



## [TEMPLATE] PROGRAM APPLICATION

*[Add short description for the specific funding area the application is for: NOFA, HIPP, or RUSH].*

Issued: [TBD]

Submit completed applications along with all required attachments to: [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov)

Responses due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

**Applications can be submitted at any time during the application period. SCAG will consider all applications submitted during the application period received at the closing time and day.**

More information at: [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)

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## Introduction

*[A short description for the specific funding area in the PATH Program the application will be used for will be included. The PATH Program funding areas include: the NOFA For Last Affordability, the Housing Infill on Public and Private lands (HIPP) Pilot Program, and the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program. Information on the PATH Program and the three funding areas is in the PATH Program Guidelines, which are available online at: [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)] [State REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines are available at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/grants-and-funding/MPO-REAP-2-0-Final-Guidelines.pdf>]*

## Office Hours

SCAG staff is available to respond to questions and discuss proposed projects. Staff will begin holding weekly office hours in February 2023. An applicant does not need to have a project fully developed to participate in one-on-one consultations. Efforts will be made to accommodate meeting requests. There is no limit to the number of meetings possible. Interested applicants can visit SCAG’s REAP 2021 webpage at: [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021) to schedule an appointment.

Please email questions to [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov) with the subject line “PATH Application.” Inquiries made by any other means will not be answered. Effort will be made to respond within two (2) business days. During each call for applications, staff will post all questions received along with responses. This will be done in batches on the REAP 2021 webpage.

Feedback on an application or a proposed project shared by SCAG staff should not be considered an indication the proposed application or project will be awarded funding.

## Selection Process

Each of the three funding areas in the PATH Program will begin with a call for applications. The application will be made available when the call is announced. The call will specify the period of time during which applications will be accepted. While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, no further amendments are allowed. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance that is available. More information is provided below and at [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021).

SCAG staff will review all responses received during an open call in two (2) stages: 1) Completeness (see the application submittal checklist) and 2) Technical Scoring and Evaluation.

The Completeness review evaluates completeness of the application and compliance with the submittal requirements. If all requirements are not met, SCAG staff will notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and will not be considered. Submitted application materials will not be returned. Results of the Completeness review are final and may not be appealed. SCAG may, in its sole discretion, request clarification of any portion of an application from the applicant and its applicant team.

Applications that pass Completeness review move to Technical Scoring and Evaluation, which evaluates projects based on the Project Application Scoring Criteria. All complete applications will be evaluated by a selection panel consisting of subject matter experts using the scoring rubric and evaluation criteria provided in Section 3 and Section 4 of the application. The selection panel may request additional information from applicants related to the scoring criteria. The selection panelists' scores for each application will be compiled to produce the final score. The selection panel will then meet to determine the final ranking of applications. Applicants will be notified of their score and ranking and provided an opportunity to appeal. Selected applications will be issued a conditional award letter and recommended for funding to the Regional Council. All conditional awards are provisional until approved by the Regional Council.

### *Selection Process Timelines*

The call for applications for each specific funding area will be announced in early 2023, following the state approval of the PATH program and the SCAG Regional Council authorization to release the call. State approval is anticipated by March 31, 2023, while the Regional Council is scheduled to consider approving the calls at its March meeting. Based on these dates, the following timelines have been developed for each funding area, subject to change.

#### NOFA

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

HIPP Pilot Program

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

RUSH Pilot Program

Call Issued	Late Spring (following the utility industry forum)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Early Summer
Final scores determined	Mid- Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

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## Application

To be considered for the *[insert specific funding area in PATH]* Program, the applicant must be eligible and file a completed application with all required attachments before the close of the call for applications.

### Submittal Checklist

Please check each box in the lists below as each is completed.

