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Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ)

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Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program Call for Applications: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Program Guidelines

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Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Overview

Since 2005, SCAG’s various sustainability planning grant programs (Compass Blueprint, Sustainability Planning Grants, Sustainable Communities Program) have provided resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete important local planning efforts to enable implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), which today is called [Connect SoCal](#).

The SCP allows SCAG to strengthen partnerships with local agencies who are responsible for land use and transportation decisions. The SCP provides local jurisdictions with multiple opportunities to seek funding and resources to meet the needs of their communities, address recovery and resiliency strategies considering COVID-19, and support regional goals. To strengthen the implementation link between this Call for Applications and the adopted Connect SoCal, the name of the program has changed to Connect SoCal SCP Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ).

Connect SoCal SCP Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ)

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announces the Connect SoCal SCP Call for Applications focused on Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ).

On July 2, 2020, the SCAG Regional Council adopted [Resolution 20-623-2](#), affirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California and subsequently adopted the Racial Equity Early Action Plan in May 2021 to guide SCAG’s work in advancing equity. SCAG is committed to work in partnership with others to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve historically disinvested communities. The SCP aims to prioritize resources where there is a demonstrated need, guided by the Connect SoCal Goal, “to support healthy and equitable communities.” For more information on SCAG’s equity efforts, please review the [Racial Equity Early Action Plan](#).

SCP CEEEJ has the following goals and objectives:

SCP CEEEJ Program Goals

- Advance the goals in SCAG’s Racial Equity Early Action Plan, by prioritizing efforts that directly benefit Communities of Concern (COC), SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), and other Priority Populations by encouraging racial equity in local planning practices.
- Support a wide range of eligible land use and transportation planning activities including housing supportive infrastructure planning efforts.
- Support the development of plans to close the racial equity gap.
- Align with Funding Objectives including infill development, housing for all incomes, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH), RTP/SCS implementation, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction.
- Support and encourage equitable partnerships between community-based organizations (CBOs) and local governments.

SCP CEEEJ Program Objectives

- Support local planning efforts, strategically invest in, and provide technical assistance for projects and programs in SCAG’s COC, SB 535 DACs, and other Priority Populations.
- Support local planning efforts focused on eliminating barriers to civic engagement for communities that have experienced historic disinvestment.
- Build community capacity, trust, and sustainable relationships with stakeholders in communities of color, including COC, DACs, and other Priority Populations to strategically invest in local community-centered initiatives.
- Prioritize community identified and implementable projects.

Program Funding

SCP CEEEJ is funded by a combination of two funding sources including Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) and the State of California (State) Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (REAP 2.0). SCP CEEEJ anticipates a budget of approximately \$5 million, including \$3 million from REAP 2.0 and \$2 million from SB 1.

SCP CEEEJ leverages the \$3 million in REAP 2.0 funds and supplements with \$2 million of SB1 funding. SCAG anticipates funding activities with SB 1 that are complementary to the REAP 2.0 objectives and work

together to meet the goals of SB1, including supporting implementation of the adopted Connect SoCal, reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), and reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT). SCAG may fund certain transportation activities with SB 1 dollars, such as transportation corridor studies, as well as public art in infrastructure plans and demonstration projects that are done alongside transportation plans and studies. SCAG anticipates a deadline for all final deliverables and invoices for this program by December 31, 2025, for both funding sources. As a program, projects funded through SCP CEEEJ will accelerate the implementation of Connect SoCal, support an integrated approach to land use and transportation planning, and represent impactful and transformative approaches that lead to measurable outcomes to achieve the funding objectives.

REAP 2.0

REAP 2.0 funds Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities that meet housing and equity goals, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), and advance implementation of the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). REAP 2.0 is explicitly intended to meet multiple objectives – Infill development, Housing for all incomes, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) in ways that accelerate the implementation of regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

Note: SCAG and its partners will evaluate applications and may work with applicants to adjust the proposed project to meet the REAP 2.0 objectives. All projects funded through REAP 2.0 must meet at least one (1) of the REAP 2.0 funding objectives. Projects meeting multiple REAP 2.0 objectives are more competitive for this program.

SB 1

SB 1 supports the implementation of Connect SoCal and supports greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. Proposed projects must have a transportation nexus and are expected to directly benefit the multi-modal transportation system. Additionally, proposed projects shall support and advance the following objectives: sustainability, accessibility, safety, preservation, innovation, economic vitality, public health, and social equity, and provide other important community benefits. Projects shall also include an integrated approach to land use and transportation planning, and further a coordinated approach to planning. Given the inclusion of SB 1 funds, any city or county who receives SB 1 funds is required to have a housing element in substantial compliance with the State housing element law and must submit updated housing element Annual Progress Reports at the time of award notice.

Applicants should consider how the following Connect SoCal implementation strategies are addressed in the proposed project. Sustainable Communities strategies are discussed in detail in the [Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Technical Report](#).

