Overview

SCAG’s Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) provides local agencies and partners with opportunities to access funding to meet the needs of their communities, address recovery strategies considering COVID-19, and support regional goals. The SCP strengthens local partnerships to promote healthy, connected, and equitable communities.

This Call for Applications is focused on Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice and prioritizes funding in communities of concern (COCs) and SB 535 disadvantaged communities (DACs).

Program Goals & Community Benefits

- Center and prioritize racial and social equity for local community-led projects.
- Address the pervasive and deep inequities experienced in historically disinvested communities and communities of color.
- Include a broad range of projects and activities focused on civic engagement, equity, and environmental justice (EJ), including land-use and transportation planning activities included in SCAG’s Environmental Justice Toolbox.
- Support the development of racial equity and community engagement plans, efforts to address the digital divide, and the promotion of health and equity to close the gap of racial inequities.
- Support the goals in SCAG’s Racial Equity Early Action Plan, Connect SoCal, SCAG’s Public Participation Plan, and Covid-19 Relief as described in the REAP 2.0 funding requirements.

Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice Project Types

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| Plans and projects should increase accessibility, mobility, resiliency, and safety, including and not limited to the following examples:  
  - Park & Greenway Connectivity Plans  
  - Integrating Infill Housing into General Plan Updates  
  - Accessibility & Safety Demonstration Projects | Including and not limited to the following example projects:  
  - Infrastructure & Utility Financing Plans  
  - Community E-Bike Rebates and E-Bike Share Plans & Pilots  
  - Public Art in Infrastructure Programs | Plans and programs should support inclusionary land use and transportation planning, including and not limited to the following examples:  
  - Youth Leadership Development & Cohort-Based Engagement Programs  
  - Community Advocacy & Storytelling  
  - Community Resiliency Playbooks & Toolkits |

To learn more and apply for the program, visit SCAG’s SCP website. For questions, please contact Anita Au at au@scag.ca.gov.