The application includes the following sections, which must be filled out completely:

- Section 1. Application Terms and Signature
- Section 2. Minimum Requirements
- Section 3. Contact Information and Project Description
- Section 4. Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5. Administrative Provisions

The following attachments must accompany the completed application (templates are provided):

- Outcomes and Metrics
- Budget and Timeline (that meets the encumbrance and expenditure deadlines)
- Scope and Deliverables
- Project Area Maps (one map identifying Disadvantaged Communities and another map establishing all work will be completed in infill areas per the definition)
- Letter of Support (from a third-party organization that the project meets local housing needs)

### Submittal Instructions

Submit the completed application and all required attachments to: [housing@scag.ca.gov](mailto:housing@scag.ca.gov)

The email subject line should be labeled in the following format: "PATH Application\_Applicant Name\_Project Name". The applicant should attach the following to the email as individual, completed files: 1) Application (Signed, PDF), 2) Budget – Timeline – Scope – Deliverable – Measurable Outcomes (Excel Workbook), 3) Project Maps (PDF), 5) Letter of Support (PDF), and 6) Disclosures (Signed, PDF).

Responses are due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

Applications can be submitted at any time while the call is open. SCAG will consider all responses submitted during the open call as received at the closing time and day.

### Technical Assistance Available

While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, no further amendments are allowed.

Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance during the open call, which includes information posted on the REAP 2021 webpage, assistance with questions during weekly office hours, and the option to schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss the application, proposed project(s), and submittal requirements.

For information about technical assistance available, visit [www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021).

### Section 1. Application Terms and Signature

A person duly authorized to sign for the organization (city manager, general manager, executive director, planning director or equivalent) must sign and certify the application. If this application is selected for funding, the information contained in this application will become the foundation of a funding agreement with SCAG. Applicants should be aware that SCAG may place stipulations on the project as a condition of the approval. These will be noted at the time of the funding recommendation. SCAG can also withdraw funding if the agency does not comply with the terms of the funding agreement.

Funding available under this Program Application is dependent upon SCAG's receipt of Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) funds from the State of California. In the event funds offered through this Program Application are not available, SCAG, at its sole discretion, may terminate its obligations resulting from this Program Application.

SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all applications in whole or in part.

Acceptance by SCAG of an application under this Program Application constitutes agreement by the applicant as to all terms, conditions, requirements, and rules of the application but does not constitute a contract or commitment of any kind.

- I confirm that I have reviewed the Submittal Checklist and that all application sections and required attachments have been filled out completely and will be submitted together following the Submittal Instructions.
  
- To the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and correct. If awarded funding from SCAG, I agree that I will adhere to the program guidelines, as well as provide a local resolution evidencing authorization to execute a funding agreement and receive funds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Organization Name**

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## Section 2: Minimum Requirements

The following requirements establish eligibility to apply.

### *Section 1.1: Eligibility*

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

*[Application will include the eligibility requirements for the specific funding area: NOFA, HIPP, RUSH. Refer to the PATH Program guidelines, Sections 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 for the eligibility criteria specific for each funding area]*

### *Section 1.2: Project Meets Infill Definition*

Eligible projects must be entirely located in infill areas per the definition.

Is your project located in an infill area, as defined in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines? [Insert link to definition].

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe how the project location meets the definition of infill. Priority Growth Areas (PGAs) (apart from Spheres of Influence) can be used as reference to identify eligible areas, but the totality of the project area must still meet the infill definition. (PGAs are discussed in Chapter 3 of the Connect SoCal 2020 Plan) [1,000-word limit]

Once you have done this, please follow the instructions [instructions for creating and saving an area map will be provided] to create and download a map of your project area that identifies how all activities will meet the definition of infill. This map must accompany your submitted application.

If your project area does not meet the definition of infill, do not proceed. Your project is not eligible.

Section 3: Contact Information and Project Description

*Section 3.1: Applicant Information*

Agency or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Agency/Organization or Mission Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Applications Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

If multiple applications for funding are submitted by your organization, please discuss below your prioritization for the applications. If no other applications are submitted, mark "N/A". [1,000-word limit]

*Section 3.2: Project Name and Location*

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location\*\* : \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*For projects applying to Scaling Up Development of Available Land, please provide addresses and APNs. For projects applying to Corridor-Wide or Area-Wide Infill Housing Policies and Initiatives, please provide project area boundaries.