- Encourage regional economic prosperity and global competitiveness
- Improve mobility, accessibility, reliability, and travel safety for people and goods
- Enhance the preservation, security, and resilience of the regional transportation system
- Increase person and goods movement and travel choices within the transportation system
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality
- Support healthy and equitable communities
- Adapt to a changing climate and support an integrated regional development pattern and transportation network

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- Leverage new transportation technologies and data-driven solutions that result in more efficient travel
- Encourage development of diverse housing types in areas that are supported by multiple transportation options
- Promote conservation of natural and agricultural lands and restoration of habitats

Definitions for all terms are found in Appendix 4: SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Glossary of Terms. Additional information on the program funding sources is provided in the Applicant Toolkit, which will be available on the program website once the Call is released.

Local Partnership Structure

This Call for Applications includes a co-applicant partnership structure, inclusive of a primary applicant and a co-applicant. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and non-profits are eligible and highly encouraged to apply as co-applicants in partnership with an eligible primary applicant. To align with funding requirements, CBOs or nonprofits must have a 501(c)3 status. A CBO that utilizes a fiscal sponsor is eligible to apply. The fiscal sponsor must apply on behalf of the organization, as the CEEEJ program requires 501(c)3 status. Multiple co-applicants, up to two (2), may apply alongside an eligible primary applicant. Agencies eligible to serve as a primary applicant may apply as a co-applicant with another eligible primary applicant if appropriate.

Under a primary and co-applicant partnership, co-applicants will be compensated to lead key elements of the project. In addition, SCAG will procure a consultant to perform identified work on behalf of the primary applicant and co-applicant partnership. Further details on the co-applicant partnership are included in Appendix 2: Partnership Structure.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility Screening Survey (required for all applicants)

To ensure applicant and project eligibility, SCAG requires all applicants, both primary applicants and co-applicants, to complete the [Eligibility Screening Survey](#) prior to starting the application. The survey will indicate eligibility and provide information to SCAG to better evaluate the application. The survey will be available on the program website once the Call is released.

Eligible primary applicants include local or regional agencies, county public health agencies, county transportation agencies, transit agencies or districts, and Tribal entities. For projects located in infill areas, housing authorities, local or regional housing trust funds, natural resource or public land agencies, public academic institutions, school districts, and special districts are also eligible to apply as primary applicants. CBOs and non-profits are eligible only as co-applicants. Table 1 below provides a summary of applicant eligibility.

Proposed projects not located in an infill area are still eligible for this Call due to the inclusion of SB 1 funds.

Table 1: Applicant Eligibility Overview

Eligible as a Primary Applicant OR Co-Applicant (regardless of whether the project is in an infill area)	Eligible as a Co-Applicant Only	Eligible as a Primary Applicant ONLY if Proposed Project is located in an infill area*	Not Eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local or regional agencies, examples include cities, counties, councils of government, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and County Public Health Departments • Transit agencies or districts • Tribal entities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Based Organization (CBO) • Non-profit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Authority • Local or regional housing trust funds • Natural resource or public land agency • Public academic institution • School district • Special district 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant • Private Companies

** Definitions for all terms, including infill areas, are found in Appendix 4: SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Glossary of Terms*

Self-Certification Checklist (for co-applicants only)

After completing the Eligibility Screening Survey, eligible co-applicants are also required to complete a **Self-Certification Checklist**, included as part of the application, which helps SCAG identify areas where co-applicants need additional support for eligibility requirements. SCAG staff are available to discuss project eligibility. Links will be available on the program website once the Call is released.

Note: co-applicants are still eligible for the Call if the applicant is not able to meet all requirements. The Self-Certification form will help SCAG determine on a case-by-case basis how much support and guidance a co-applicant will need.

Project Design

Funding Objectives

Proposed projects must address at least one or more of the following funding objectives. Note: projects meeting multiple objectives are more competitive for this program.

- (1) Accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
- (2) Affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) by means of taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, which overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics, when considering housing
- (3) Reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- (4) Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- (5) Support implementation of SCAG’s adopted Connect SoCal

Applicants shall strive for innovative and impactful approaches that produce transformative, visible, and measurable projects and results. The program seeks activities that are demonstrably exemplary, and

applicants can demonstrate the funds will lead to changes that support program goals and objectives, stated above (e.g., housing production, VMT reduction, AFFH, Advancing/Implementing the SCS). Definitions for all terms are found in Appendix 4: SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Glossary of Terms.

Target Outcomes

In alignment with the funding objectives, applicants must demonstrate how the proposed project meets at least one of the following target outcomes:

- **Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability:** Increased number of city codes and/or policies revised and/or adopted to increase infill development or investment.
- **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)**
 - o High-resource areas: Increased number of permit streamlining and/or incentive programs to increase housing affordability.
 - o Disadvantaged community areas: Increased number of anti-displacement strategies adopted and/or completed.
- **Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):** Increased number of multimodal plans completed and/or investments in multimodal transportation.

Note: SCAG’s REAP 2.0 funding application is currently pending review and approval from the State. Target outcomes are subject to change. SCAG will work with applicants to modify target outcomes as needed.

