The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and California Community Foundation (CCF) are partnering on a new program, the Southern California Call for Collaboration. This program aims to increase community involvement and collaboration in local planning and housing initiatives across the six-county SCAG region by promoting community-driven, equitable growth strategies.

SCAG is dedicating $1 million of its Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) state grant to combine with funds from CCF, the Irvine Foundation and other funding partners. Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released in early 2021. Sign up to receive updates.

**Grant opportunities**

**Partnership Programs**

Awards to support the expansion and/or implementation of existing plans, initiatives, and/or partnerships that promote equitable growth strategies.

**Spark Grants**

Smaller, capacity-building grants to seed new models of collaboration and engagement to support community-driven approaches and partnerships that promote equitable growth strategies.

**Eligible Activities & Applicants**

Eligible activities for this grant program align with the State’s REAP program, which requires all activities to result in action-oriented planning policies and programs demonstrating a nexus to increasing and accelerating housing production. Eligible applicants include non-profit community-based organizations and/or a partnership with a local government entity (including JPAs and housing authorities). Examples of activities that this program could fund are:

1. Education and inclusive community outreach for equitable growth strategies and housing streamlining measures;
2. Technical assistance supporting implementation of local planning activities and affordable housing program development;
3. Strategies for neighborhood improvements supporting housing or residential mixed-use development.

**Get in Touch**

The program is still under development; more information will be released in early 2021.

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