

# Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

Southern California Association of Governments

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# Program Objectives:

To fund projects that

- result in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and
- increase accessibility of housing, employment centers and key destinations through low-carbon transportation options such as walking, biking and transit.

# Eligible Applicants

- City
- County
- City/County
- Public Housing Authority
- Transit Agency or Operator
- Regional Transportation Planning Agency
- Local Transportation Commission
- Congestion Management Agency
- Joint Powers Authority
- School District
- Facilities District
- University or Community College District
- Developer: Public, Private, or Nonprofit
- Program Operator: Public, Private, or Nonprofit

- **Competitive Statewide Program**
  - **50% required investment in affordable housing**
  - **50% required investment in disadvantaged communities**
- **Awarded \$121.9 million in 2014-15**
- **\$400 million\* available in 2015-16**

\*Pending Legislative Special Session

Questions about the AHSC Program?

Email: [ahsc@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:ahsc@sgc.ca.gov)

[http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s\\_ahscprogram.php](http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_ahscprogram.php)

Thank you!

## 2014-15 Statistics

**723,286 METRIC TONS IN AVOIDED GHG EMISSIONS =  
TAKING 140,000 CARS OFF THE ROAD FOR ONE YEAR**

2,003 new  
affordable units  
near transit

28 projects

19 counties

21 cities

\$92 million to  
benefit  
Disadvantaged  
Communities

\$32 million for transit,  
walking & biking

# Transit-Oriented Developments

- Located within a ½ mile of High-Quality Transit

**Required**

**Affordable Housing  
or Housing-Related  
Infrastructure**

+

**Required**

**Transportation-  
Related  
Infrastructure**

**Optional**

**Additional  
Capital or  
Program Uses**

# Integrated Connectivity Projects

- Must have Qualifying Transit
- May include affordable housing, but not required





# What is Qualifying Transit?

- A transit line serving the public and includes various forms of fixed transit service (Rail Service and Bus Service) and Flexible Transit Service.
- Flexible Transit Service is characterized by flexible routing and scheduling of small/medium vehicles operating in shared-ride mode between pick-up and drop-off locations according to passenger needs. Flexible Transit Service includes vanpool, shuttle and feeder bus systems.

# **2014-15 AHSC Projects Awarded in SCAG Region**

- **Sylmar Court Apartments – City of Los Angeles**
- **Crenshaw Villas – City of Los Angeles**
- **Anchor Place – City of Long Beach**
- **Depot at Santiago – City of Santa Ana**
- **Mosaic Gardens at Westlake – City of Los Angeles**
- **El Segundo Family Apartments - City of Los Angeles**
- **127<sup>th</sup> Street Apartments - City of Los Angeles**
- **MacArthur Park Apartments (Phase B) - City of Los Angeles**
- **Gundry Hill Apartments – City of Signal Hill**
- **March Veterans Village – City of Riverside**

## Key Factors in Year One

- Project Readiness (Site Control, Permits and Environmental Clearances)
- Leverage: Other Funding Sources
- Housing Unit Density
- Proximity to Dense Job Centers
- Transit and Active Transportation Investments
- Jurisdictional Caps
- Timing of Application

## Estimated Timeline

<b>JULY 2015</b>	<b>SGC Workshops: Lessons Learned (Sacramento &amp; LA)</b>
<b>AUG/SEPT 2015</b>	<b>Revise Guidelines</b>
<b>FALL 2015</b>	<b>Release Draft Revised Guidelines and hold 3-4 Regional Workshops on Guidelines</b>
<b>WINTER 2015</b>	<b>Revise Guidelines and hold Council Meeting to vote on approval of Guidelines</b>
<b>EARLY 2016</b>	<b>Release 2015-16 Notice of Funding Availability and Application</b>