Project Categories

Applicants may apply to one or more of the following CEEEJ project categories: (1) Housing and Land Use Strategies, and (2) Multimodal Communities. Examples are included in the bulleted list, by category. A project or plan may qualify under more than one category. **Proposed project budgets are anticipated to be a minimum of \$200,000 and up to \$500,000.**

1. Housing & Land Use Strategies

Projects must have a direct tie leading to the production of affordable housing and reducing VMT. Eligible activities should result in a change in behavior or a significant improvement to the existing land use pattern or other dynamics that result in accelerating infill housing production, reducing VMT, and support AFFH.

Applicants must describe how plans support accelerated infill development, VMT reduction, and/or support AFFH. Plans accelerating infill development near jobs and other key destinations to support increasing housing choices and affordability effectively reduces VMT and greenhouse gas emissions. Example plans and projects include:

- o Affordable Housing Plans & Ordinances
- o Integrating Infill Housing into General Plan Updates
- o Integration of Environmental Justice Goals and/or Policies into General Plan Updates in support of housing production and AFFH
- o Infrastructure & Utility Financing Plans (*not including fossil fuel and natural gas*)

2. Multimodal Communities

Multimodal Communities projects should increase accessibility, mobility, resiliency, and safety. Projects are eligible when they leverage transportation planning, policies, and investment strategies that increase travel options to homes, jobs, services, and other key destinations that provide, support, or enhance Multimodal Communities. These projects must reduce the number or length of vehicle trips. Multimodal Communities are defined as those which are served by a variety of travel options that accommodate a variety of transportation modes for the public to access daily destinations. Multimodal options can include, but are not limited to, complete street improvements for active transportation, improving access to transit, and creating high quality transit stops.

Applicants must describe and demonstrate how the plan or project reduces VMT and GHG emissions. For example, in a park and greenway plan, this may include creating safe and accessible routes to parks and green spaces that reduce the number of vehicle trips and support multimodal communities. Additionally, for a Vision Zero Plan, this may include planned street improvements that make it safer to access housing, key destinations and job centers without a car, and educational engagement campaigns that promote safe walking and biking. Example plans and projects include:

- Community E-Bike Rebates and E-Bike Share Plans & Pilots (*e-bike pilots are eligible when done alongside planning activities*)
- Highways to Boulevards and Freeway Cap Plans – Improvements for Non-Motorized Vehicles and Pedestrian Traffic (*Motorized Vehicle Infrastructure improvements are ineligible*)
- Park and Greenway Connectivity Plans
- Multimodal Corridor Studies (*alongside planning activities*)
- Transportation Accessibility and Safety Demonstration Projects (*alongside planning activities*)
- Vision Zero Policy and Programs or Safety Plans

Community Engagement Strategies are a required component of all projects funded through CEEEJ and should be integrated into the proposed project scope. Community engagement strategies may include but are not limited to the following examples:

- Cohort-Based Engagement Programs
- Community Charettes
- Community Storytelling
- Community Resiliency Playbooks & Toolkits
- [Go Human Kit of Parts Activations](#)

For additional guidance on community engagement best practices, please reference available resources on the program website. Links will be available on the program website once the Call is released.

Priority Populations

SCAG prioritizes funding in or providing direct benefit to historically disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented, and under resourced areas. CEEEJ has identified “Priority Populations” which include

the designations below. These designations allow SCAG to demonstrate how CEEEJ has a significant geographic or region-wide benefit for Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities. Priority Populations include:

- SB535 Disadvantaged Communities (CalEnviroScreen 4.0)
- SCAG Communities of Concern
- TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities; affordable housing production in high resource and highest resource communities will also be prioritized).
- AB 1550 Communities

Please refer to the REAP 2.0 Priority Population Mapping Tool, which will be available on the program website upon Call release, to identify if the proposed project overlaps with one or more Priority Population areas. Definitions for all terms are found in Appendix 4: SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Glossary of Terms.

Evaluation Criteria

All project categories will be evaluated using the following scoring criterion:

- Project Design and Outcomes
- Project Need and Priority Population Benefits
- Inclusive and Equitable Engagement
- Local Partnerships

Further detail regarding how points are determined will be provided in the project application, available on the SCP project website.

