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SCAG Member Dues: Value for Your Investment

Membership to SCAG is voluntary and member cities pay dues annually at the beginning of each fiscal year. Dues are based on the respective populations of the counties and cities, as determined by the State Controller's most recent allocations via the Motor Vehicle License Fee Law. Below is a specific breakdown of how SCAG dues are calculated:

The first step is assessing a base rate:

Once the base rate is established for all cities, they are added together and that total is deducted from the Annual Dues Goal (based off the total of the previous years' dues).

ASSESSING A BASE RATE		
population range		*base dues*
0	to 9,999	$100
10,000	to 24,999	$250
25,000	to 99,999	$500
100,000	to 499,999	$750
500,000	to 999,999	$1,000
1,000,000	+	$1,250

The second step is assessing the percent of the regional population a county or city represent:

- Cities are charged based on the proportion their population bears on the total regional population (tribal governments in the SCAG region are treated as cities for purposes of dues assessment)
- Counties are charged based on the proportion of the population their unincorporated areas bear on the regional population

Example:

- A city with a population of 28,000 would be assessed base dues of $500 (which are added to the total for all cities and subtracted from the Annual Dues Goal). Then, in the second step, the city's population represents approximately .00157% of the regional population (18.2 million) and would therefore be assessed an additional $2,256 for a total of $2,756 ($500 + $2,256).

SCAG membership offers excellent value for minimal investment. Dues paid to SCAG are equivalent to eight cents per capita, far less than those assessed for other Councils of Government locally and statewide (dues in other metropolitan areas range from 12-21 cents per capita).

As the largest metropolitan planning organization in the nation, SCAG provides member cities a forum to discuss regional issues; have greater influence in legislation and increased access to the knowledge and insight of ongoing State and Local activities. SCAG membership affords many opportunities to engage regionally and enhance policies and projects affecting constituents, benefiting Southern California now and for the future.

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SCAG RESOURCES

Funding

Members get help to find and secure grant funding from federal and state agencies for local projects.

Tools & Training

Members are provided the methodology, tools and training necessary to implement the strategies and principles of approved regional plans. SCAG can also perform site-specific performance analyses and transportation/land use benefits analyses.

Priority Response

Members receive priority response on requests for data, publications or planning support.

Custom Maps

Members can request the creation of customized maps for use on their jurisdiction's website.

Data Analyses

Members may access SCAG's website for jurisdictional data analyses; city general plan and land use maps; complete set of SCAG forecast spreadsheets and maps focusing on smaller levels of geography; selected transportation modeling data and modeling linked to the GIS street network; and easy-to-use census files, numerous publications and more.

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