Subregion or COG: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Project Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Match/Other Sources (Not Required): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Section 3.3: Project Description*

[Applicants will be prompted to include a description of the proposed project fitting within the specific funding area eligible uses] [1,000-word limit]

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**Section 4: Evaluation Criteria (Scored)**

All applications that meet the minimum requirements in Section 2 will be scored on how the project meets: (1) the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Key Priorities, and (2) provides Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts in relation to the following criteria. The maximum number of points possible for each criterion is provided in the chart below. More detail on each of the criteria is provided below as well as in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines.

Evaluation Criteria		Points Possible	Percent of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	25	31.25%
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing supply,</li> <li>- Choice, and</li> <li>- Affordability</li> </ul>	15	18.75%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	6.25%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	6.25%
2	Include Equitable Targeted Outreach	10	12.50%
2.1	Priority Populations Engagement	5	6.25%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5	6.25%
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25	31.25%
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5	6.25%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	6.25%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience completing similar projects</li> <li>- Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget</li> <li>- Approach for ensuring cost effective use of funding</li> </ul>	15	18.75%
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10	12.50%
4.1	Priority Populations	5	6.25%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5	6.25%
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10	12.50%
5.1	Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	6.25%
5.2	Advancing Regional Diversity	5	6.25%
Total		80	100%

#### 4.1. Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact (25 Points)

The following set of questions will ask you to describe how the project is a *Transformative Planning and Implementation Activity* (See definition [link to definition]) providing a *Significant Beneficial Impact* that leads to a substantial change in land use patterns, equity, and travel behaviors. Your response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities means:

*Housing, planning, infrastructure investments supporting Infill development that facilitates Housing supply, choice and affordability, and other actions that enable meeting Housing goals that also result in Per Capita vehicle miles traveled reductions, including accelerating Infill development, supporting residents through realizing Multimodal Communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership.*

*Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities are meant to address these goals together and to lead to changes in land use patterns and behaviors. Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities shall be in furtherance of all of the following:*

- a. *State Planning Priorities, as described in Section 65041.1 of the Government Code.*
- b. *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing pursuant to Section 8899.50 of the Government Code.*
- c. *Facilitating Housing Element compliance for the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment pursuant to Section 65302 of the Government Code prepared in accordance with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.*
- d. *A region's Sustainable Community Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, or Alternative Planning Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, as applicable.*

Significant Beneficial Impact means:

*Demonstrating the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, Connect SoCal, and PATH program objectives by establishing and supporting the infrastructure for accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT by transforming current corridor-wide or area-wide housing policies, site planning, financial models, predevelopment and development processes, and homeownership patterns in a significant and quantifiable manner. Significant beneficial impacts must lead to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors.*

In demonstrating significant beneficial impacts, applicants may consider rates of change (e.g., percent increase over a baseline), the magnitude of impact relative to variables or targets, the proportion of need achieved, and the impact relative to past trends, policies, and practices. Variables or targets may include but are not limited to benefitting households by income group; Regional Housing Needs Assessment; housing units (new construction, preservation/conservation, and rehabilitation); density; infrastructure; infrastructure capacity and accessibility; public space; community amenities; investments; Vehicle Miles

Traveled reduction goals or targets; regional or local equity policies and programs included in an adopted RTP/SCS; and GHG reduction goals or targets.

*4.1.1 Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability (15 points)*

A. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the capacity to achieve housing units. This can be described as, but is not limited to, increased unit capacity in existing and newly zoned residential/mixed-use areas, permitting process improvements and standardizations, and other means of increasing the ability to deliver new housing. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the RHNA. [1,000-word limit]

B. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing choice (5 Points). Describe how the project will expand the types of housing possible. This can include, but is not limited to, increasing the ability to achieve housing types not common but for which there is an identified need in the community. Some examples of housing types include 2-4 unit properties, townhomes, limited-equity and shared equity co-operatives, and mid- and large scale apartments and condominium projects. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

C. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing affordability (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the range of rental and sales price points for housing with an emphasis on assuring lasting affordability for housing at extremely low, very low, low, and moderate ranges. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