Scoring Criteria		Points
General Project Information and Eligibility		Not scored
1	Project Design & Outcomes	20
1.1	Community and Vision Summary	
1.2	Funding Objectives & SCS Implementation	
1.3	Anticipated Project Outcomes	
1.4	Scope of Work & Project Feasibility	
2	Project Need & Priority Population Benefits	10
2.1	Priority Populations	
2.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	
3	Inclusive & Equitable Engagement	10
3.1	Priority Populations Engagement & Letters of Support	
3.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	
4	Local Partnerships	10
4.1	Reciprocal Relationships and Impact	
4.2	Governance & Decision-making	
Total Points		50

Schedule

SCP Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice	Date
Call for Applications Opens	Spring 2023; Upon State approval of SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application
Application Workshops	April 2023 <i>(anticipated)</i>
Call for Applications Submission Deadline	May 2023 <i>(anticipated)</i>
Proposal Review and Scoring	May/June 2023 <i>(anticipated)</i>
Distribution of Conditional Award Letters	Summer 2023 (or within 60 days of applications deemed complete)
SCAG Policy Committee and Regional Council Approval of the SCP CEEEJ Rankings	Summer 2023
All Funds Must Be Committed (I.e., under purchase order/contract, etc.)	June 30, 2024
Final Work and Invoices Submitted	December 31, 2025

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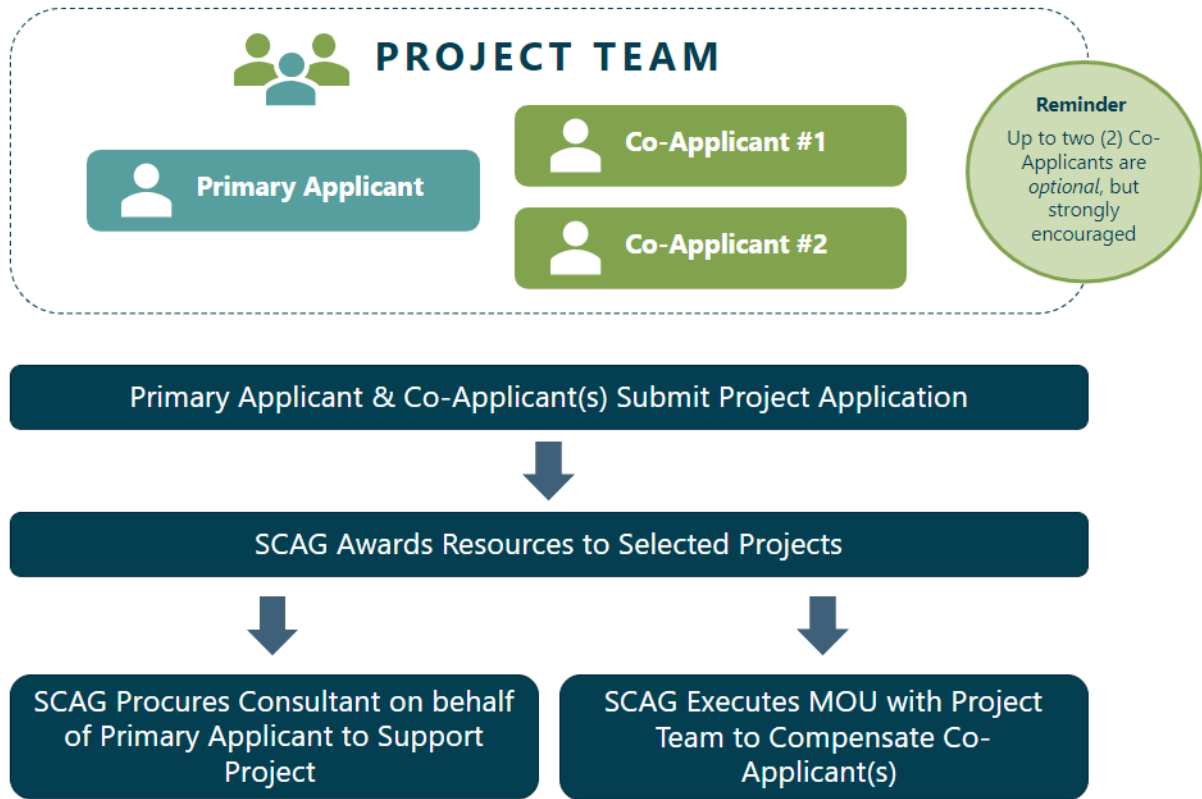
Appendix 1: Partnership Structure

This Call for Applications encourages co-applicant partnerships to support equity, local engagement, and collaboration. Upon award, co-applicants listed on the application will enter a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with SCAG, the primary applicant, and the consultant to outline roles, responsibilities, the scope of work, and payment structure for each co-applicant. SCAG will also procure a consultant on behalf of the primary applicant to support the project and the co-applicant partnership.

Under a primary and co-applicant partnership, co-applicants would be compensated to lead key elements of the project. In addition, a consultant team would be procured to perform identified work on behalf of the primary and co-applicant partnership. A graphic visual of the co-applicant structure is included below.

SCAG may evaluate the risks to the program posed by each co-applicant to assess a co-applicant's ability to manage award funds pursuant to the requirements prescribed in the applicable funding guidelines. In some circumstances, special grant conditions may be imposed to mitigate anticipated risks. Each co-applicant may be required to provide documentation to SCAG for this evaluation. The proposed payment method is based on a milestone payment, subject to the approval of the State. SCAG will perform a cost analysis of the proposed budget and will pay the co-applicant based on a milestone payment schedule as outlined in the MOU agreement.

