



Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) **Regional Services provided to Local Jurisdictions**



ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
Serving the counties, cities and towns of the Bay Area since 1961

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BayREN Accomplishments and Regional Impact

Serving 9 Counties, 101 Cities

Celebrating 10 Year Anniversary

Annual Budget of \$24M and growing

Six Programs Focused On:

- Energy efficiency upgrades for single and multi-family housing
- Water energy nexus
- Working closely with BAHFA to lower housing operating costs

SF Estuary Partnership (SFEP)

- ***Estuary Blueprint*** creates strategies to bolster resilience of ecosystems, shorelines and local communities to climate change
- **68,000 acres** of wetlands restored and protected to date
- **\$30M** in State and Federal funds passed through to local partners for on-the-ground projects in 2023
- **Regional Measure AA** (\$12 parcel tax in 2016)
 - *\$25M/year for 20 years thru SF Bay Restoration Authority*



San Francisco
ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

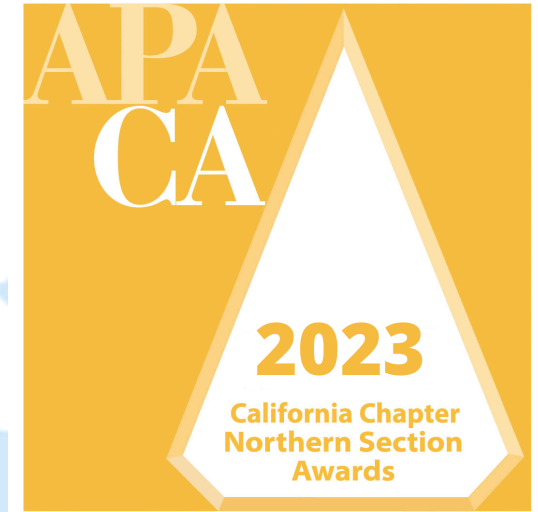
Regional Housing Technical Assistance

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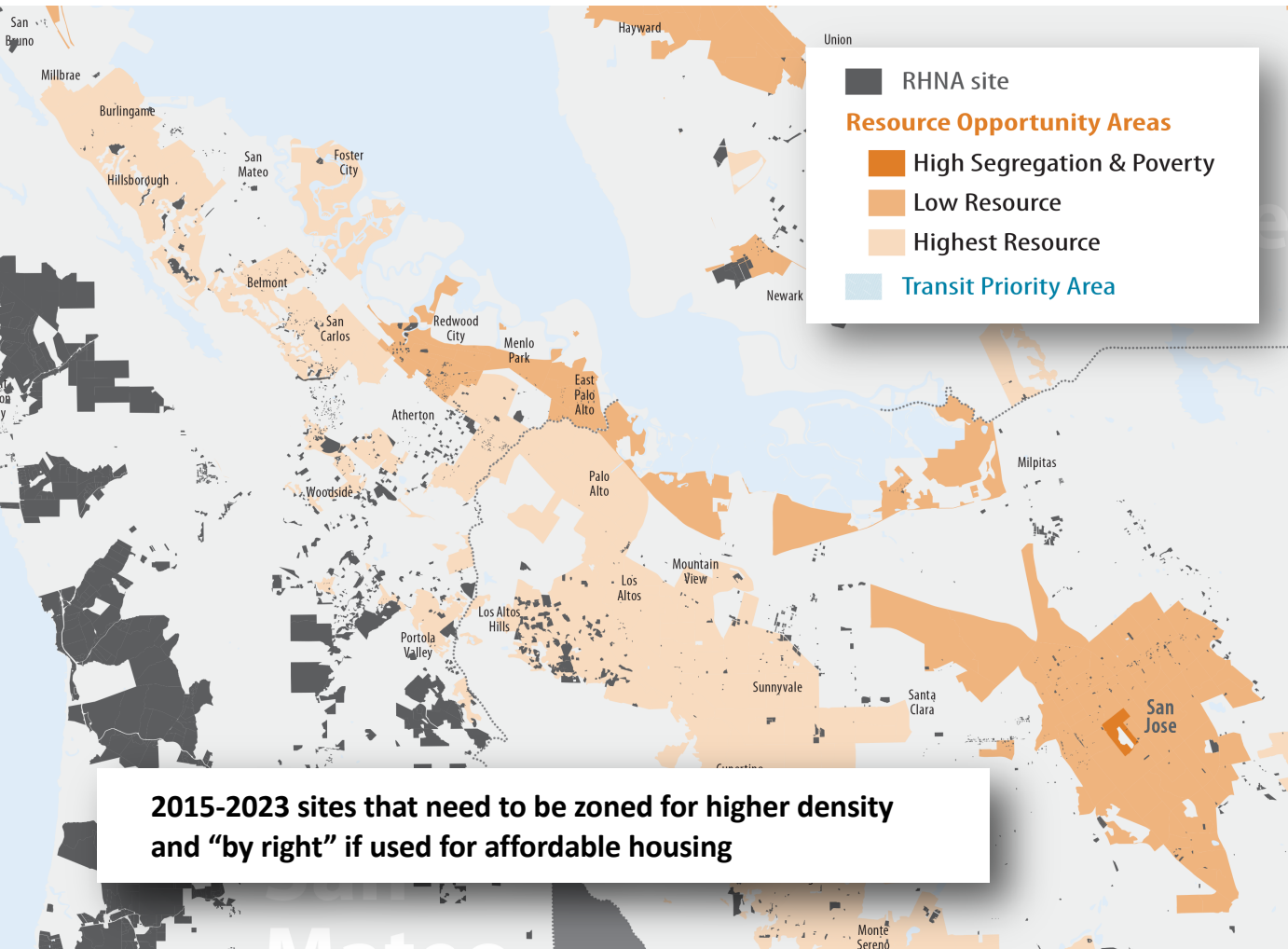
\$24M State REAP Grant to ABAG was suballocated to **all 109 cities and counties**, as well as to county-based planning collaboratives and **Regional Technical Assistance** including:

