Regional Early Action Planning (REAP)

Subregional Partnership Program Guidelines

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Section 1

Program Objectives

The Regional Early Action Program (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program is intended to increase planning to accelerate housing production throughout the SCAG region through implementable actions that will increase housing supply to meet the sixth cycle regional housing needs assessment (RHNA). The Subregional Partnership program has been designed to augment and complement funds that are awarded to jurisdictions by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) pursuant to SB (Senate Bill) 2 Planning Grants and the Local Early Action Program (LEAP).

Additional objectives for the Subregional Partnership Program were developed from SCAG’s program framework for REAP funding, as reviewed by the Regional Council at its October 3, 2019 meeting. These objectives include:

- Align resources with allocation methodology for the 6th Cycle of RHNA to support local jurisdictions in addressing identified housing needs,
- Advance Connect SoCal sustainable development goals including supporting local jurisdictions in promoting housing in priority growth areas to increase access to jobs and transit and reduce environmental impacts,
- Maximize funding allocations by providing technical assistance and capacity building necessary to support local agencies in applying for and expending program resources, and
- Direct resources toward programs and activities that complement and increase the competitiveness of the SCAG region for other funding programs, including by increasing the number of jurisdictions that are designated by HCD as “pro-housing”, pursuant to AB (Assembly Bill) 101 (2019), qualifying them to receive additional points in the scoring of program applications for housing and infrastructure programs pursuant to guidelines adopted by HCD.
- Build longer term capacity at SCAG and in the region to address housing issues, including by:
  - Facilitating compliance with state housing law
  - Defining a sustainable role for SCAG that marries housing with transportation objectives
  - Strengthening regional/subregional partnerships, collaborations and funding models
  - Establishing regional/subregional vision as basis for future funding

Based on these broader objectives, the Southern California REAP program aims to align investment in housing planning and production with the RHNA allocation while building subregional capacity to coordinate these goals. The emphasis on subregional partnerships is integral to this program area of REAP funding. While other programs provide technical assistance directly to local jurisdictions and other stakeholders, this program relies on subregional partnerships to encourage a cross-jurisdiction approach to the housing crisis while considering local needs and opportunities. This subregional partnership approach creates a means for local efforts to align with SCAG’s regional plans and implement the broader goals of the Connect SoCal Plan.
Section 2

Background

The REAP is one of two one-time planning programs enacted with the State 2019-20 Budget Act. The LEAP (Local Early Action Program) program is a formula grant program cities and counties are eligible for based on population size. 1 Councils of government (COGs) such as SCAG are eligible for REAP program awards of planning funds of fixed amounts for planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing a jurisdiction’s 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

The REAP program authorizes subregional partnerships and encourages inter-governmental collaboration on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing. SCAG is eligible to administer $47 million in REAP funding for activities to support local governments and stakeholders in housing planning.

On October 3, 2019, the SCAG Regional Council reviewed a Housing Program Framework that provided a general outline for REAP funding as part of its agenda. The Framework outlined several key goals for REAP funding, including:

- Align resources with allocation methodology for the 6th Cycle of RHNA to support local jurisdictions in addressing identified housing needs
- Advance Connect SoCal sustainable development goals including supporting local jurisdictions in promoting housing in priority growth areas to increase access to jobs and transit and reduce environmental impacts
- Maximize funding allocations by providing technical assistance and capacity building necessary to support local agencies in applying for and expending program resources
- Direct resources toward programs and activities that complement and increase the competitiveness of the SCAG region for other funding programs, including by increasing the number of jurisdictions that are designated by HCD as “pro-housing”, as specified in AB 101, qualifying them to receive additional points in the scoring of program applications

SCAG intends to administer the REAP funds through a combination of direct technical assistance, including housing element data components and policy assessments, subregional partnerships, community-based partnership grants in collaboration with philanthropic organizations, and planning support offered through the Sustainable Communities Program to local jurisdictions or entities serving single or multiple jurisdictions.

Of the $47 million SCAG is eligible for, up to 50 percent of this amount will be allocated, or approximately $23 million, to fund subregional partnership projects. Qualifying projects will be authorized by SCAG subsequent to a consultation and application process. Funds are available on a reimbursement basis, requiring completed contractual deliverables. For the most part, approved projects and activities will be reimbursed directly by SCAG. Expenditure reimbursement requires prior authorization of the eligible projects and activities and SCAG may be subject to repayment of REAP funds to HCD if it is found in breach of its agreement with HCD, which can occur if REAP funds are used for ineligible activities.