As part of the evaluation process, this program encourages equitable partnerships between local agencies and CBOs. Key elements of equitable partnerships should include reciprocal, mutually beneficial relationships, balanced and clear roles and responsibilities, an equitable decision-making structure where each partner is closely involved in all decisions affecting the project, and power dynamics are recognized and addressed. The budget for the co-applicant(s) should reflect the roles and responsibilities described in the application and outlined in the scope of work. The partnership shall also seek to support long-term collaborative relationship building between partners and with the community.



Appendix 2: Applicant Eligibility

Community-Based Organization (CBO) or Nonprofit

		Infill Area	
		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as co-applicant only	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as co-applicant only	Eligible as co-applicant only

County Public Health Agency, County Transportation Agency, Local or Regional Agency, Transit Agency or District, or Tribal Entity

	Infill Area
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		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Eligible as primary or co-applicant

Housing Authority, Natural Resource or Public Lands Agency, Public Academic Institution, School District, Special District

		Infill Area	
		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Eligible as co-applicant only

Local or Regional Housing Trust Fund

		Infill Area	
		Yes, my proposed project is located in an infill area	No, my proposed project is not located in an infill area
Project Category	Housing and Land Use Strategies	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible
	Multimodal Communities	Eligible as primary or co-applicant	Likely ineligible

Appendix 3: Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Design and Outcomes (20 points)

1.1 Community and Vision Summary (5 points)

Points	Community and Vision Summary	Score
5 Points	Application presents an excellent description of a transformative and catalytic project, identifies significant community needs, and clearly describes how the project will address the needs. Applicant provides three or more (3+) examples of how the project will address identified community needs as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application presents a strong description of a transformative and catalytic project, identifies related community needs, and somewhat describes how the project will address the needs. Applicant provides two or more (2+) examples as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application presents a suitable description of a transformative and catalytic project, identifies some related community needs, and an adequate description of how the project will address the needs. Applicant provides one or more (1+) examples as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application presents a limited description of a transformative and catalytic project and does not adequately identify community needs or how the project will address the needs. Applicant provides at least one (1) example as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Application presents a weak or no description of a transformative and catalytic project and does not adequately identify community needs or how the project will address the needs. Applicant does not provide any examples.	For Reviewer Only

1.2 Funding Objectives and SCS Implementation (5 points)

Points	Funding Objectives and SCS Implementation	Score
5 Points	Application presents an excellent description of how the project directly addresses three or more (3+) of the funding objectives and a detailed description of three or more (3+) Connect SoCal strategies they are currently implementing or plan to implement within the community as part of the project.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application presents a strong description of how the project directly addresses two or more (2+) of the funding objectives and a description of two or more (2+) Connect SoCal strategy they are currently implementing or plan to implement within the community as part of the project.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application presents a suitable description of how the project directly addresses one or more (1+) of the funding objectives and a description of one or more (1+) Connect SoCal strategy they are currently implementing or plan to implement within the community as part of the project.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application presents a limited description of how the project directly addresses at least one (1) of the funding objectives and an inadequate description of at least one (1) of the Connect SoCal strategies they are currently implementing or plan to implement within the community as part of the project.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Application presents a weak or does not address how the proposed project addresses the funding objectives or Connect SoCal strategies.	For Reviewer Only

1.3 Anticipated Project Outcomes (5 points)

Points	Anticipated Project Outcomes	Score
5 Points	Application presents an excellent description of two or more (2+) target outcomes in measurable terms that directly respond to the identified community need and are in alignment with the funding objectives.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application presents a strong description of one or more (1+) target outcome in measurable terms that directly respond to the identified community need and are in alignment with the funding objectives.	For Reviewer Only

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3 Points	Application presents a suitable description of at least one (1) target outcome that somewhat responds to the identified community need and is in alignment with the funding objectives.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application presents a limited description of at least one (1) target outcome and does not adequately respond to the identified community need and is not in direct alignment with the funding objectives.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Application presents a weak or no description of target outcomes and does not respond to the identified community need and is not in alignment with the funding objectives.	For Reviewer Only

1.4 Scope of Work (SOW) and Project Feasibility (5 points)

Points	Scope of Work & Project Feasibility	Score
5 Points	Application presents an excellent description of the project scope of work, including a clear and detailed timeline, tasks, deliverables, and budget, how the project is designed to meet the target outcomes, and demonstrates project readiness by describing two or more (2+) examples of existing efforts such as engagement, policies, contracts, etc. completed or in progress to support the project.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application presents a strong description of the project scope of work, including a clear timeline, tasks, deliverables, and budget, how the project is designed to meet the target outcomes, and demonstrates project readiness by describing one or more (1+) examples completed or in progress to support the project.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application presents a suitable description of the project scope of work, including a timeline, tasks, deliverables, and budget, how the project is designed to meet the target outcomes, and demonstrates some project readiness by describing at least one (1) example completed or in progress to support the project.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application presents a limited description of the project scope of work, including a timeline, tasks, deliverables, and budget, how the project is designed to meet the target outcomes, and demonstrates some project readiness, but does not provide any example.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Application presents a weak or no description of the project scope of work, how the project is designed to meet the target outcomes and does not demonstrate project readiness.	For Reviewer Only

