

**Association of Bay Area Governments
Housing Committee**

November 13, 2020

Agenda Item 7.b.

Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program

Subject: Report on Authorization to Request Balance of Regional Early Action Planning Grants


Overview: The State, through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), is providing Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants to Councils of Governments, including ABAG, to provide regional housing technical assistance to local jurisdictions and to collaborate with them on housing planning projects that have a broader regional impact on housing. ABAG was approved to receive an initial REAP grant disbursement of \$5.9M (approximately 25% of the full award) on February 25, 2020. State budget negotiations delayed receipt of this disbursement until July 29, 2020. ABAG can apply for the \$18,066,861 balance of the grant award (approximately 75%) at any time before January 31, 2021 once "substantial progress" can be shown on the initial \$5.9M.

Upon approval by ABAG's Executive Board of the Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program Design and Framework, staff will work diligently with HCD to expedite ABAG's application for the balance of REAP funds. Passage of the Attached Resolution is required by HCD to support the funding application. Accordingly, staff requests that the Housing Committee recommend approval of the attached Resolution to the ABAG Executive Board.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The ABAG Housing Committee is requested to recommend ABAG Executive Board adoption of Resolution No. 20-2020.

Attachments: A. Resolution No. 20-2020

Reviewed: 
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