- *28 Webinars* including housing element compliance
- *Working groups* on wildfire, missing middle housing, leading with equity, malls and office parks and zoning for affordability
- *109 local data packets* preapproved by HCD
- *Specialized tools* to help jurisdictions with Housing Elements



1st place
2023 Award of Excellence
Planning Agency (public sector)

Interactive Site Selection Tool



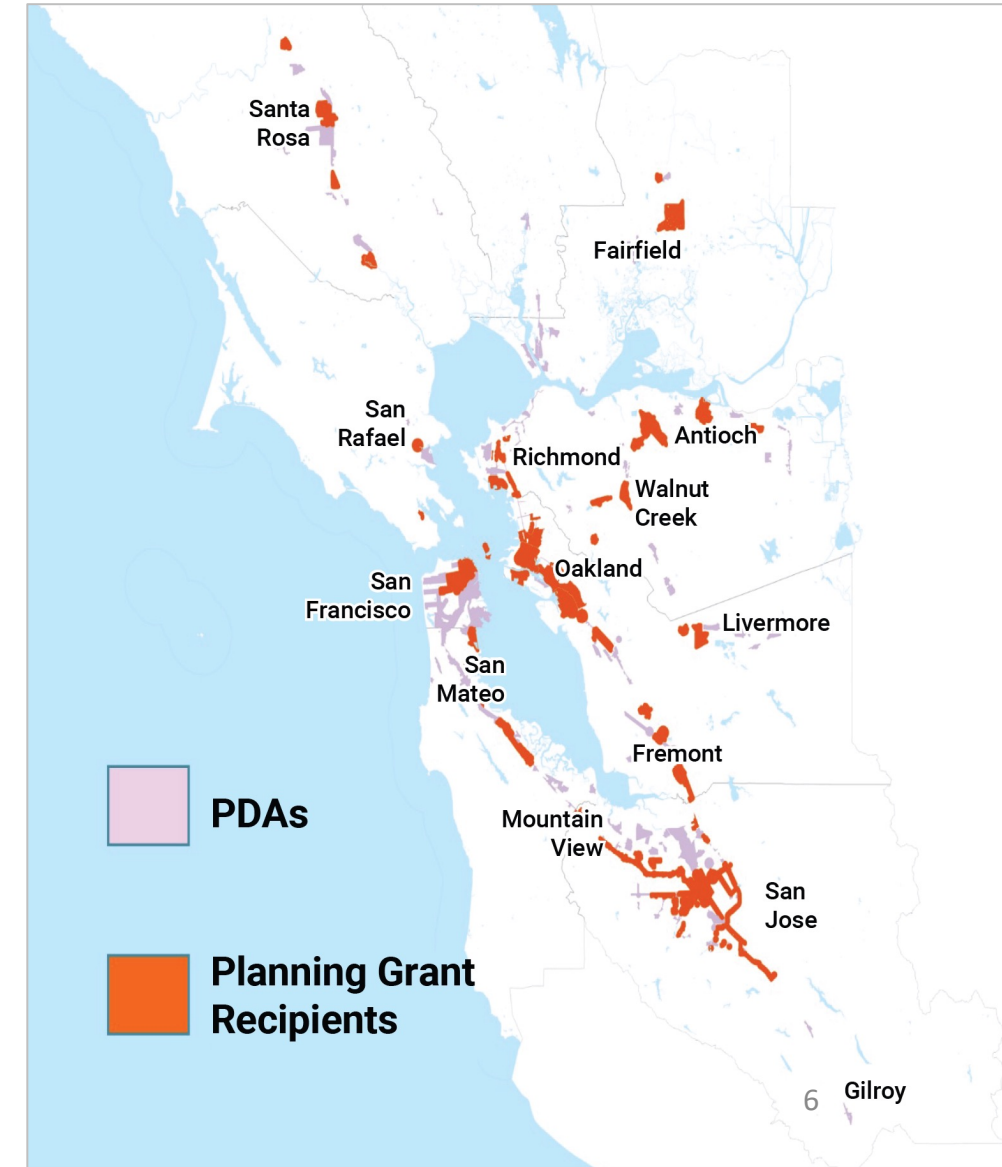
- Maps potential sites for Housing Element site inventory
- Screens sites based on HCD requirements
- Flags rezoning needed to be used
- Pre-populates HCD’s new reporting form

GOAL:
SAFE
HARBOR

PDA Program Grants Overview



- MTC made \$45 million in PDA Planning and Technical Assistance grants to 82 projects in 45 jurisdictions since 2018
- Added capacity for 175,000 new homes
- Connects local priorities to Plan Bay Area Regional Growth Framework
- Recognized as national model



Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA)



BAHFA is California's first regional housing finance authority and was seeded with a \$20M state grant to fund staff to carry out five regional pilot projects



Production

BAHFA is pursuing a \$10-\$20 billion bond measure to create thousands of affordable homes across the region.



