

**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: 
Therese W. McMillan

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2020

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANTS PROGRAM

A necessary quorum and majority of the members of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments ("Applicant") hereby consents to, adopts and ratifies the following resolution:

- A. **WHEREAS** the Department is authorized to provide up to \$125,000,000 under the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (LGPSGP) to Councils of Governments and other Regional Entities ("Applicant") (as described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.02).
- B. **WHEREAS** the State of California (the "State"), Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice and Opportunity for Funding Allocation Application (NOFA) on February 18, 2020 (Local Government Planning Support Grants Program).
- C. **WHEREAS** Applicant is a Council of Governments or Regional Entity eligible to apply for an allocation pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.02(a) to develop and accelerate the implementation of the requirements contained in the Council of Governments or Regional Entity's application pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.02(d)(1) including the development of an education and outreach strategy related to the sixth cycle regional housing need allocation.
- D. **WHEREAS** the Department shall approve the allocation request, subject to the terms and conditions of Eligibility, NOFA, which includes the guidelines and program requirements, and the Standard Agreement by and between the Department and Local Government Planning Support Grant Recipients,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is hereby authorized pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.02(a) and directs the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or her designee, to request an allocation pursuant to the Department's calculation in accordance with the population estimates consistent with the methodology described in subdivision (a) of Section 50515.03. Each council of governments or other regional entity may, in consultation with the Department and consistent with program requirements, determine the appropriate use of funds or suballocations within its boundaries to appropriately address its unique housing and planning priorities.

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2. The Executive Director of the MTC, or her designee, is authorized to execute the Allocation Application, on behalf of ABAG as required by the Department for receipt of LGPSGP funds by submitting the following information:
 - (a) An allocation budget for the funds provided pursuant to this section.
 - (b) The amounts retained by the council of governments, regional entity, or county, and any suballocations to jurisdictions.
 - (c) An explanation of how proposed uses will increase housing planning and facilitate local housing production.
 - (d) Identification of current best practices at the regional and statewide level that promote sufficient supply of housing affordable to all income levels, and a strategy for increasing adoption of these practices at the regional level, where viable.
 - (e) An education and outreach strategy to inform local agencies of the need and benefits of taking early action related to the sixth cycle regional housing need allocation.
3. When ABAG receives its allocation of LGPSP funds in the authorized maximum amount of \$18,066,861.00 from the Department pursuant to the above referenced Allocation Application, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds only for eligible activities as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50515.02(e), as approved by the Department and in accordance with all LGPSP requirements, NOFA guidelines, all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and the Standard Agreement executed by and between the Applicant ABAG and the Department.
4. The Executive Director of the MTC, or her designee, is authorized to enter into, execute and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement for the maximum amount of \$18,066,861.00, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the LGPSP allocation, the ABAG's obligations related thereto and all amendments the Department deems necessary and in accordance with LGPSGP.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments this 19th day of November 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Jesse Arreguin
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on the 19th day of November, 2020.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board