

Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program – 2021

REAP 2.0 Local Suballocation Grant Program



APPLICATION

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Project Title:

Section I - Applicant Information

Implementing Agency/Organization:

Agency/Organization Address:

Contact Name/Title:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

If this is a joint application, please list co-applicants:

If your agency is submitting multiple applications, please prioritize them below. (Example: 1 of 3)

Eligibility Indicator

This application is submitted by: (select one)

- Local Government
- Regional Government
- Housing Authority
- School District
- Special District
- Community-Based Organization
- Tribal Entity

Eligibility Category

This application is submitted for a project in the following category: (select one or more)

- Accelerating Infill Development
- Realizing Multimodal Communities
- Shifting Travel Behavior through Reducing Driving
- Increasing Transit Ridership

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Funding

Total Cost of project: \$

Amount of REAP 2.0 funds requested for project: \$

Will other sources of funding be used to help deliver the project? Yes No

If yes, identify the source and amount of funds from other sources compared to project total:

Source: \$ %

Source: \$ %

Source: \$ %

Is the applicant willing to receive a partial award of REAP 2.0 Funds (less than amount requested)? Yes No

If yes, what is the minimum amount of funding that is acceptable? \$

Section II – Project Information

Project Title:

Project Category

- Capital Project
- Pre-construction for a Capital Project
- Planning or Study
- Program
- Other, please describe project category

Project Description: Provide a description of the proposed project, e.g., develop bikeway plan; contribution to affordable housing development; construct new sidewalks; construct bicycle path; etc.

Project Deliverable: Provide a description of the final deliverable, e.g., Class I bikeway, affordable housing program, plan, etc.

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Project Location: Provide a description of the general location(s) of the proposed project, e.g., the intersection of Main Street and 1st Street. A project map may be attached.

Section III - Project Scope of Work and Budget

Attach a project scope of work and budget. The scope of work should include all project phases, the responsible party, and a timeline. The budget should include estimated costs associated with each project phase. The two documents may be combined as one.

If the project includes phases or activities outside of the requested funds, the scope of work and budget should be specific to the work associated with the REAP 2.0 funds. For example, if the requested funds are for engineering and environmental work for a project that will be constructed later with other funds, the scope of work and budget should be limited to the engineering and environmental work.

Section IV – REAP 2.0 Compatibility Criteria

Provide a response for each of the following prompts applicable to the project. Some prompts may not apply to all projects and some prompts require a response, if noted. Please refer to the REAP 2.0 Guidelines for clarification on any compatibility criterion. Individual responses shall be no longer than one page, not including any attachments.

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Benefit (Response Required)

In the following prompts discuss how the project reduces VMT. For housing projects, in addition to any narrative, use the SB 743 screening maps and note the color code applicable to the project (Green = >15% VMT reduction, Yellow = 0 – 15% VMT reduction, Red = no VMT reduction). For plans, studies, or pre-construction activity projects, describe the VMT reduction benefit of the larger project that this project serves as an interim step. Quantitative methods for assessing VMT impact should be employed to the greatest extent possible. See REAP 2.0 Guidelines, pages 18-19, (3), for additional information.

Explain how the proposed use promotes development and aligns housing production in infill locations consistent with the state's climate targets and goals discussed in the California Climate Change Scoping Plan.

Explain how the project is consistent with KCAG's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) through land use and transportation planning, policies, and investment strategies and what performance indicators best align with your project and how.

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Explain how the project supports new housing development and shifts travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) (Response Required)

Review California Tax Credit Allocation Committee Opportunity Maps and note resource zone of the project (e.g., Highest Resource, High Resource, etc.). Additional narrative describing how the project satisfies AFFH is required.

Explain how the project combats discrimination, overcomes patterns of segregation, and fosters equitable and inclusive communities.

Explain how the project includes meaningful actions to address disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replace segregated living patterns with balanced living patterns, and transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity.

Explain how the project supports regional and local efforts to work toward ensuring all people have full and equal access to opportunities enabling them to lead healthy lives.

Explain how the project enhances housing mobility strategies that remove barriers to housing, housing-supportive infrastructure, increased transportation options, and affordability in areas of high opportunity and outside areas of concentrated poverty; or: Explain how the project improves place-based strategies to encourage community revitalization; or: Explain how the project protects existing residents from displacement and preserves housing choices and affordability in areas of lower- or moderate-opportunity and concentrated poverty.

Accelerating Infill Development (Response Required)

In the following prompts describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability. (See REAP 2.0 Guidelines, Attachment 2, Definition #14, Pg. 39).

Explain how the project accelerates infill development near jobs and other key destinations, supports housing choice and affordability, and effectively reduces VMT and greenhouse emissions.

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How does the project support affordable housing development programs – which may involve predevelopment costs (studies, land acquisition, entitlements, etc.) – that accelerate the supply of long-term affordable housing for lower and moderate-income households?

If the project is at an infill site, explain any affordability components that serve low- and moderate-income households.

Is the project located in a federally recognized Opportunity Zone as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation? Yes No

Housing Element Compliance

Explain how your proposed project is supporting compliance with your jurisdiction's Housing Element for the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities

Describe how the project satisfies the transformative planning and implementation activity definition. (See REAP 2.0 Guidelines, Attachment 2, Definition #28, Pg. 4; e.g., provides for housing, planning, or infrastructure investments supporting infill housing, and other actions that enable meeting housing goals that also result in per capita vehicle miles traveled reductions, including accelerating infill development, supporting residents through realizing multimodal communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership).