Tenant Protections

BAHFA is working with jurisdictions to integrate services and resources that protect vulnerable residents.



Preservation

BAHFA is providing critical resources to help low-income residents stay safely housed.

Doorway Affordable Housing Portal

Doorway will equitably bring affordable housing opportunities to people across the region.



Technical Assistance

BAHFA is working with jurisdictions to provide research and TA on housing issues with regional implications, such as eviction prevention.

New Funding Programs

- **Priority Sites Pilot (\$28M)** Predevelopment, acquisition and construction funds to transform surplus public land and aging malls and offices
- **Housing Preservation Pilot (\$15M)** Capital financing for non-profits and community land trusts to acquire and renovate market rate rental housing
- **Higher Impact Transformative Fund (\$10M)** Turner Center applied to create Bay Area Builders Lab and revolving loan fund to scale faster, less expensive manufactured housing production.

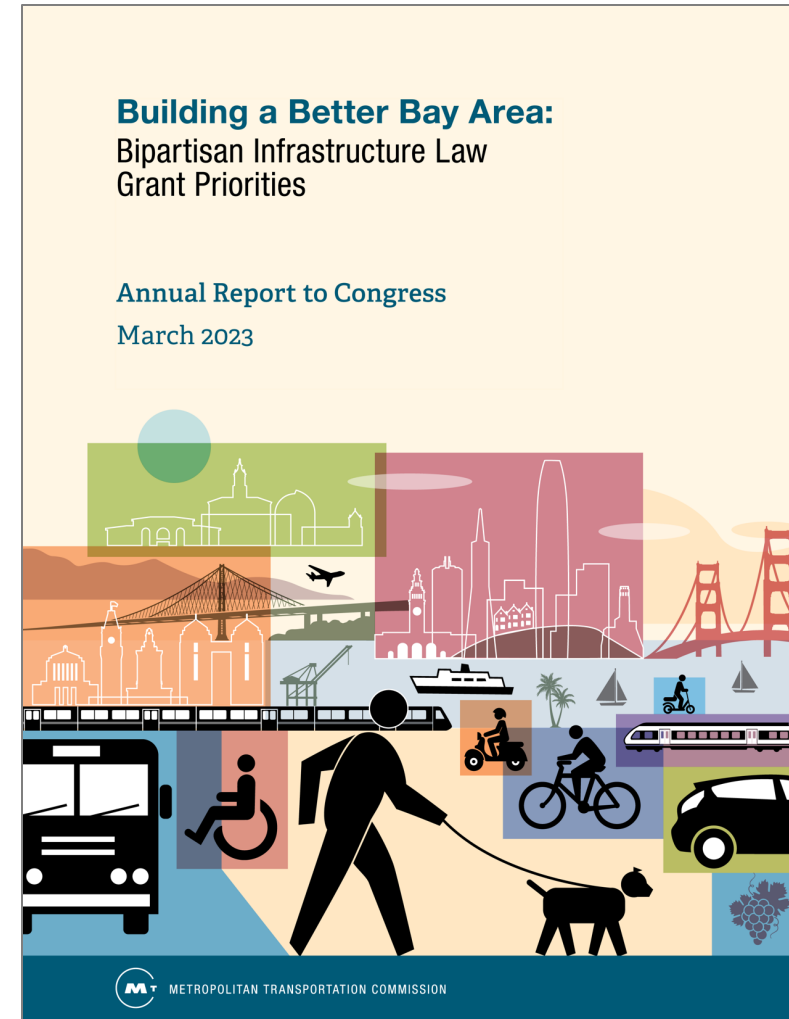
ABAG Executive Board and BAHFA Board asked staff to explore steps needed put regional housing measure on Nov 2024 ballot. Final decision comes later.



BAHFA is a Key Part of the Solution

- **If we proceed** with regional housing measure, BAHFA could raise **\$10–\$20 billion** to provide local jurisdictions with subsidies needed to build affordable housing and prevent homelessness
- **80%** of funds raised **return to county of origin**
- BAHFA's **20%** regional funding will **advance better systems:**
- Streamlined, innovative financing
 - Opportunities for regional coordination
 - Technical assistance

State and Federal Advocacy Efforts Underway



“This year, ABAG has provided an unprecedented level of funding and services for its members.”

–**Susan Adams**, Vice Mayor, Rohnert Park,
ABAG Executive Board member.

Comment made at 3/16/23 ABAG Exec
Board Meeting

