

HOUSING PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

S O U T H E R N C A L I F O R N I A A S S O C I A T I O N O F G O V E R N M E N T S

SCAG SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

SCAG has allocated approximately \$23 million of its Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) funding for the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) to fund 15 subregions in planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate implementation of each jurisdiction's 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The planning activities are focused on accommodating the development of housing and supportive infrastructure in alignment with state and regional planning priorities identified in Connect SoCal, the SCAG region's 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The SRP program is structured to augment resources available to local governments through SB 2 and LEAP grants and foster subregional collaborations that take advantage of economies of scale in meeting housing goals.

Program Objectives

- Align resources with the 6th Cycle RHNA to support local jurisdictions in addressing housing production needs
- Augment and complement Senate Bill 2 Planning Grants and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Local Early Action Planning grant Program (LEAP)
- Advance Connect SoCal sustainable development goals by supporting local jurisdictions in promoting housing production in Priority Growth Areas
- Maximize funding allocations by providing technical assistance and capacity building
- Increase the number of jurisdictions that are designated by HCD as "pro-housing"
- Build long-term capacity at SCAG and in the region to address housing issues

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT TYPES

6th Cycle Housing Element Development & Implementation

Subregions have dedicated funding towards technical assistance and resources to support their jurisdictions in meeting the 6th Cycle Housing Element adoption deadline of October 2021. Housing Element support includes temporary staffing, technical assistance, data analysis, and outreach.

Site Inventories & Visualization Tools

Identifying adequate sites for housing development is a requirement for a compliant Housing Element. Subregions are developing site inventories and mapping tools that will support visualizing site availability and suitability for development.

Inclusionary Ordinances

Several subregions are developing feasibility studies to better understand the housing market and ensure the production of affordable housing in their region. These studies will result in the creation of model inclusionary ordinances and templates to be made available to jurisdictions and ultimately facilitate quicker adoption of inclusionary policies.

General Plan Updates & Community Plans

While some subregions are funding land use plans and policies for use in local jurisdictions' General Plan updates, other subregions are developing area-specific plans and policies.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Support

Subregions are developing toolkits to aid jurisdictions in complying with AB 686, including policy templates and AFFH analyses. These toolkits will help jurisdictions meet state requirements, encourage equity in housing and land use decisions, reduce the housing cost burden, increase the supply of affordable housing and opportunities for homeownership, reduce displacement pressures, and support housing stability.

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Support

SCAG and subregional partners have collectively identified the increase in production of ADUs as a priority in supporting jurisdictions toward reaching their RHNA goals, particularly in lower density communities. Subregions are leading various ADU encouragement strategies, such as capacity analysis, pre-approved designs, and development guidelines to support expedited ADU permit processes.

SNAPSHOT OF SRP FUNDING

SCAG has defined 15 entities, representing SCAG's six counties, as subregional partners in this program. The SRP program allocates funding to subregions based on the adopted final RHNA allocation.



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VENTURA

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SAN BERNARDINO

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LOS ANGELES

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ORANGE

\$282K
IMPERIAL

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SUBREGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT TYPES (CONTINUED)

Housing Trust Funds

Housing trust funds are a mechanism for local agencies to make ongoing investments in affordable housing. Subregions are supporting housing trust funds by establishing them, identifying funding sources, drafting investment plans, and preparing strategic plans.

Outreach & Engagement

Subregions have created various outreach and engagement projects to inform and educate stakeholders on housing related issues, while also building coalitions in support of housing production. Common strategies include the development of outreach materials, hosting workshops, developing trainings, and growing partnerships to reach larger audiences and receive valuable input.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Support

To streamline the timeframe for, and reduce the cost of, delivering new housing, subregions have identified a range of activities related to the environmental review process. These activities aim to support compliance with new VMT analyses, streamline CEQA approvals for housing elements, increase land-use diversity, and simplify documentation requirements for developers.

Housing Finance

Subregions are developing innovative housing finance strategies to offset the costs of building new housing units. By offering grant application assistance for jurisdictions and creating housing trust funds, subregions are making strides in addressing financing issues and infrastructure needs.

Special Projects

A few subregions are funding individualized projects that are tailored to their local jurisdictions. These projects include developing an affordable housing guide and toolkit, mapping utilities to support housing development, and creating an affordable housing incubator to provide technical resources to member cities. Many of these activities tackle issues of affordable housing, displacement prevention, and jurisdiction staffing capacity.

FUNDING BY SUBREGION & COUNTY

	\$282K IMPERIAL			\$14.2M LOS ANGELES					\$3.2M ORANGE	\$3.0M RIVERSIDE		\$2.4M SAN BERNARDINO	\$432K VENTURA		
	Imperial County Transportation Commission ICTC	City of Los Angeles \$8.1M	Gateway Cities Council of Governments GCCOG \$1.3M	Los Angeles County \$1.6M	North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition NCTC \$276K	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments SGVCOG \$1.6M	San Fernando Valley Council of Governments SFVCOG \$395K	South Bay Cities Council of Governments SBCCOG \$603K	Westside Cities Council of Governments WCCOG \$340K	Orange County Council of Governments OCCOG	Coachella Valley Association of Governments CVAG \$558K	Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG \$1.7M	Riverside County \$720K	San Bernardino County Transportation Authority/San Bernardino Council of Governments SBCTA/SBCOG	Ventura Council of Governments VCOG
6th Cycle Housing Element Development & Implementation		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Site Inventory & Visualization Tools					✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Inclusionary Ordinances			✓	✓										✓	
General Plan Updates & Community Plans	✓			✓								✓	✓		
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Support		✓						✓			✓		✓		
Accessory Dwelling Unit Support			✓				✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Housing Trust Funds			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Outreach & Engagement		✓				✓	✓	✓						✓	
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Support				✓				✓			✓			✓	
Housing Finance			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Special Projects		✓				✓		✓					✓		