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1 As of this writing LEAP applications are due January 31, 2021 and will not be available for applications after that date.
The planning activities are required to accommodate the development of housing and supportive infrastructure that will accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals and regional priorities.
Section 3

3a. Eligible Applicants/ Sub-Allocation Methodology

Eligible applicants for Subregional Partnership Program funding are limited to agencies designated as subregions under this program. While most of SCAG’s fifteen defined subregional entities are considered as subregions for this program, several jurisdictions have membership in more than one subregion. Additionally, several jurisdictions geographically span more than one subregion. To address these unique circumstances, the designated subregions and thus eligible program applicants are:

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Except for the entities listed above, funding will not be made available directly to local jurisdictions for this program. A full list of subregional assignment by jurisdiction for this program is included in attachment 4.

The applicant will be required to assemble a portfolio of proposed projects and also identify the implementing agencies of the proposed projects. Applicants are not required to serve as the implementers of the proposed projects.

Based on the Regional Council action of March 5, 2020, approximately $23,736,000 of REAP funds available to SCAG can support local partnerships implementing eligible activities, leveraging SB 2 Planning Grants and local LEAP funds where appropriate. The amount of funding allocated to each subregional applicant will be determined by the subregion’s total share of regional housing need, as determined by the RHNA allocation scheduled for adoption in early 2021.

Funding for each subregional partner is non-competitive and will be based on the adopted final RHNA allocation. While the final RHNA allocation will not be available until early 2021, the estimated amount of funding available to each subregion based on the estimated RHNA allocation from the RHNA methodology, which was adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in March 2020 (see attachment 4). The amounts in the table are subject to change based on the completion of the RHNA process, which includes the release of the Draft RHNA allocation in September 2020 and the RHNA appeals process, which will occur in Fall 2020. To ensure that Subregional Program projects are sufficient to augment LEAP and SB 2 activities, the minimum amount per subregional partner will be set to $100,000.

If a jurisdiction elects not to participate with its suggested subregional partner (see attachment 4), the funding allocation for that jurisdiction, based on their final RHNA allocation, will be subtracted from the total amount available to the subregional partner. Funding will not be provided directly to individual jurisdictions. Remaining funds due to the non-participation of a jurisdiction with a subregional partner, a lack of submittal of an application or Intent to Apply for Program Funding by September 30, 2020, or
unencumbered by a subregion after the December 1, 2020 application deadline will be used to fund other REAP programs by SCAG.

A list of each subregional partner’s estimated sub-allocation from this program is included in attachment 4.

Subregional partners may elect to partner with other subregional partners for projects and activities that cross subregional boundaries. Applicants that are considering this are encouraged to discuss their proposals with SCAG prior to submitting an application to ensure that projects are eligible and that the work can be completed prior to the end of the expenditure period.

3b. Eligible Recipients

In preparing an application, eligible applicants may identify additional partners as eligible recipients to administer one or more elements of the subregional program. Funding recipients can be different than the subregional applicants. Subregional partnerships should include projects benefiting multiple jurisdictions within each subregion and can contractually include administrative and additional participating entities eligible for Partnership Agreements. Partnership agreements may be used with one or more local governments or other forms of government, or other entities where the project will be a planning document designed to have a direct effect on housing-related land-use or development within the participating localities. This includes, but is not limited to, partnerships with other local governments, regional governments, housing authorities, school districts, special districts, community-based organizations, or any duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria. Applicants forming partnerships must submit a legally binding agreement between the partners. Such partnerships are encouraged where funds can be aggregated or leveraged for more cost-efficient use and benefit addressing inter-jurisdictional common needs.

3c. Eligible uses and activities

Projects funded by the Subregional Partnership Program must be used for housing planning activities and must create a net-positive effect on housing supply. In alignment with the HCD-issued REAP notice of funding availability (NOFA):

1. Projects must be housing planning and processes and associated environmental certification activities, which can include, for example, general plan element updates triggered by housing element update or housing program design but excludes planning for individual development projects or their operational costs. Climate Action Plans, Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), and other related documents are considered indirect planning activities and to qualify, must demonstrate a clear nexus to housing plans that are designed to result in housing production. All deliverables, including EIRs (Environmental Impact Reports), must be completed by the end of the project period, or June 30, 2023.

