

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Regional Early Action Planning Grants Funding Application

**MEETING DATE:** February 17, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** 41

**STAFF CONTACT:** Michael Becker

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 22-04 authorizing SBCAG staff to submit an application with the State's Department of Housing and Community Development for an advance allocation of \$583,941 to support SBCAG's work related to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants' program, and delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute a State Standard Agreement, and any other documentation including amendments to secure the advance allocation.

**DISCUSSION:**

AB 140 (2021) resulted in the creation of the second iteration of the Regional Early Action Planning Grants' program (REAP 2.0). Today's item focuses on an early task of the program; it enables SBCAG to submit an application to claim 10 percent of funds available to the region for two purposes: 1) five percent of funds to implement the program locally, and 2) five percent to manage and administer the program through its conclusion in 2026.

The five percent, or \$291,970.50, to be used to implement the program will be used throughout calendar year 2022 and fund program planning, public and stakeholder outreach, a call for projects, scoring and awarding projects, and providing assistance in the preparation of agreements with local agencies, as well as ongoing coordination with the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

HCD requires a resolution of SBCAG's Board of Directors to be included in the funding application.

[Item 8 of the January 20, 2022 Board of Directors' meeting](#) provides additional background information on the REAP program.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- A. Resolution 22-04

# ATTACHMENT A

## A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR )  
SUBMITTAL OF ADVANCE ALLOCATION ) RESOLUTION NO. 22-04  
REQUEST FOR THE REGIONAL EARLY )  
ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM )  
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO )  
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR )

WHEREAS the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has been designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Santa Barbara County and through that role will administer the Regional Early Action Planning Grants' program for the Santa Barbara County region.

WHEREAS, the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is authorized to provide up to \$510,000,000 to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government, such as SBCAG ("Applicant") listed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08, subdivisions (a)(1)-(6) under the Regional Early Action Planning grants program (REAP 2.0), as detailed in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08-10.

WHEREAS, Department issued a Notice and Request for Advance Allocation on January 3, 2022 for REAP 2.0 grants available to Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government.

WHEREAS, Applicant is a Metropolitan Planning Organization or Council of Government eligible to submit a Request for Advance Allocation pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.08(c)(3) to develop and accelerate the implementation of the requirements described in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1) including, but not limited to, regional engagement in the development of the full application and of an education and outreach strategy.

WHEREAS, Department shall approve the advance allocation request, subject to the terms and conditions of Eligibility, Guidelines, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFAs), Program requirements, and the Standard Agreement by and between the Department and REAP 2.0 Grant Recipients.

WHEREAS, to ease the administrative burden and prevent delays the SBCAG Board wishes to delegate authority to the SBCAG Executive Director to execute the Advance Allocation Request, and wishes to authorize the Executive Director to enter into, execute, and deliver the Department's Standard Agreement in the amount of \$583,941, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the REAP 2.0 Advance Allocation on behalf of SBCAG obligations related thereto and all amendments the Department deems necessary and in accordance with REAP 2.0.

WHEREAS, to retain adequate safeguards the SBCAG Board wishes to restrict the SBCAG Executive Director's authority and authorizations described herein to the period of February 17, 2022 through February 16, 2027, unless otherwise ordered by the Board; and

WHEREAS, to retain adequate safeguards the SBCAG Board wishes to ensure that prior to execution of the Department's Standard Agreement and any amendments thereto that such documents will be reviewed by legal counsel.

WHEREAS, the Executive Director shall annually submit to the Board any changes in funding described herein as part of the OWP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments is hereby authorized and directed to request an advance allocation not to exceed \$ 583,941 (up to 10% of the amount allocated pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.07(a) consistent with the methodology described in 50515.09(a)).
2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the Advance Allocation Request, on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments as required by the Department for receipt of REAP 2.0 funds.
3. When the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments receives an advance allocation of REAP 2.0 funds in the authorized amount of \$583,941 from the Department pursuant to the above referenced Advanced Allocation Request, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds only for eligible activities as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50515.08(c)(1), as approved by the Department and in accordance with all REAP 2.0 requirements, guidelines, all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and the Standard Agreement executed by and between the Applicant [Santa Barbara County Association of Governments] and the Department.
4. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement for the amount of \$583,941, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the REAP 2.0 Advance Allocation, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' obligations related thereto and all amendments the Department deems necessary and in accordance with REAP 2.0.
5. To retain adequate safeguards the SBCAG Board restricts the SBCAG Executive Director's

authority and authorizations described herein to the period of February 17, 2022 through February 16, 2027, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

6. To retain adequate safeguards the SBCAG Board directs that prior to execution of the Department's Standard Agreement and any amendments thereto that such documents will be reviewed by legal counsel.
7. The Executive Director shall annually submit the executed Department's Standard Agreement and amendments, if applicable, to the Board to be received and filed as part of the OWP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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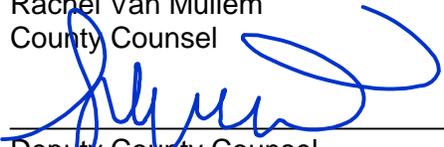
Terry Contreras  
Clerk of the Board

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Das Williams, Chair  
Santa Barbara County  
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Counsel



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Deputy County Counsel