



Announcing the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Call-for-Applications

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is pleased to release the Regional Early Access Planning (REAP) grant application. The adopted FY 2019-20 California Budget (AB 74) and associated housing trailer bill (AB 101) established the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program which made REAP funding available to the California Central Coast region to fund housing planning activities. Grant funding is to be used for technical assistance, preparation, and adoption of planning documents and process improvements to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs allocation. Based upon the approved suballocation approach from the Central Coast Housing Working Group and the AMBAG Board of Directors, cities and counties within Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties are eligible for the following funding amounts:

Jurisdiction	Grant Amount Available
Monterey County	\$530,000
Carmel-By-The-Sea	\$65,000
Del Rey Oaks	\$65,000
Gonzales	\$65,000
Greenfield	\$65,000
King City	\$65,000
Marina	\$165,000
Monterey	\$165,000
Pacific Grove	\$65,000
Salinas	\$530,000
Sand City	\$65,000
Seaside	\$165,000
Soledad	\$165,000

Jurisdiction	Grant Amount Available
Santa Cruz County	\$530,000
Capitola	\$65,000
Santa Cruz	\$300,000
Scotts Valley	\$65,000
Watsonville	\$165,000

All applicants must submit the following to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments by October 29, 2020 in order to be considered for the award:

1. A completed application (attached)
2. A fully executed resolution authorizing application for, and receipt of funds (attached)
3. A fully executed Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form (attached)

All applications must be submitted electronically to AMBAG by email to phierling@ambag.org. No hard copies will be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria:

Grant funds must be used for housing planning activities which demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing supply and accelerating housing production. Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

- Accommodating development of housing and infrastructure that accelerates housing production that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation, equity, and climate goals
- Implementing sustainable communities strategies related to housing planning and accelerating housing production
- Establishing Prohousing Policies pursuant to Government Code section 65589.9
- Providing technical assistance in improving housing permitting processes, tracking systems, and planning tools
- Establishing regional or countywide housing trust funds for affordable housing (e.g. planning activities and processes, guidelines, charters)
- Performing infrastructure planning, including sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents
- Performing feasibility studies to determine the most efficient locations to site housing consistent with Government Code sections 65040.1 (State Planning Priorities) and 65080 (Regional Transportation Plans)
- Covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with eligible activities
- Covering the cost of technical assistance, planning, temporary staffing, or consultant needs associated with updating local planning and zoning documents, expediting application processing, and other actions to accelerate additional housing production
- Reimbursing the cost of approved and eligible housing planning costs incurred for work after October 1, 2019

Deadline:

The grant application deadline is **October 29, 2020 at 5 PM** and grant awards are anticipated on a rolling basis.

Contact:

If you have questions regarding the application or REAP, contact Paul Hierling at phierling@ambag.org or 831-264-5092.