Public Outreach

Describe completed public outreach that supports the project. Specify if public outreach is specific to the project or was conducted for a plan from which the project resulted. Particular focus should be on the methods and success of engagement with disadvantaged populations. Explain how the proposed project arose from or went through a public process to solicit community input; or if this is a planning project, explain how the scope of work includes a public outreach process.

Benefit to Disadvantaged Populations

Describe how the project benefits or does not benefit disadvantaged populations and historically underserved communities. REAP 2.0 relies on SB 535 disadvantaged population indicators. Applicants may use a method in addition to SB 535 so long as it is adequately described. (See OEHHA Disadvantaged Communities Map).

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Significant Beneficial Impacts

In the following prompt, describe how the project leads to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors. (See REAP 2.0 Guidelines, page 8, (A)(2) for more information). Metrics should be included when demonstrating Significant Beneficial Impact. Variables or targets may include, but are not limited to, benefiting household by income group; meeting and exceeding the housing production goals of the RHNA; the number of housing units anticipated and achieved (new construction, preservation/ conservation, and rehabilitation); density; infrastructure; infrastructure capacity and accessibility; community amenities; investments; Vehicle Miles Traveled reduction goals; regional and local equity policies; and GHG reduction goals.

1. Explain how the project leads to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors, demonstrated by:
 - A rate of change compared to the baseline, or
 - The magnitude of impact relative to variables or targets; or
 - The proportion of need achieved; or
 - The impact relative to past trends, policies, and practices; or a significant regionwide benefit that is not small in scope. Project contributes to spreading REAP 2.0 projects throughout the region to ensure a regionwide benefit.

Project Risk Assessment

Describe risks associated with delivering the project according to the provided scope of work and budget. In addition, describe any risk mitigation methods that will be employed to ensure timely delivery of the project.

California's Planning Priorities

In the following prompts describe how the project meets or does not meet the State's planning priorities. Refer to Government Code Section 65041.1.

1. Explain how the project supports promotion of infill development and equity by rehabilitating, maintaining, and improving existing infrastructure that supports infill development and appropriate reuse and redevelopment of previously developed, underutilized land that is presently served by transit, streets, water, sewer, and other essential services, particularly in underserved areas, and preserves cultural and historic resources.
2. Explain how the project supports protection of environmental and agricultural resources by protecting, preserving, and enhancing the state's most valuable natural resources, including working landscapes such as farm, range, and forest lands; natural lands such as wetlands, watersheds, wildlife habitats, and other wildlands; recreation lands such as parks, trails,

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greenbelts, and other open space; and landscapes with locally unique features and areas identified by the state as deserving special protection.

3. Explain how the project encourages efficient development patterns by ensuring that any infrastructure associated with development does all of the following:
- Uses land efficiently; and
 - Is built adjacent to existing developed areas; and
 - Is located in an area appropriately planned for growth; and
 - Is in a location served by adequate transportation and other essential utilities and services; and
 - Minimizes ongoing costs to taxpayers.

Limited Scope Projects (response required if not the final phase)

For projects that are an interim phase, such as design for a project to be constructed later and with a separate funding source, describe how the larger project is expected to be delivered (timing, funding, etc.).

Other Information

Elaborate on any pertinent information that was not discussed in any other response.

Local Support

Is the project in a locally or regionally adopted plan? Yes No If yes, please:

- specify the name of the plan:
- indicate the date the plan was adopted:

Describe any demonstrated community support for the project. Attach any relevant documentation, including letters of support.

Consistency with Sustainable Communities Strategy

This question is to be completed by KCAG staff following submittal.

Is the project consistent with the 2022 Kings County Sustainable Communities Strategy?

Yes No

Section V – Scoring and Awarding of Funding

An application scoring committee representative of regional stakeholders will be assembled to review applications. All received applications will be ranked by individual scorers and the individual rankings will be averaged to consolidate project rankings. The REAP Technical Advisory Committee will review application rankings and make a recommendation to the KCAG Commission for projects recommended for funding. The KCAG Commission will review application rankings and the REAP Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation and select projects for inclusion in KCAG's full application to the State. Prior to award, the applicable State agencies must approve of KCAG's full application. Applicants will be informed of application status at each step of the process.

Any information provided within this application may be considered by the scoring committee. Individual projects may be assessed on REAP 2.0 goals and objectives, VMT reduction, transformative nature of the project, threshold requirements, consistency with existing plans, public and/or stakeholder outreach completed for the project, benefit to disadvantaged communities, project risk assessment, leverage of funds used, leverage to attract additional public or private investment, and others. The final review criteria will be informed by the public process and approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Information beyond what is required in this application may be required in the development of the region's full application to HCD. If a project is recommended for inclusion in the full application by the KCAG Commission, KCAG staff will work collaboratively with the applicant to ensure completeness of the full application.

Section VI – Applicant Signatures

The undersigned affirm that the statements contained in the application package are true and complete to the best of their knowledge.

Acknowledgments

Initial each acknowledgement.

1. Prior to award, a resolution of the governing body will be required. Initial:
2. If awarded, a legally binding agreement between KCAG and the project sponsor will be required. Initial:
3. Applicant acknowledges that all program funds must be fully expended by June 2026 with no possibility of extension. Initial:
4. Applicant acknowledges scope of work changes are subject to approval by the KCAG Commission and/or the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), as required. Initial:
5. Applicant agrees to oversight and/or auditing as required by KCAG, HCD, or HCD's State agency REAP 2.0 partners. Initial:

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- 6. Applicant agrees to work collaboratively with KCAG staff in the development of the region's full application to HCD, if project is recommended for award. Initial:

Agency or Organization Official (as applicant):

Name:

Signature: _____

Title:

Date: