

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

SUBJECT: SBCCOG's proposals to SCAG for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant funding

## Adherence to Strategic Plan:

*Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development.* Facilitate, implement, and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

## Background

The REAP funds are intended to increase local planning to accelerate housing production to increase housing supply to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of RHNA.

The sub-regional COGs are the eligible recipients of the funds in order to provide technical assistance and capacity building to support local agencies. The REAP program will augment and complement funds awarded directly to local jurisdictions by SB 2 and the Local Early Action Program (LEAP).

## Amount of Funding

Funding limits are based on the RHNA allocations and vary between sub-regions. While the final RHNA numbers have not been released, the SBCCOG will be eligible for over \$600,000. If the SBCCOG does not apply, those funds will be re-allocated to other sub-regions. It is a "use it or lose it" program. Applications are due by November 30, 2020.

## Key Requirement

Projects proposed must have a clear relationship to housing policy that will support new construction. Changes in zoning code and incorporation into the Housing Element are examples.

## Projects Under Consideration

SBCCOG staff has been working with the Community Development Directors to determine what types of projects would be most helpful to their cities and the subregion. The accompanying memo summarizes the scopes and the cities interested in participating.

An update on the progress of these proposals will be provided at the meeting.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve proceeding with the 4 projects for submittal to SCAG.