

Southern California Association of Governments

REAP Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance Call for Applications

Overview. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announces **the Call for Applications for *Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance Program (TA)***. This program is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 grant to accelerate housing production and increase housing supply through housing planning, implementation, and housing resource activities.

The TA Program provides local jurisdictions (cities and counties) and Tribal Governments (“Applicants”) with grant writing support to seek funding and resources to meet the housing needs in their communities and to support regional goals. Selected proposals will provide Applicants with the services of a qualified and experienced Consultant(s) to provide grant writing technical assistance for funds and resources administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and other public agencies.

Program Goals and Purpose. SCAG’s TA Program aspires to increase and accelerate housing production for all household types at all income levels in Southern California, supporting implementation of the Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA). In addition, the program aims to integrate and align housing goals with the region’s adopted Connect SoCal Plan. Connect SoCal’s “Core Vision” prioritizes maintaining and better managing the transportation network, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs, and transit closer together. By directing resources toward technical assistance, SCAG aims to increase opportunities to achieve the following goals:

- Direct more funding toward housing planning and implementation projects in the region,
- Support healthy and equitable communities, and
- Employ strategies to mitigate negative community impacts associated with gentrification and displacement and achieve equitable outcomes.

Funding. The TA program will draw resources from the REAP 1.0 grant funds, per SCAG’s REAP program and the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) established by HCD published on February 27, 2020. It is estimated that approximately \$300,000 will be available for technical assistance through an expert consultant to assist Applicants in applying for publicly-available housing grants and resources.

Eligible Applicants. Cities and counties within the SCAG region and Tribal Governments located within the SCAG region are eligible to apply for grant application technical assistance.

TA Application, Timing and Evaluation. Applications for technical assistance may be submitted for proposed housing projects, housing infrastructure, housing funding programs and other housing-related resources available through various regional, state and federal programs. Please see Appendix 2 for program examples from HCD and other public agencies. Applications for TA regarding a specific program should be submitted six to eight weeks before the program due date. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended and will be evaluated as they are received. This is

an Open Call; therefore, SCAG will accept applications on a first-come/first-served basis. The Call will close when technical assistance funds have been exhausted. In the event that there are more applications for technical assistance than there are resources for, SCAG will prioritize disadvantaged communities as identified in the Connect SoCal Plan and other data sources. Efforts will be made so that grant application technical assistance opportunities are awarded in each county within the SCAG region. SCAG's TA application evaluation process includes 1) receipt of TA application; 2) an introductory and assessment meeting with the applicant; 3) Consultant analysis of TA request; 4) SCAG review and approval of a customized TA Scope of Work for the applicant. SCAG has received several applications to the TA program, and is in various stages of evaluation and implementation with the applicants.

Application Submission. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended using the template provided in Appendix 1. Applications should be submitted via email to housing@scag.ca.gov using the subject line "REAP Grant Application Technical Assistance." Files should be labelled in the following format: Jurisdiction/Tribal Government Name_Grant Application TA. For example: Plannersville_Grant Application TA.

Program Schedule. The following schedule outlines important dates for the Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance Call for Applications:

Grant Application Technical Assistance Program Milestones	Dates
Call for Applications Submission Deadline	Rolling basis
Recipient Selection and Kickoff Meetings with Consultant	Rolling basis starting August 2022
Final Work and Invoices Submitted	January 2024

Contact Information. Questions regarding the TA application or application process should be directed to:

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Appendix I. Housing-Supportive Technical Assistance Program Application

Section 1: Applicant Information

1. Jurisdiction/Tribal Government Name:

2. Department:

3. Contact Name (First, Last):

Title:

Email:

Phone:

4. Does your jurisdiction/Tribal Government have its own Housing Authority?

- No
- Yes

5. In your jurisdiction/Tribal Government, which department applies for housing-related grants?

6. Do you have an adopted, compliant 6th cycle housing element?

- a. No
- b. Yes
- c. n/a (Tribal Government only)

7. Have you applied for any prior housing-related NOFAs/grants?

- a. No
- b. Yes

If yes, please indicate the names, year applied, and whether they were awarded:

Section 2: Eligibility and Grant Overview

8. Select Housing Funding and Resource Opportunities of Interest:

- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC)
- Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
- Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes (ICDBG)
- Homekey 2.0 Program/Tribal Homekey Program
- Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (IIG)
- Local Housing Trust Fund Program (LHTF)
- Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA)
- Prohousing Designation Program
- Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program (PIP)
- Brownfields Programs
- Other (Please describe below)

9. Please provide a brief description of the intended uses for the awarded grant or resource.

10. How much do you estimate the project(s) would cost, and do you have a local match, if required?

11. Describe the intended location and/or boundaries of this project (i.e., Citywide, site location, or otherwise), and attach a map to this application.



12. How many housing units do you estimate would be built as a result of an awarded grant? Approximately how many will be considered affordable units? Please provide a short explanation of how you arrived at this estimate.



Section 3. Stakeholder Engagement

13. Please describe stakeholder outreach associated with this program, project, or plan. Include information on community engagement, outcomes, or anticipated outcomes, and if applicable, how residents who have been historically underrepresented in planning and development process have been/will be engaged.

Applicant Self-Certification

By signing and self-certifying this application, the applicant commits itself to submit data, project timeline, costs and other supporting documents to the SCAG consultant. Further, the applicant is fully committed to assist SCAG's consultant to discuss the project, review and comment on application drafts and sign and produce hard and electronic copies and postmark the application. In addition, by requesting technical assistance, the applicant is assuming full responsibility for project delivery and compliance, if awarded. SCAG can withdraw consultant support if the applicant does not provide adequate materials in a timely manner. SCAG does not make any guarantee of any grant or resource award resulting from this TA Program.

Jurisdiction/Tribal Entity Name:

City Manager (or Equivalent) Name/Title:

Signature:

Date:

Please submit application & map attachment to housing@scag.ca.gov with the subject line, REAP Grant Application TA.

Appendix 2: HCD & Other Funding Programs for Grant Application Technical Assistance

SCAG staff has compiled a non-exhaustive list of eligible funding sources for Grant Application Technical Assistance. The inclusion or exclusion of an opportunity in the listing below does not constitute a guarantee that a specific opportunity will become available or not be available. Forecast opportunities are subject to change.

Link	Funding Agency	Funding Opportunity	Applications Due
AHSC	HCD	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program	March 2023
CDBG	HCD	Community Development Block Grant Program	August 2023
ICDBG	HUD	Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes	August 2023
Homekey	HCD	Homekey 2.0 Program	April-June 2023
IIG	HCD	Infill Infrastructure Grant Program	July 2023
IHBG	HUD	Indian Housing Block Grant	May 2023
PLHA	HCD	Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program	Aug-Dec 2023
PHD	HCD	Prohousing Designation Program	Ongoing Basis
PIP	HCD	Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program	March 2023
ECRG	DTSC	Equitable Community Revitalization Grant Program	On Hold for 2023
RLF	DTSC	Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program	Ongoing Basis

For information on HCD NOFA Calendar: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/nofa-calendar>.

For more information about HUD loans and grants, visit <https://www.hud.gov/grants>.

For DTSC loans and grants, visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/brownfields/loans-and-grants/>. REAP 1.0 requires that funded activities must accelerate housing production and/or increase housing supply. Not all funding opportunities listed in these sources may be eligible to apply for using REAP 1.0 Grant Application Technical Assistance.