*4.1.2 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) (5 points)*

In your response describe how the proposed project combats discrimination, overcomes patterns of segregation, and fosters equitable and inclusive communities. Please include meaningful actions that address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with integrated and balanced living patterns, and transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity. [1,000-word limit]

*4.1.3 Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (5 points)*

In your response describe how the proposed project promotes development that reduces vehicle miles travelled and aligns housing production in infill locations consistent with the state’s climate targets and goals discussed in the California AB32 Climate Change Scoping Plan (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-32-climate-change-scoping-plan>) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Measure
5	<b>Exceptional</b> - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are high.
4	<b>Strong</b> - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are moderate.
3	<b>Suitable</b> – directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
2	<b>Limited</b> – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are low.
1	<b>Weak</b> – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
0	<b>Disqualified</b> – does not meet the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, and transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are negligible.

*4.2. Equitable Targeted Outreach (10 Points)*

The response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

*4.2.1 Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)*

Describe the Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities within the project area and outside of the project area that will be served by the project. [1,000-word limit]

*4.2.2 Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement (5 points)*

Describe the project’s approach to developing equitable community engagement strategies, what the proposed strategies include, and how community organizations and/or community leaders will be engaged early in the project to inform the proposed engagement strategies. In your response describe how members of disadvantaged and historically underserved communities have been or will be engaged throughout the proposed project and how their input will shape the project. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> – includes an explicit description of how stakeholders will be involved, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
4	<b>Strong</b> - includes a description of how applicant will involve stakeholders, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
3	<b>Suitable</b> – loosely describes how stakeholders will be involved, including from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
2	<b>Limited</b> – how stakeholders will be involved is generally described with general details on how affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
1	<b>Weak</b> – engagement is minimal but includes outreach to affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
0	<b>Disqualified</b> – does not include equitable targeted outreach.

*4.3. Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness (25 Points)*

*4.3.1 Local Policy Commitment (5 points)*

Describe how the local policy environment facilitates or supports the funding uses proposed and will accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT. [1,000-word limit]

*4.3.2 Partnerships or Financial Match (5 points)*

Please describe, as applicable, other sources of funding and partnerships invested in the project. For other funding, please include the funding sources and terms. For partnerships, please describe the nature of the partnerships and long-term commitments from the various organizations. In your response, please describe how the project could leverage or act as a catalyst for additional investment. [1,000-word limit]

*4.3.3. Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness (15 Points)*

Describe how your organization will ensure the project is successfully completed by January 30, 2026, and how cost-effective means will be incorporated.

- A. *Experience completing similar projects.* Describe your organization's experience completing similar projects. If the proposed project will be completed by an applicant team, describe the experience for each organization on the team. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- B. *Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget.* Please outline your organization’s plan to ensure the project is completed on time and on budget. In your response, please discuss how your organization or applicant team will address timing delays or cost overruns. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- C. *Cost Effectiveness.* Please describe the approach for ensuring cost effective uses of the funding requested. Please refer to the scope and budget when discussing how the proposal best utilizes the funding to achieve desired outcomes. Your response should correspond to the information provided in the budget & timeline, scope and deliverables, and outcomes and metrics. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> - Clearly demonstrates extensive local policy, community support, and/or financial investments. Applicant has extensive experience and approach for ensuring the project will be completed successfully. Clearly demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
4	<b>Strong</b> - Clearly demonstrates an amount of policy, partnerships, and/or financial investments. Applicant has experience and approach for ensuring the proposed project is completed successfully demonstrating ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
3	<b>Suitable</b> - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Applicant has experience and reasonably demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
2	<b>Limited</b> - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
1	<b>Weak</b> – Includes possible partnerships, supporting policies, and options for building local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
0	<b>No evidence</b> – lacks partnerships, policy match, or local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.



*4.4. Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities (10 Points)*

*4.4.1 Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)*

Identify targeted disadvantaged and historically underserved communities the project will serve. These communities should correspond to the map provided as an attachment to this application (See Section 1.1. Checklist) [include link to instructions for completing and saving a map for the project].

