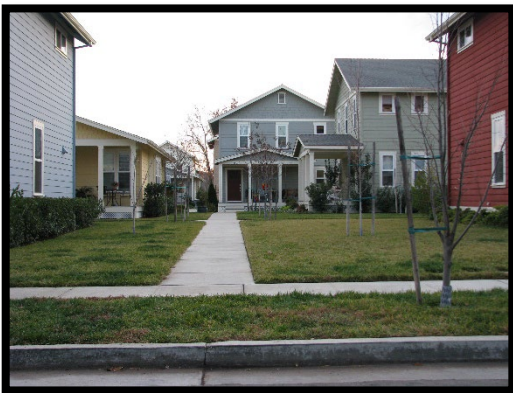
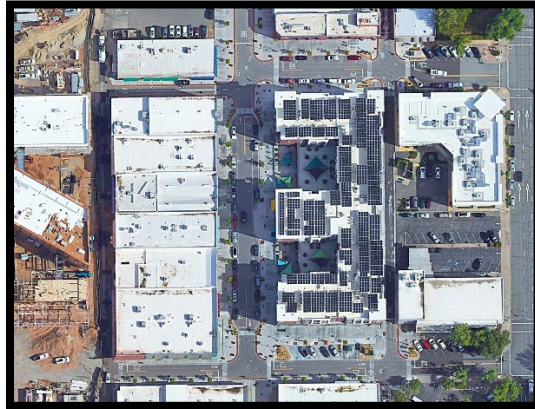


SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY (SRTA)
REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) 2.0 PROGRAM
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) AND PRE-APPLICATION GUIDE



- ✓ Accelerate infill housing development
- ✓ Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- ✓ Increase housing supply at all affordability levels
- ✓ Affirmatively further fair housing

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I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) is a flexible program that seeks to accelerate progress toward our state housing goals and climate commitments through a strengthened partnership between the state, its regions, and local entities. To achieve these goals, REAP 2.0 seeks to:

- accelerate infill housing development,
- reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT),
- increase housing supply at all affordability levels,
- affirmatively further fair housing, and
- facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

This new program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140. REAP 2.0 will be administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

REAP 2.0 provides a \$600 million statewide investment to advance the implementation of adopted regional plans by funding planning and implementation activities that accelerate infill housing and reductions in per capita VMT. A total of 85 percent of funds (\$510,000,000) are being made available to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and councils of governments (COGs) through the "Formula Allocations" funding stream. The maximum award amount available to the Shasta Region through the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is \$2,243,909.07. SRTA may use up to 5% of the funds (\$112,195) for the administration of the program. SRTA anticipates allocating no less than 70% of these funds towards implementation projects, with up to 30% available for planning efforts.

II. PROGRAM APPROACH

Consistent with the REAP 2.0 outreach plan guidance, SRTA identified priorities, proposed uses, regional needs, and the appropriate blend of planning and implementation project funding in collaboration with local agency partners, stakeholders within the Shasta County region, and tribal entities for projects that meet local needs within the context of regional plans and priorities. The focus is on meeting regional needs and measurable targets.

REAP 2.0 program funding will be awarded in accordance with planning priorities, proposed uses, and the appropriate blend of planning and implementation identified through the REAP 2.0 outreach activities. SRTA may partner through legally binding agreements with other forms of governments or entities where the proposal will directly affect land use, transportation, or development within areas of influence of the eligible applicant. This includes, but is not limited to:

- partnerships with other localities,
- regional governments,
- Housing authorities,
- school districts,
- special districts,
- community-based organizations,
- Tribal Entities, or any
- duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria.

Eligible Entities for the purposes of suballocations may be broadly construed and include, but are not limited to:

- a county,
- a city,
- a city and county,
- a transit agency or district,
- a county transportation agency,
- Tribal Entity,
- community-based organization,
- Public Housing Authority,
- academic institution,
- developers of Affordable Housing, or
- regional Housing Trust Fund.

Specific eligible activities are as follows:

Priorities	Activities
Accelerating Infill development	Planning and implementation activities near jobs and other key destinations to support increasing Housing choices and affordability that effectively reduce VMT and greenhouse gas emissions.
Fair Housing	Planning and implementation activities to promote Housing, infrastructure, increased transportation options, and affordability.
VMT reduction	Planning and implementation activities to increase travel options to homes, jobs, services, and other key destinations and shift travel away from driving by implementing or supporting pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and other alternative transportation programs.

