



Project Summary

Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant
SCAG Subregional Partnership Program

REAP Work Program

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

What is REAP?

The state's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant funds support regional agencies in their effort to accelerate housing production and to facilitate local government implementation of the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). They are meant to complement the funds that have been awarded to local jurisdictions from Senate Bill (SB) 2 Planning Grants and the Local Early Action Program (LEAP) and will be disbursed from May 2021 to June 2023. The Gateway Cities COG will receive approximately \$1.3 million as part of the REAP program.

Housing Element Development & Implementation

PROJECT BACKGROUND

This project will focus on supporting local jurisdictions in testing land use change scenarios and engaging stakeholders in order to facilitate the development and implementation of programs in their 6th Cycle Housing Elements. It will augment the scopes of work that many Gateway Cities jurisdictions have already developed with their housing element consultants.

GIS COMPUTATIONAL MODELING

Key Activities

For this project, the COG will oversee the development of a subregional computational (GIS based) model that can be strategically employed to study a variety of land use scenarios that jurisdictions will consider in order to meet their RHNA allocations and land use goals. The model will be built and then deployed in a series of workshops in the region, with key staff and elected officials. Scenarios may be focused around future light rail station areas being planned along the West Santa Ana Branch, Gold Line Eastside and even the existing Green Line stations. A model such as this could also visualize changes and outcomes from other scenarios, such as targeted zone change opportunities in other strategic locations, ADU development potential, conversion of commercial land on arterial corridors to housing, or land use changes on Metro Bus Rapid Transit corridors.

How This Accelerates Housing Production

Modeling land use scenarios will inform the COG and member jurisdictions about strategic growth and development and about ways to increase housing production near destinations, jobs and mobility options.

Housing Elements cont'd

INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Key Activities

This work area includes developing a database of community stakeholders such as community-based organizations (CBOs) and other engagement partners, as well as providing member jurisdictions with tools for opening effective dialogue with them. By partnering with CBOs that are positioned to participate in community engagement efforts within the subregion, member jurisdictions will be better able to develop Housing Elements that are broadly-supported and that reflect local priorities. Engagement partners to be considered will include advocacy groups, health clinics and health promotion organizations, and religious institutions – a broad range of community-based groups that have substantial “reach” in terms of the local population they serve and engage.

How This Accelerates Housing Production

Developing an Inclusive Engagement Toolkit will allow local jurisdictions to identify community-based organizations that they may wish to engage as potential partners in their community engagement activities as they work to update their Housing Elements and include the voices of those traditionally not included in these housing policy deliberations.