



***Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021
Working Group Forum***

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

1:30 p.m.

****Teleconference Meeting****

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Pursuing a brighter future for all.

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Our Commitment to Equity

We hold ourselves accountable to the communities we serve. We acknowledge we have much to learn and much to change; and we firmly uphold equity and inclusion for every person in the San Diego region. This includes historically underserved, systemically marginalized groups impacted by actions and inactions at all levels of our government and society.

We have an obligation to eliminate disparities and ensure that safe, healthy, accessible, and inclusive opportunities are available to everyone. In 2021, SANDAG will develop an equity action plan that will inform how we plan, prioritize, fund, and build projects and programs; frame how we work with our communities; define how we recruit and develop our employees; guide our efforts to conduct unbiased research and interpret data; and set expectations for companies and stakeholders that work with us.

We are committed to creating a San Diego region where every person who visits, works, and lives can thrive.

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AGENDA

1. Introductions

2. Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP2.0)

a. *Overview of REAP 2.0*

SANDAG is preparing to receive up to \$43 million in grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development through the REAP 2.0 program to implement the 2021 Regional Plan and help further affordable and fair housing in our region.

SANDAG staff and representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will present an overview of REAP 2.0 and potential programs, projects, and policies under consideration.

b. *Working Group Discussion and Feedback*

c. *Public Comments*

d. *Wrap Up*

Staff will conclude the workshop with upcoming ways to stay informed and involved.

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Item: **2**

February 23, 2022

Action: **Discussion**

Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021

Overview

In July 2021, the California state legislature passed Assembly Bill 140 (AB 140), establishing the [Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 \(REAP 2.0\)](#), which makes approximately \$600 million available statewide to advance implementation of adopted regional plans. A majority of the funds will flow directly to state Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to fund regional initiatives and suballocate funds to eligible entities in their region to further affordable fair housing and climate commitments. Based on a population formula, SANDAG is eligible for a maximum allocation amount of \$43,037,322.72 and is currently eligible to request up to 10% (or approximately \$4.3 million) in advance of a full request for funding.

This initial \$4.3 million would be used for education and outreach activities to inform SANDAG's full application to the program, planning studies identified in the 2021 Regional Plan with a focus on housing, and continued development and expansion of the Housing Acceleration Program as a mechanism for suballocating funds.

Discussion

REAP 2.0 funds will assist in the implementation of the 2021 Regional Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy through transformative planning and implementation activities including accelerating infill and affordable housing development; realizing multimodal communities; and increasing transit ridership, walking, and biking as primary modes of transportation. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the lead agency for the program and is working collaboratively with the other state agencies to develop detailed guidance for implementation. HCD plans to release

program guidelines in spring 2022 and accept applications from MPOs for their remaining 90% of REAP 2.0 funds on a rolling basis through December 2022. All funds awarded through REAP 2.0 must be expended by June 2026.

SANDAG staff is seeking input from local jurisdictions, regional stakeholders, and the public on how REAP 2.0 funds should be prioritized and how SANDAG can better assist local entities throughout the region to achieve its housing and climate goals, such as funding, technical assistance, outreach and education, or data collection and sharing.

Next Steps

Pending Board of Directors approval on February 25, 2022, staff will submit an advance application for the initial \$4.3 million of eligible funding and continue outreach and engagement efforts to inform a future application for the remaining SANDAG REAP 2.0 allocation.

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