

Southern California Association of Governments

REAP Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance Call for Applications

Section I. Program Guidelines

Overview

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announces the Call for Applications for Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance (TA).

The Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance Program provides local jurisdictions (cities and counties) and/or Tribal Governments (referred to as “Recipients”) with grant writing support in seeking funding and resources to meet the needs of housing in their communities and support regional goals. Projects selected will provide Recipients with the services of a qualified and experienced Consultant(s) to provide grant writing technical assistance for funds administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and other public agencies.

This program is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 grant. REAP funded projects must accelerate housing production and increase housing supply through housing planning activities. To qualify for grant application technical assistance, the proposed project or program in an application must accelerate housing production and/or increase housing supply. For questions regarding eligibility, please contact Ma’Ayn Johnson, Housing Program Manager, at johnson@scag.ca.gov.

Program Goals and Purpose

The 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.

Project Types

Applications for technical assistance may be submitted for housing funding programs listed on the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Calendar and NOFAs from other public agencies (see Appendices). Programs funded by the 2023 SuperNOFA and other NOFAs anticipated for publication by June 30, 2023, may also be eligible for Grant Application Technical Assistance. The intended use in the application submitted by the Recipient must accelerate housing production and/or increase housing supply.

Funding

The Grant Application Technical Assistance program will draw resources from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funds, per SCAG's REAP program and the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) established by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) published on February 27, 2020. It is estimated that \$300,000 will be available for technical assistance through an expert consultant to assist Recipients in applying for publicly available housing grants and funds.

Program Timeline

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 Opens	June 6, 2022
Call for Applications Submission Deadline	July 1, 2022
Jurisdiction Selection and Kickoff Meetings with Consultant	Rolling basis starting August 2022
Final Work and Invoices Submitted	June 30, 2023

Contact Information

Questions regarding the Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance application or application process should be directed to:

Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Program Manager
Email: johnson@scag.ca.gov

Submittal Information

Applications are due by July 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. using the template provided in Section II. Files should be labelled in the following format:

Jurisdiction/Tribal Government Name_Grant Application TA
Example:

Plannersville_Grant Application TA

Applications should be submitted to housing@scag.ca.gov using the subject line “REAP Grant Application Technical Assistance.”

Regional Distribution

Efforts will be made so that grant application technical assistance opportunities are awarded in each county within the SCAG region.

Eligible Applicants

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

Selection Criteria

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.

Applicants will be notified by early August 2022 of their selection to receive grant writing technical assistance.

Section II. Program Application

Applicant Information

Jurisdiction/Tribal Government Name:

Department:

Contact Name (First, Last):

Title:

Email:

Phone:

1. Does your jurisdiction/Tribal Government have its own Housing Authority?
 No
 Yes

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

3. Do you have an adopted compliant 6th cycle housing element?
 No
 Yes
 n/a (Tribal Government only)

4. Have you applied for any prior housing-related NOFAs/grants?
 No
 Yes

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

Eligibility and Grant Overview

5. Select Funding Opportunities of Interest to your Jurisdiction (Please refer to Appendix for current HCD NOFA schedule and other grant opportunities).

- Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)¹
- Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF)
- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC)
- Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) (Select type below)
 - Qualifying Infill Areas (QIA)
 - Small Jurisdictions
 - Qualifying Infill Projects (QIP) (2023 SuperNOFA)
- Multifamily Housing Program (2023 SuperNOFA)
- Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Program (2023 SuperNOFA)
- Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program (2023 SuperNOFA)
- Other (Please describe below)

6. Please provide a brief description of the intended uses for an awarded grant.

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

¹ SCAG offers PLHA application technical assistance to all eligible jurisdictions. For more information, please contact housing@scag.ca.gov.

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

9. 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.

Stakeholder Engagement

10. 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.

Please submit this application and map attachment (question 8) by July 1, 2022 5:00 p.m. to housing@scag.ca.gov using the subject line “REAP Grant Application Technical Assistance.”

Appendix. Potential Funding Sources 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	NOFA	Applications Due	
LHTF	HCD	Local Housing Trust Fund Program ²	Mar 2022	May 2022	
IIG	HCD	Infill Infrastructure Grant Program	Qualifying Infill Areas (QIA) ²	Apr 2022	Jun 2022
			Small Jurisdictions	Apr 2022	Rolling
			Qualifying Infill Projects (QIP) ²	2023	2023
MHP	HCD	Multifamily Housing Program ²	2023	2023	
VHHP	HCD	Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Program ²	2023	2023	
FWHG	HCD	Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program ²	2023	2023	
AHSC	HCD	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program	Oct 2022	TBD	
ICDBG	HUD	Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes ³		TBA	
IHBG	HUD	Indian Housing Block Grant ³		TBA	
ECRG	DTSC	Equitable Community Revitalization Grant ³		TBA	
RLF	DTSC	Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program		Rolling	

For more information on HCD grants and opportunities and to view HCD's NOFA Calendar, visit <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding>.

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.

² The application due date for these programs have passed this calendar year but another NOFA is anticipated in 2023.

³ These grant opportunities may be available for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. When funding is available, HUD will issue a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which will be published on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).