Regional Housing
Technical Assistance
Program Update
&

Approval of REAP 2.0
Suballocations to
Planning
Collaboratives

ABAG Housing & BAHFA Oversight Committees
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### Agenda

- Review of RHTA's use of REAP 1.0 funds
- Overview of RHTA's Expansion with REAP 2.0 funds:
  - County-Level Planning Collaboratives
  - Housing Policy Grants
  - Other Regional Technical Assistance
- Recommended approval of:
  - 1. Suballocation amounts to County Planning Collaboratives;
  - 2. Contracts with Planning Collaborative consultant contracts administered by ABAG



#### Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program (RHTA) funded by \$24M REAP 1.0

- County Planning Collaboratives
- Communications & outreach guides
- Custom Data Packets
- Housing & Land Use Viewer
- 28 Webinars
- Templates & sample responses to HCD

#### Workgroups & Cohorts:

- Missing Middle Housing
- Zoning for **Affordability**
- Leading with Equity
- Malls & Office Parks
- Farm Labor Housing
- Objective Design
- Planning for Wildfire







# Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) - \$103M to MTC

- Expands upon REAP 1.0 beyond housing planning to include capital expenses and transportation
- All expenditures must meet REAP 2.0's eligibility criteria of advancing infill, reducing VMT and affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH)
- MTC has programmed roughly \$16 million to RHTA including:
  - \$4 million to continue County Planning Collaboratives
  - \$4 million for local housing policy grants
  - ~\$8 million for other regional housing technical assistance



### \$4 Million for County Collaboratives

Jurisdiction	# of Jurisdictions	REAP 2 Program Amounts
Alameda County*	15	\$ 493,000
Contra Costa County*	20	\$ 657,000
Marin County	12	\$ 490,000
Napa/Sonoma Collaborative*	16	\$ 526,000
San Francisco	1	\$ 128,000
San Mateo County	21	\$ 690,000
Santa Clara County	16	\$ 526,000
Solano County	8	\$ 490,000
TOTALS:	109	\$ 4,000,000



<sup>\*</sup> Counties have elected to have ABAG administer funds again, continuing with the same consultants

#### \$4 Million for Local Housing Policy Grants

#### **Preliminary Program Design Components**

- All Bay Area jurisdictions would be eligible to compete
- Set aside for small jurisdictions with populations of less than 60,000
- Must meet REAP 2.0 eligibility criteria to reduce VMT, advance infill, and AFFH
- Priority given to proposals that would accelerate compliance with MTC's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy

Early 2024: Release a Call for Projects to local governments

Mid to Late 2024: ABAG Housing Committee recommends projects to the Executive Board for approval



#### Other Regional Housing Technical Assistance

- Precise amount, timing, and scope subject to State approval of MTC's REAP 2.0 application
- Must meet REAP 2.0 eligibility criteria to reduce VMT, advance infill, and AFFH
- Technical assistance likely delivered in similar formats as prior RHTA products including workgroups, cohorts, webinars, and templates
- Priority given to projects that would:
  - Assist local governments in implementing Housing Elements
  - Accelerate compliance with MTC's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy



All contract awards and policy grants will come back to the Housing Committee and Executive Board for approval, per ABAG policies and procedures.

# Requested Action:

## Recommend that the ABAG Executive Board:

- Approve suballocation amounts to county-based Planning Collaboratives;
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into contracts with Planning Collaborative consultants requested by three Collaboratives for administration by ABAG



