

Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program Update & Approval of REAP 2.0 Suballocations to Planning Collaboratives

ABAG Housing &
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Committees

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Agenda

- Review of RHTA's use of REAP 1.0 funds
- Overview of RHTA's Expansion with REAP 2.0 funds:
 - County-Level Planning Collaboratives
 - Housing Policy Grants
 - Other Regional Technical Assistance
- Recommended approval of:
 1. Suballocation amounts to County Planning Collaboratives;
 2. Contracts with Planning Collaborative consultant contracts administered by ABAG

Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program (RHTA) funded by \$24M REAP 1.0

- County Planning Collaboratives
 - Communications & outreach guides
 - Custom Data Packets
 - Housing & Land Use Viewer
 - 28 Webinars
 - Templates & sample responses to HCD
- Workgroups & Cohorts:
- Missing Middle Housing
 - Zoning for Affordability
 - Leading with Equity
 - Malls & Office Parks
 - Farm Labor Housing
 - Objective Design
 - Planning for Wildfire



Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) - \$103M to MTC

- Expands upon REAP 1.0 beyond housing planning to include capital expenses and transportation
- All expenditures must meet REAP 2.0's eligibility criteria of advancing **infill**, reducing **VMT** and affirmatively furthering fair housing (**AFFH**)
- MTC has programmed roughly \$16 million to RHTA including:
 - \$4 million to continue County Planning Collaboratives
 - \$4 million for local housing policy grants
 - ~\$8 million for other regional housing technical assistance

\$4 Million for County Collaboratives

Jurisdiction	# of Jurisdictions	REAP 2 Program Amounts
Alameda County*	15	\$ 493,000
Contra Costa County*	20	\$ 657,000
Marin County	12	\$ 490,000
Napa/Sonoma Collaborative*	16	\$ 526,000
San Francisco	1	\$ 128,000
San Mateo County	21	\$ 690,000
Santa Clara County	16	\$ 526,000
Solano County	8	\$ 490,000
TOTALS:	109	\$ 4,000,000

* Counties have elected to have ABAG administer funds again, continuing with the same consultants

\$4 Million for Local Housing Policy Grants

Preliminary Program Design Components

- All Bay Area jurisdictions would be eligible to compete
- Set aside for small jurisdictions with populations of less than 60,000
- Must meet REAP 2.0 eligibility criteria to reduce VMT, advance infill, and AFFH
- Priority given to proposals that would accelerate compliance with MTC's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy

Early 2024: Release a Call for Projects to local governments

Mid to Late 2024: ABAG Housing Committee recommends projects to the Executive Board for approval

Other Regional Housing Technical Assistance

- Precise amount, timing, and scope subject to State approval of MTC's REAP 2.0 application
- Must meet REAP 2.0 eligibility criteria to reduce VMT, advance infill, and AFFH
- Technical assistance likely delivered in similar formats as prior RHTA products including workgroups, cohorts, webinars, and templates
- Priority given to projects that would:
 - Assist local governments in implementing Housing Elements
 - Accelerate compliance with MTC's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy

Requested Action:

Recommend that the ABAG Executive Board:

1. Approve suballocation amounts to county-based Planning Collaboratives;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into contracts with Planning Collaborative consultants requested by three Collaboratives for administration by ABAG



Thank You

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