2. Activities with components such as housing preservation or anti-displacement strategies must be in conjunction with incentivizing new housing development or other programs that result in a net-positive effect on housing supply.

3. Projects should align with State and regional planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals. The key policies of Connect SoCal constitute SCAG’s regional planning priorities (see attachment 3)
Projects and activities must have a clear and demonstrable completed deliverable, such as an adopted housing planning document, adoption of a policy or program, or housing units produced or permits processed. While feasibility studies and other types of housing-related analysis can be components of eligible projects, there must be an expected outcome or result, such as an adopted inclusionary zoning ordinance, specific plan, or other regulatory document.

Potential housing planning projects proposed under the Subregional Partnership program can include, but are not limited to:

- Technical Assistance via temporary staffing for local government process(es)
- Other Technical Assistance improving housing permitting and planning
- General plan element(s) updates (including housing elements)
- Local Coastal Plan amendments
- New or amended zoning ordinances (including rezoning)
- Development of policies promoting ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) or other innovative building strategies
- Development of objective design & development standards supporting by-right development
- Infrastructure Planning supporting additional housing
- Affordable housing preservation programs in conjunction with promoting new housing construction
- Development of pre-approved architectural & site plans
- Planning document promoting development of publicly owned land for housing, including Surplus property
- Fee reduction strategies
- Data collection on permit tracking, feasibility studies, site analysis, or other background studies ancillary that will result in an adopted policy, plan, or program to accelerate housing production
- Feasibility studies supporting efficient housing siting
- Other Pro-housing activities,
- Establishing a new regional or countywide housing trust fund for affordable housing: an adopted strategy for the legal development and operational plan for a new housing trust fund supporting affordable housing development with services to be available at least countywide; or an adopted financing or operational plan or policy guidelines for a housing trust fund which has been legally established for two years or less. The implementation period for either plan should be within the housing element update cycle.
- A Financial Incentive Plan for Affordable Housing Development – an adopted set of policies and procedures and implementation strategy for deploying existing financial resources, or targeting and securing new financial resources supporting provision of housing affordable to low or moderate income households; to be implemented within the housing element update cycle; can be an activity related to a countywide or regional housing trust fund

Projects eligible for funding under this Program must result in a deliverable, such as a policy or program, that will help to accelerate housing production. All projects must be planning documents demonstrating a nexus to accelerating housing production; projects for developing planning documents addressing other statutory objectives, e.g., preservation, attaining affordability, should describe how the project will also support accelerating housing production. For example, a project focused on developing the required
“affirmatively furthering fair housing” (AFFH) provisions of housing element updates should describe how the project deliverable will support implementation of new affordable housing in areas of opportunity, including the relationship to the sites inventory of the element.

Eligibility of a project in the published REAP NOFA does not automatically mean the application will be accepted by SCAG. To apply for project funding, the applicant will be required to demonstrate a specific deliverable or adopted program designed to result in the acceleration of housing production.

- **Indirect activities**: Some proposed activities and projects may be indirectly related to housing production. Climate Action Plans, environmental impact reports (EIR), supporting infrastructure plans, and other related activities are considered indirect to housing production. Such projects must demonstrate a strong nexus to housing production.

- **Staffing activities**: Temporary staff support to manage and implement eligible activities is an eligible activity provided incurred from additional staffing must involve work on eligible activities. Costs incurred by existing staff must clearly delineate and differentiate work that is funded by existing sources and is limited to work on REAP-eligible activities. Interim activity deliverables should include record logs of communication by the temporary staff with key individuals and groups and meeting notes. Final deliverables from this activity should be the completed eligible planning document or a component of the planning document that the temporary staff was specified to develop.

Consultants or other external resources may be used for work on eligible activities, but are not required. Applicants should indicate in their program applications whether they intend to use consultants or other resources for each activity.

