

HOUSING ACCELERATION PROGRAM

Grant Program Cycle Details

Addressing the housing crisis requires a re-evaluation of housing priorities, transportation, and land-use in the San Diego region. More than 70% of San Diegans agree that housing is a major issue in our region, especially for low-income families, seniors, and younger residents. In July 2020, the SANDAG Board of Directors adopted the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Plan, which allocates housing unit goals to jurisdictions based on each jurisdictions' share of transit and jobs within the region.

In 2019, the California state legislature passed Assembly Bill 101 which provided one-time grant funding through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to regional metropolitan planning organizations, like SANDAG, to collaborate on housing projects at a regional scale. This state program is called Regional Early Action Planning (REAP). REAP 2.0 was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under Assembly Bill 140. This new program builds on the success of REAP 1.0 and expands the program focus by addressing the housing and climate

goals in our state at the same time SANDAG is committed to providing resources to local jurisdictions to help them achieve their 6th Cycle RHNA goals and to accelerate the production of housing in the San Diego region. Using state REAP funds, SANDAG has launched the Housing Acceleration Program (HAP). The HAP will provide grants to local jurisdictions to fund planning and capital projects related to the acceleration of housing production within infill areas. HAP grants are versatile and can be used to fund a variety of projects that accelerate infill development that facilitates housing, supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthers fair housing, and reduces vehicle miles traveled.

The new cycle of HAP grants will fund transformative and innovative planning and capital projects, including housing supportive infrastructure, that will accelerate housing development in infill areas, facilitate implementation of the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), and advance Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS).



Promote
Equity, Inclusion,
and Sustainability



Preserve
Vulnerable
Housing



Protect
Tenants



Prevent
Displacement



Produce
Housing for All

Program Objectives

The HAP provides grants and technical assistance to local jurisdictions to accelerate housing production and promote equity and sustainability. The HAP intends to meet multiple objectives – Infill development, Housing for all incomes, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) in ways that lead to transformative policy outcomes and accelerate the implementation of regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

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12,000 units needed
annually to keep up with
population growth

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Eligibility

HAP grants are funded through the HCD REAP program and must meet the minimum requirements mandated by HCD.

Eligible applicants include the 18 cities within San Diego County and the County of San Diego. All projects funded through HAP grants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Project must be located within a Mobility Hub, a Transit PriorityArea (TPA) or a Low VMT Area
- Project must meet all REAP 2.0 objectives:
 - accelerate infill development that increases housing supply, choice and affordability
 - reduce VMT
 - affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH)

The program promotes collaboration and partnership between multiple jurisdictions and community-based organizations/non-profits.



Grant proposals are evaluated using the criteria below.

Planning (Maximum \$650,000 per project)	Capital (Maximum \$2.5 million per project)
Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability	Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled	Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled
Affirmatively Further Fair Housing	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
Community Engagement and Outreach	Community Engagement and Outreach
Partnerships	Partnerships
Board Policy 33 (Prohousing Policies and Housing Equity)	Project Readiness
Matching Funds	Board Policy 33
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Resources

Additional grant information, email

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