2. Project Need and Priority Population Benefits (10 points)

2.1 Priority Populations (5 points)

Points	Priority Populations	Score
5 Points	Application identifies a targeted area that will directly benefit Priority Populations and provides a map of the location. The project area is located in and will directly benefit three or more (3+) Priority Populations.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application identifies a targeted area that will directly benefit Priority Populations and provides a map of the location. The project area is located in and will directly benefit two or more (2+) Priority Populations.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application identifies a targeted area that will benefit Priority Populations and provides a map of the location. The project area is located in and will directly benefit one or more (1+) Priority Populations.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application identifies a targeted area that will benefit Priority Populations and provides a map of the location. The project area is located in and will benefit at least one (1) Priority Populations.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	The project area is not located in and does not provide direct benefit to Priority Populations. Applicant does not provide a map of the location.	For Reviewer Only

2.2 Repairing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefits (5 points)

Points	Repairing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefits	Score
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5 Points	Application presents an excellent description of how the project aims to address and repair historic and/or current inequities and how it benefits Priority Populations. Applicant provides three or more (3+) examples of how the project addresses inequities and benefits Priority Populations as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application presents a strong description of how the project addresses and repairs historic and/or current inequities and how it benefits Priority Populations. Applicant provides two or more (2+) examples as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application presents a suitable description of how the project addresses and repairs historic and/or current inequities and how it benefits Priority Populations. Applicant provides one or more (1+) examples as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application presents a limited description of how the project addresses and repairs historic and/or current inequities and how it benefits Priority Populations. Applicant provides at least one (1) example as part of description.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Application presents a weak or no description of how the project addresses and repairs historic and/or current inequities or benefits Priority Populations. Applicant does not provide any examples.	For Reviewer Only

3. Inclusive and Equitable Engagement (10 points)

3.1 Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement (5 points)

Points	Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement	Score
5 Points	Application provides exceptional description of approach to equitable community engagement during early project development and throughout project lifecycle and provides letters of support. as described as part of question 3.2.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application provides strong description of approach to equitable community engagement during early project development and throughout project lifecycle and provides letters of support. .	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application provides suitable description of approach to equitable community engagement during early project development and throughout project lifecycle and provides letters of support.,.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application provides suitable description of approach to equitable community engagement and provides letters of support. .	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Application provides weak description of approach to equitable community engagement, proposes few or no engagement strategies, and includes no letters of support.	For Reviewer Only

3.2 Priority Populations Engagement (5 points)

Points	Priority Populations Engagement	Score
5 Points	Applicant(s) provide exceptional description of how they will engage stakeholders in Priority Population areas during project development and throughout the project lifecycle, as described as part of question 3.1	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Applicant(s) provide strong description of how stakeholders in Priority Population areas will be engaged during project development and throughout the project lifecycle.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Applicant(s) provide suitable description of how stakeholders in Priority Population areas will be engaged.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Applicant(s) provide limited description of how stakeholders in Priority Population areas will be engaged.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Applicant(s) provide weak description of how stakeholders in Priority Populations areas will be engaged.	For Reviewer Only

4. Local Partnerships (10 points)

4.1 Reciprocal Relationships and Impact (5 points)

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Points	Reciprocal Relationships and Impact	Score
5 Points	Application includes one to two (1-2) Co-Applicants and provides an exceptional description of the roles and responsibilities of the Primary Applicant, any Co-Applicant(s), and any additional local partners. Provides robust detail for how the collaboration will meaningfully benefit each Co-Applicant, any additional partners, and the community. Proposes detailed plan for sustainability of the partnership beyond the project. If additional community partners (not including Co-Applicants) play an active role in the project, compensation is accounted for.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application includes one to two (1-2) Co-Applicants and provides a strong description of the roles and responsibilities of the Primary Applicant, any Co-Applicant(s), and any additional local partners. Provides some detail for how the collaboration will meaningfully benefit each Co-Applicant, any additional partners, and the community. Proposes loose plan for sustainability of the partnership beyond the project. If additional community partners (not including Co-Applicants) play an active role in the project, compensation is accounted for.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application includes one to two (1-2) Co-Applicants and provides a suitable description of the roles and responsibilities of the Primary Applicant, any Co-Applicant(s), and any additional local partners. Provides some detail for how the collaboration will meaningfully benefit each Co-Applicant, any additional partners, and the community. Does not discuss the sustainability of the partnership beyond the project. If additional community partners (not including Co-Applicants) play an active role in the project, compensation is accounted for.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application does not include any Co-Applicants and provides a limited description of the roles and responsibilities of the Primary Applicant and any partners. Provides limited detail for how the collaboration will meaningfully benefit any local partners and the community. Does not discuss the sustainability of the partnership beyond the project. If additional community partners (not including Co-Applicants) play an active role in the project, compensation is <i>not</i> accounted for.	For Reviewer Only
1 Point	Application does not include any Co-Applicants and provides a weak description of the roles and responsibilities of the Primary Applicant and any partners. Does not provide detail for how the collaboration will meaningfully benefit any local partners or the community. Does not discuss the sustainability of the partnership beyond the project. If additional community partners (not including Co-Applicants) play an active role in the project, compensation is <i>not</i> accounted for.	For Reviewer Only