**3d. Ineligible Activities**

- Activities unrelated to accelerating housing production
- Activities unrelated to preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing
- Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes;
- Capital financing, operation or funding related to programs of individual housing development projects; and
- Administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed Activity or Activities;

SCAG will not accept applications for, nor reimburse for, ineligible activities or projects. Expenditure reimbursement requires prior authorization from SCAG of the eligible projects and activities and SCAG may be subject to repayment of REAP funds to HCD if it is found in breach of its agreement with HCD, which can occur if REAP funds are used for ineligible activities.
Section 4

4a. Application

To apply for project funding, subregional partners will be required to submit a Subregional Partnership Program application (attachment 1). The application will require information on proposed projects and activities, key tasks and deliverables, estimated costs, and identification of the implementing agency for each project and activity. It will also require details regarding the projects’ nexus to housing production, alignment with SCAG regional priorities, status of LEAP applications for local jurisdictions, and progress toward housing element implementation. Prior to submittal to SCAG, applicants must receive approval or authorization by the applicant’s decision-making body or authorized signatory under their regular decision-making body protocols on the portfolio of projects. Applications will be reviewed by SCAG staff on an ongoing basis and will be assessed on activity eligibility, nexus to housing production, alignment with REAP program objectives and SCAG regional priorities, status of LEAP applications for local jurisdictions, and progress toward housing element implementation.

The first filing date for applications is September 17, 2020 and all applications must be submitted to SCAG by December 1, 2020. Projects that do not meet the assessment criteria cannot be funded under this program, however the subregional partner may revise their project scope to meet these criteria and resubmit their application. SCAG staff intends to evaluate applications with a decision made within 30 days of receipt.

Additionally, subregional partners must submit an Intent to Apply for Program Funding by September 30, 2020 if they do not submit an application by that date. If neither an application nor Intent to Apply for Program Funding is submitted to SCAG by this date, SCAG will reallocate the subregion’s program allocation to other REAP programs. The Intent to Apply shall list proposed projects, cost estimates and intended start and end dates, which agency will procure and administer the projects, and a planned application submittal date. This form does not require approval from the subregional partner’s decisionmaking body for submission to SCAG.

Information from the final program application submitted by the subregional partner may differ from the information submitted in the Intent to Apply. Applicants who submit the Intent to Apply must meet with SCAG staff on a monthly basis to review proposed project eligibility and receive feedback from SCAG until they submit a program application. The Intent to Apply for Program Funding is attached to these guidelines as Attachment 2.

4b. Assessment Criteria

To further the objectives of REAP, SCAG will be evaluating submitted projects using the following assessment criteria:

- Prioritization of eligible activities
- Nexus to accelerating housing production

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2 Per the published February 27, 2020 REAP NOFA, “Suballocation of moneys directly and equitably to jurisdictions or other subregional entities in the form of grants for planning that will accommodate the development of housing and infrastructure that will accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals.”
• Alignment with SCAG regional priorities

Prioritization of eligible activities

Activities proposed for funding must qualify as an eligible activity for REAP funding as described by the published REAP NOFA and the corresponding section of these guidelines. SCAG encourages applicants to evaluate the priorities of local jurisdictions, particularly in three main areas: (1) Housing element update preparation; (2) Temporary staffing for housing element preparation and other eligible activities, and; (3) Activities related to accessory dwelling units to prepare and implement housing elements. Projects and activities that align with these three main areas are highly encouraged, particularly in subregions where resources to achieve them is limited.

Nexus to accelerating housing production

Projects and activities that are outside of these areas will be further evaluated on their nexus to housing production and alignment with SCAG regional priorities. All REAP activities must accelerate housing production by demonstrating an outcome that achieves this. Examples of outcomes include the adoption of policies or plans that remove barriers to housing production or increase residential capacity, an increase in affordable housing units to existing housing stock, and measured time saved from streamlining a development process. Submitted projects must clearly describe expected outcomes that will result in accelerating housing production. As part of the evaluation process, SCAG will evaluate the project’s expected outcome and feasibility in achieving these goals.

Alignment with SCAG regional priorities

To coordinate SCAG’s regional planning goals with REAP objectives, applicants will be required to describe how the specified project or activity aligns and advances the priorities of the adopted Connect SoCal Plan. A full list of Connect SoCal Plan and SCAG Housing Program objectives is attached to these guidelines.