Please reference Section 3.2.4 of the PATH Guidelines to view definitions for these communities as identified by the REAP 2.0 Guidelines. List all Census Tract data below:

- SB535 Disadvantaged Communities (CalEnviroScreen 4.0): \_\_\_\_\_
- SCAG Communities of Concern: \_\_\_\_\_
- TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities): \_\_\_\_\_
- AB 1550 Communities: \_\_\_\_\_

*4.4.2 Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Disadvantaged Community Benefits (5 points)*

Describe the proposed project and how it benefits Disadvantaged Communities, and how it addresses and intends to repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing security, including housing affordability and reducing displacement and/or expanding access to higher resourced communities. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> – will produce tangible benefits for disadvantaged communities, repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing affordability and reduce displacement.
4	<b>Strong</b> – will support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
3	<b>Suitable</b> - will loosely support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
2	<b>Limited</b> – includes some support for disadvantaged communities, minimal improvement in housing affordability or reducing displacement.
1	<b>Weak</b> – indirectly supports disadvantaged communities and does not improve housing affordability or reduce displacement.
0	<b>No evidence</b> - the project does not support disadvantaged communities or has potential to negatively affect housing affordability or increase displacement without providing acceptable mitigation.

*4.5. Contributes to Regional Transformative Change (10 Points)*

In your responses below, describe how the project achieves regional goals with an emphasis on innovations advancing and expanding the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability to meet the 6th Cycle RHNA, implement SCAG’s 2020 adopted Connect SoCal, and meet community needs for housing across the Southern California region. Proposals within similar built environments will be evaluated against one another to ensure projects selected reflect the geographic diversity of the SCAG region.

*4.5.1 Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply (5 Points)*

Describe how the project incorporates innovative approaches to advance and expand the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability locally, and in relation to the Southern California region. [1,000-word limit]

*4.5.2 Advancing the Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (5 Points)*

Describe how the project implements the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) of the Connect SoCal plan (<https://scag.ca.gov/read-plan-adopted-final-connect-socal-2020>, beginning on Page 48) to facilitate infill development accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability. In your response describe how the project incorporates SCS, and related, strategies and tools. Also, please describe how the project can be applied in similarly built contexts. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	<b>Exceptional</b> – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, can be applied in similarly built contexts.
4	<b>Strong</b> – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
3	<b>Suitable</b> – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
2	<b>Limited</b> – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
1	<b>Weak</b> – Implements the SCS, approaches are not innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
0	<b>No Evidence</b> – does not implement the SCS or incorporate innovative approaches, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.

## Section 5: Administrative Provisions

### *SCAG's Rights and Responsibilities*

SCAG reserves the right to change the requirements and policies described in this Program Application at SCAG's sole discretion. SCAG is responsible only for what is expressly stated in the Program Application, any authorized written addenda, and any posted Questions and Answers. Such addenda shall be made available to each person or organization via SCAG's REAP 2021 webpage ([www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021](http://www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021)). It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure, prior to submission, that their application reflects the most recent addenda information, program requirements, and policies. By submission of an application, each applicant acknowledges receipt of all addenda, if any, that are emailed or posted on the SCAG REAP 2021 website. SCAG is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf if those representations conflict with Program Application requirements.

### *SCAG'S Discretion*

SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any application that is incomplete, out of order, lacks required attachments, or contains other content errors, inconsistencies, misrepresented information, or other deficiencies. Forms provided in the Program Application must be used and information provided otherwise may be disregarded at SCAG's discretion. SCAG reserves the right to waive disparities in a proposal if the sum and substance of the application is present. Furthermore, SCAG reserves the right to terminate this program at any time without prior notice.

### *Cost of Application Preparation*

The cost of application preparation shall be borne by the applicant. In no event shall SCAG be liable for any expenses incurred in the preparation and submission of the application.

### *Application is Property of SCAG*

Once submitted, each application becomes the property SCAG and becomes a public record. SCAG is not liable for the public disclosure of any information contained in an application.

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