements to increase bus speed and reliability and improve customer experience • Mobility Integration and Incentives – examples include mobility wallets, pricing, universal basic mobility, and fare integration • Shared Mobility and Mobility Hubs – examples include micromobility programs, mobility hubs, first/last mile services, wayfinding systems, and multimodal access plans • VMT Bank and Exchange Programs	$80 million competitive	County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) CTCs are strongly encouraged to develop partnerships with local agencies and jurisdictions and include these partnerships in their respective applications.	SCAG will prioritize projects that aspire to integrate and align Southern California's mobility and housing opportunities, especially with respect to Connect SoCal, the region's adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). To help achieve equitable project outcomes, applicants must develop engagement plans prioritizing impacted communities and other relevant stakeholders, such as local jurisdictions and community-based organizations (CBOs).
Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) – For Lasting Affordability	• Innovative finance strategies to increase housing supply and affordability in infill areas that affirmatively further fair housing and reduce vehicle miles traveled. • Supporting existing and establishing new housing trusts, land trusts, catalyst funds. • Developing permanent funding sources for affordable housing.	$45 million competitive grant program	Entities that manage an established or planned housing trust or land trust, or catalyst fund for, or have a mission-driven focus on, increasing affordable housing supply and lasting affordability.	The NOFA - For Lasting Affordability invests in Innovative finance and strategies to increase supply, choice, and lasting affordability, and achieve a mix of housing types and price ranges including for households at or below area median income.
	Pilot: Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH)	**Infrastructure Planning Projects:** • Plans, programs, and green infrastructure plans that support increased utility capacity in areas designated for residential development in Housing Elements. **Capital Projects:** • Projects that address current and future utility restrictions in housing development through upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater, and dry utilities systems and enable continued infill housing.	$35 million Competitive Up to $30 million for Capital Projects Up to $5 million for Infrastructure Planning Projects	Cities, counties, Tribal Governments and public agencies, within the SCAG region, with a role in housing production.	The RUSH Pilot Program will invest in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements supporting jurisdictions to meet 6th cycle housing elements and REAP 2.0 objectives. Utilities refer to electric, water, stormwater, or sewer, but excludes gas or other fossil fuels.
	Pilot: Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP)	• Development of Affordable Housing at scale on Available public and private land • Corridor-wide or Area-wide Regulatory Infill Housing Actions – development and implementation	$8 million Competitive Technical Assistance Program	Public or private entities that are in control of underutilized, surplus, or excess land available for affordable housing, and entities with regulatory land use control.	The HIPP pilot program will 1) scale up development on publicly and privately owned lands with affordable or mixed-income housing and ancillary neighborhood businesses and supporting infrastructure, and 2) support entities with regulatory land use control implement corridor-wide and area-wide infill housing initiatives based in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.