4.2 Governance and Decision-Making (5 points)

Points	Governance and Decision-Making	Score
5 Points	Application provides an exceptional description of a collaborative governance and decision-making structure between partners, or how these will be developed by partners. Clearly outlines decision-making processes, communication protocols, and mechanisms for holding partners to account, or how these will be developed by partners. Clearly describes how scope and budget reinforce partnership structure. Prioritizes building trust between partners and proposes strategies.	For Reviewer Only
4 Points	Application provides a strong description of a collaborative governance and decision-making structure between partners, or how these will be developed by partners. Clearly outlines loose decision-making processes, communication protocols, and mechanisms for holding partners to account, or how these will be developed by partners. Clearly describes how scope and budget reinforce partnership structure.	For Reviewer Only
3 Points	Application provides a suitable description of a collaborative governance and decision-making structure between partners, or how these will be developed by partners. Loosely outlines decision-making processes, communication protocols, and mechanisms for holding partners to account, or how these will be developed by partners. Describes how scope and budget reinforce partnership structure.	For Reviewer Only
2 Points	Application provides a limited description of a collaborative governance and decision-making structure between partners, or how these will be developed by partners. Does not outline any decision-making processes, communication protocols,	For Reviewer Only

	or mechanisms for holding partners to account, or how these will be developed by partners. Loosely describes how scope and budget reinforce partnership structure.	
1 Points	Application provides a weak description of a collaborative governance and decision-making structure between partners, or how these will be developed by partners. Does not outline any decision-making processes, communication protocols, or mechanisms for holding partners to account, or how these will be developed by partners. Does not describe how scope and budget reinforce partnership structure.	For Reviewer Only

Appendix 4: SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Glossary of Terms

- Accelerating Infill Housing Production or Accelerating Infill Development, Including Housing:** planning, infrastructure, and other investment and actions that improve the affordability, timing, cost, feasibility, approval, and amount of Housing development.
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:** pursuant to Government Code section 8899.50, taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in Housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with Civil Rights and Fair Housing Laws.
- Affordable Housing:** Housing that is affordable (generally 30 percent of gross income) to Lower- and Moderate-Income Households. (Based on the Department of Housing and Community Development’s State Income Limits adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50093)
- Areas of High Segregation and Poverty:** means areas that meet consistent standards for both poverty (30 percent of the population below the federal poverty line) and racial segregation (overrepresentation of people of color relative to the county).
- Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities: includes** concentrated areas of poverty; Areas of High Segregation and Poverty and areas of low to moderate access to opportunity ([TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Maps](#)); Communities of Concern, Disadvantaged Communities (SB 535 [Disadvantaged Communities](#) Map), and Low- Income Communities pursuant to Senate Bill 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012) and Assembly Bill 1550 (Gomez, Chapter 369, Statutes of 2016); areas of high Housing cost burdens; areas with high vulnerability of displacement; areas related to Tribal Entities; and other areas experiencing disproportionate impacts of California’s Housing and climate crisis. Applicants may propose alternative definitions to Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities in consultation with the Department and the State Collaborative Partners.
- Higher Resource Communities or Areas:** those areas designated as “highest resource” and “high resource” as defined by the most recent [TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps](#).

- **Housing:** any development that includes a house, an apartment, a mobile home, manufactured home, or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied as separate living quarters, or, if vacant, is intended for occupancy as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other individuals in the building, and which have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall. Note: accessory dwelling units (ADU) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) pursuant to Government Code sections 65852.2 and 65852.22 meet this definition.
- **Housing Trust Fund:** a Local or Regional Housing Trust Fund that is required to be a public, joint public and private, or charitable nonprofit organization organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which was established by legislation, ordinance, resolution (including nonprofit articles of incorporation), or a public-private partnership organized to receive specific public, or public and private, revenue to address local or regional Housing needs.
- **Infill Area:** areas where all the following apply: (1) the area consists of unused or underutilized lands (2) within existing development patterns or a census designated place with public services such as a post office, sheriff station, fire station, and schools (3) that is or will be accessible to destinations and daily services by transit, walking, or bicycling and located in either:
 - a. A community or neighborhood center, corridor with existing development patterns, or area with transit-supportive densities, or
 - b. An established community that meets all the following criteria:
 - i. The area consists or previously consisted of or is designated in the General Plan for qualified urban uses
 - ii. The area is predominantly surrounded (more than 50 percent of the perimeter) by parcels that are developed, were previously developed, or are designated in the General Plan with qualified urban uses, and
 - iii. No parcel within is classified as natural and working lands.
- **Lower-income Household:** individual households with either 1) household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income, or 2) household incomes at or below the threshold designated as low-income by Department of Housing and Community Development’s State Income Limits adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50093.
- **Moderate-income Households:** either 1) household incomes between 80 and 120 percent of the statewide median income, or 2) household incomes at or below the threshold designated as moderate-income by Department of Housing and Community Development’s State Income Limits adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50093.
- **Moderate Resource Communities or Areas:** those geographic areas designated as “Moderate Resource” as defined by the most recent [TCAC/HCD Opportunity Maps](#).
- **Multimodal Communities:** those which are served by a variety of travel options that accommodate a variety of transportation modes for the public to access daily destinations. Multimodal options can include, but are not limited to, complete street improvements for active transportation, improving access to transit, and creating high- quality transit (CEQA) stops.