Applications for ineligible activities or projects or that do not meet the above criteria will not be accepted. However, applicants may resubmit applications for previously reviewed projects to address feedback from SCAG. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the December 1, 2020 deadline.
Section 5

5a. Implementing Agencies

Eligible applicants are not required to serve as the implementing agency of the program projects and activities for which it has applied for funding. Applicants may elect to serve as the implementing agency but agencies such as local housing authorities may also serve as an implementing agency. Implementing agencies must be entities eligible to enter into intergovernmental agreements, and must demonstrate capacity to implement government grant administration tasks in a timely manner, including applications, contract execution and monitoring, funds management and transfer, and accounting and reporting, including any competitive sub-contracting if applicable. The implementing agency cannot have any unresolved audit findings from prior government contracts and cannot be party to pending land use, housing, or environmental litigation which could impact the proposed activities.

The implementing agency will be responsible for developing the scope of work for the project or activity and leading the procurement process for obtaining consultants and/or resources. The implementing agency may also elect to manage and administer the project, which includes tasks such as monitoring activity progress, reviewing tasks and deliverables, and reviewing and processing invoices. If the implementing agency does not elect to manage and administer the project, SCAG will take on this implementation role.

5b. Administrative fee

Up to five percent (5%) of a subregional partner’s allocation may be charged as administrative activities by the subregional partner. Tasks such as reviewing project invoices, processing project invoices, and preparing reports and metrics of project progress and completion are considered administrative activities. Activities such as developing scopes of work and requests for proposals (RFP), reviewing tasks and deliverables, and outreach with jurisdictions related to the project are considered programmatic and can be charged as a program activity. For projects and activities administered by SCAG, SCAG reserves the right to use the 5% administrative fee for costs related to project administration.

5c. Expenditure period

Per the requirements of AB 101, all funds distributed under REAP must be expended by December 31, 2023. In order to meet this deadline and receive reimbursement in alignment with REAP guidelines, SCAG will require that all invoices associated with the Subregional Partnership Program be submitted to SCAG no later than June 30, 2023. Invoices received by SCAG after this date cannot be guaranteed for reimbursement by SCAG.

Phase 1 Funding

For the first phase of the program, a maximum of $200,000 will be available for each subregional partner until an agreement for the remainder of REAP funds from HCD is signed by SCAG, after which the remaining allocated amount will be available for subregional projects. An exception will be made for the City of Los Angeles. With its estimated RHNA share more than doubling any of the other subregion, it is eligible to receive $400,000 during the first phase for projects. Subregional partners that have an estimated allocation smaller than $200,000 will have their full allocation made available during the initial application period.
Due to the limited amount of funding available for subregional projects at the time of the filing start date in September 2020, applicants will be requested to prioritize projects for funding in their respective applications. It is encouraged to prioritize projects and activities that are intended to prepare or assist in the preparation of housing elements due to the October 2021 statutory deadline for housing element adoption.

Projects that will span through Phase 2 may start as individual tasks under Phase 1 funding. Phase 1 funding may also cover simultaneous tasks from multiple projects provided that the initial Phase 1 funding threshold is not exceeded.

**Phase 2 Funding**

The remainder of Subregional Partnership Program funds outside of Phase 1 funding will be made available for projects and activities after SCAG receives funding for its full REAP application from HCD, which will most likely occur in February or March 2021. Subregional partners may submit multiple applications through the final due date for eligible projects and activities until they have reached their estimated allocation threshold based on the draft RHNA allocation. Awards outside of the initial Phase 1 amount are conditional until the final RHNA allocation is adopted and an agreement is signed with HCD for the remaining REAP funding. All applications for project funding are due to SCAG by December 1, 2020. Remaining funds due to the non-participation of a jurisdiction with a subregional partner or unencumbered by a subregion after the application deadline will be used to fund other REAP programs by SCAG. Agreements for project funding between SCAG and the subregional partner will be amended if the RHNA allocation results change between the estimated RHNA allocation and the final adopted RHNA allocation.

Applicants may combine projects and activities into one application if they identify which projects will be funded under Phase 1 and Phase 2. SCAG will prioritize evaluation of Phase 1 projects though they may also approve Phase 2 projects with the condition of funding availability. Costs incurred for a Phase 2 project prior to a signed agreement between HCD and SCAG for full REAP funding may not be eligible for reimbursement. If the subregional partner starts work for Phase 2 projects prior to a signed agreement with SCAG, it does not necessarily exclude them from future reimbursement, but the subregional partner will be at risk for non-reimbursement for the pre-agreement work.

For Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects, SCAG will provide an award letter to subregional partners to indicate that submitted projects have been approved for funding. Awards outside of the initial Phase 1 amount will be conditional pending funding availability and a signed agreement between SCAG and the subregional partner.

**5d. Reimbursement**

All projects must submit invoices to SCAG on a monthly basis to receive reimbursement. Invoices must follow the requirements set forth in the Subregional Partnership contract and SCAG’s regular invoicing procedures. SCAG may consider advance payments or alternative arrangements to reimbursement and payment methods based on demonstrated need of the subregional partner. These arrangements will be included in the agreements between SCAG and the subregional partner. After the agreement is signed, the subregional partner or consultant may submit invoices for reimbursement for eligible activities as specified in the signed agreement. Expenditure reimbursement requires prior authorization of the eligible
projects and activities and SCAG may be subject to repayment of REAP funds to HCD if it is found in breach of its agreement with HCD, which can occur if REAP funds are used for ineligible activities.

SCAG will provide reimbursement only for costs as specified in the signed agreement(s) with the subregional partner. Costs incurred prior to the September 3, 2020 Regional Council approval of the Subregional Partnership Program guidelines will not be reimbursed. For costs incurred in between the guidelines approval and before an agreement for Phase 1 projects is signed between SCAG and the subregional partner, SCAG will only reimburse costs specifically associated with program development, such as preparation of the program application, development of guidelines and other related documents, and development of scopes of work and contracts. Subregional partners are encouraged to discuss with SCAG planned costs during this time in order to ensure that activities receive appropriate reimbursement.
Section 6

6a. Reporting Requirements

Consistent with SCAG’s Overall Work Program reporting procedures, each subregional partner will be required to provide a quarterly progress report to track and measure activity progress. Project progress will be measured according to the tasks, deliverables, costs, and timeline outlined in the subregional partnership agreement.

6b. Metrics

All REAP activities must be designed to have a net-positive effect on housing supply. The applications and final invoice submitted to SCAG must include proposed metrics and a short description of how the funded activities have had an impact on housing supply and/or accelerated housing production within the subregional area. Quantitative metrics can include a summary of building permits, certificates of occupancy, or other completed entitlements issued by jurisdictions within the subregion, a summary of zoning ordinances that have been updated or streamlined and their effect, and/or the average decrease in time for the issuance of residential permits. For projects that include feasibility studies as a component, quantitative metrics can include increased capacity, or number of units that can be feasibly built with the implemented plan. Metrics are not limited to this list and may be customized according to the specific activity.
Section 7

7a. Technical assistance

SCAG will provide technical assistance to subregional partners starting in Fall 2020 through June 2023. Technical assistance will be available to help subregional partners prioritize activities and augment or compliment the planned LEAP activities and complete the application and contracting process. After the start of subregional partnership projects, SCAG will also retain an external consultant to assist jurisdictions on an on-call basis to link projects to ongoing SB 2 and LEAP projects, along with assisting with invoicing and reporting. All technical assistance will be coordinated with the technical assistance provided by HCD for SB 2 and LEAP grants.

7b. Timeline

- June 9 and 17, 2020: Subregional partner listening sessions
- June 2020: Survey conducted with subregions on project administration capacity and needs
- July-August 2020: SCAG staff held consultation meetings with subregional partners to follow up on submitted surveys and eligible activities.
- September 3, 2020: Regional Council adoption of Subregional Partnership Program guidelines
- September 17, 2020: Application for REAP Subregional Partnership Program with prioritized projects from subregions due to SCAG
- September 30, 2020: For those who have not submitted applications, the intent to apply for REAP Program funding due to SCAG
- October/November 2020: Initial subregional partnership agreements completed; start of subregional partnership projects
- December 1, 2020: Final application and list of prioritized projects from subregions due to SCAG by this date
- February 4, 2021: Adoption of final RHNA allocation
- October 15, 2021: Housing elements due to HCD
- June 30, 2023: All REAP projects and activities must be completed; final activity reports due to SCAG; final project invoices due to SCAG
List of Attachments

(1) REAP Subregional Partnership Program Application
(2) Intent to Apply for Program Funding form
(3) Alignment with Regional Planning Priorities
(4) Subregional Partnership Program Sub-allocation and List of Subregional Partners and Jurisdictions
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