- **Natural Resource or Public Resource Agencies:** Federal, State, or local agency responsible for natural resources or public land administration.
- **Priority Populations:** This program prioritizes funding in areas that have been traditionally disadvantaged, underserved, underrepresented, and under resourced. These designations include:
 - **SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)** (as designated under [CalEnviroScreen 4.0](#)) are based on geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria, and may include, but are not limited to, either of the following:
 - Areas disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation
 - Areas with concentrations of people that are of low income, high unemployment, low levels of homeownership, high rent burden, sensitive populations, or low levels of educational attainment
 - Inclusive of Tribal Entities and Tribal Government Lands
 - **SCAG Communities of Concern (COC):** Census Designated Places (CDP) and the City of Los Angeles Community Planning Areas (CPA) that fall in the upper one-third of all communities in the SCAG region for having the highest concentration of minority populations and low-income households
 - **TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas:** High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities; High and highest resource areas that are located within infill areas shall focus on affordable housing production and affirmatively furthering fair housing to be considered an eligible area
 - **AB1550 Communities** (See [mapping application](#)) include “Low-income households” with incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income or with household incomes at or below the threshold designated as low-income by the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) State Income Limits adopted pursuant to Section 50093 (2) and “Low-income communities” are census tracts with median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income or with median household incomes at or below the threshold designated as low-income by HCD’s State Income Limits adopted pursuant to Section 50093
- **SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives:**
 - Support transformative planning and implementation activities that realize the objectives of Connect SoCal, region’s adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy,
 - Leverage and augment the Connect SoCal Implementation Strategy to support activities that can be implemented quickly and in line with community-driven, pandemic recovery priorities
 - Build regional capacity to deliver housing that realizes 6th cycle RHNA goals (existing and projected need for Housing for each region, as determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Section 65584.01 of the Government Code.)
 - Represent best practices in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction
 - Demonstrate consistency with the Racial Equity Early Action Plan
 - Promote infill development in Connect SoCal identified Priority Growth Areas

- **Special District:** Limited purpose local governments entities, separate from cities and counties, providing focused public services such as fire protection, sewers, water supply, electricity, parks, recreation, etc.
- **Streamlined Housing Production:** improving the entitlement process through actions such as removing, mitigating, or minimizing local regulatory requirements, reforming the local approval process to reduce processing times, reducing the number of local discretionary approvals and permits needed for projects, improving approval certainty, establishing non-discretionary processes, modifying development standards such as reducing parking requirements, and increasing height limits or other efforts such as taking the fullest advantage of existing streamlining mechanisms provided in state law.
- **Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities:** 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 and 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. (Connect SoCal – 2020–2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy: <https://scag.ca.gov/read-plan-adopted-final-connect-social-2020>)
- **Vehicle Miles Traveled:** a metric to evaluate the total miles of vehicles traveling on a roadway over a period of time.
- **Vehicle Miles Traveled Per Capita:** the number of Vehicle Miles Traveled, per person.

Terms Specific to SCP CEEEJ

- **Primary Applicant:** Local or regional agencies, including cities, counties, and councils of governments (COGs), transit agencies or districts, county transportation agencies, county public health agencies, and Tribal Entities. If the project is located in an infill area, housing authorities, natural resource or public land agencies, public academic institutions, school districts, special

districts, and local or regional housing trust funds are eligible as primary applicants. For an overview of eligibility, reference Table 1 in the SCP CEEEJ Program Guidelines.

- **Co-Applicant:** A partner to the primary applicant. All primary applicants are also eligible to apply as co-applicants. Non-profits and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) with 501(c)3 status are eligible only as co-applicants. Organizations with fiscal sponsors are eligible. Co-applicants must apply in partnership with primary applicants.

Term Specific to PATH

- **Significant Beneficial Impact** means demonstrates 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 ownership patterns in a significant and quantifiable manner. REAP 2.0 funding must go beyond basic efforts to complete updates or amendments identified in Housing Elements or required for compliance with State housing laws and other statutory obligations; it is not for small projects or programs. SCAG is interested in innovative models that can be replicated across the region and the state.