Based on the discussion regarding the appropriate blend of planning and implementation funding during the outreach activities, 0% to 30 % of the available funds will be considered for planning activities, and 70% to 100% will be considered for implementation activities (after subtracting 5% for administration costs). SRTA may use up to 5% of the funds (\$112,195) for the administration of the program. Dependent on the context of the activity, predevelopment activities like the preparation of an EIR would be considered implementation activities.

III. ELIGIBILITY

In general, projects that will be funded through the REAP 2.0 Program share the following characteristics:

1. The project needs to be included in one or more of the following categories (see [REAP 2.0 guidelines](#), section 204(E), page 11):
 - Accelerating Infill Development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
 - Realizing Multimodal Communities
 - Shifting travel behavior through reducing driving
 - Increasing transit ridership
2. The project needs to have a significant impact on all the following objectives (see REAP 2.0 guideline, section 202, page 6):
 - Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
 - Reducing VMT
3. The project needs to address all the following details:
 - Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities (see REAP 2.0 guideline, attachment 2, number 28, page 39)
 - Region-wide benefits
 - A public outreach that is specific to the project or was conducted for a plan from which the project resulted
 - Benefit Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (see REAP 2.0 guideline, attachment 2, number 8, page 36)
 - Infill development area satisfaction (see REAP 2.0 guideline, attachment 2, number 14, page 37)

INELIGIBLE USES

- Ineligible uses are uses inconsistent with REAP 2.0 goals and objectives.
- Ineligible uses include, but are not limited to:
 1. Roadway or highway capacity increases
 2. Advocacy work (direct lobbying for specific bills or local propositions)
 3. Bonus payments of any kind
 4. Ceremonial expenses

5. Commission fees
 6. Real estate brokerage fees or expenses
 7. Services, materials, or equipment obtained under any other state program
 8. Stewardship of legal defense funds
 9. General meetings that do not specifically discuss or advance implementation of awarded REAP 2.0 funds
 10. Using funds for mitigation activities already mandated by local or state governing bodies or agencies
 11. Ongoing expenses (e.g., routine maintenance or operations of transportation infrastructure associated with transit service expansion)
 12. Costs associated with automobile or motorcycle parking (excluding EV charging infrastructure). Proposed Uses with a surface parking component are not eligible.
 13. Costs associated with infrastructure related to fossil fuels, including connections to natural gas infrastructure
 14. Costs associated with ongoing provisions of internet service
 15. In lieu fees for local inclusionary Housing programs
 16. Updates to the RTP
 17. Organizational membership fees
 18. Street construction or repair to benefit vehicular traffic
- Other items unrelated to the REAP 2.0 Program or application

IV. ADMINISTRATION

SRTA will award suballocation within 60 days of a complete application received from an applicant for a project subject to final approval of projects by HCD (the deadline for the complete application (if required) will be announced after finalizing the potential selected projects). An award is defined by an official notice to the grantee and does not include encumbrance or an executed Standard Agreement. After the Standard Agreement has been sent electronically, the grantee will be provided instructions for signing all required documents. The grantee must submit all supporting materials and a signed Standard Agreement within the timeline provided in the instructions or risk forfeiting the grant award.

The grant term begins on the day the SRTA and the grantee have fully executed the Standard Agreement. The SRTA will notify the grantee when work may proceed under the agreement. Grant funds cannot be disbursed until the Standard Agreement has been fully executed.

The grantee will be responsible for compiling and submitting all invoices and reporting documents timely to SRTA and HCD, as required. Project invoices may be submitted to the SRTA by the grantee on a quarterly basis or upon completion of a deliverable, subject to the SRTA's approval. Each recipient of funds under REAP must encumber those funds no later than June 30, 2024, and expend those funds no later than June 30, 2026. Final invoices must be submitted to the SRTA four months prior (March 1, 2026) to the expenditure deadline of June 30, 2026.

Supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to, purchase orders, receipts, progress payments, subcontractor invoices, timecards, reports, or any other documentation as deemed necessary by the SRTA to support the reimbursement to the grantee for expenditures incurred. Invoices must be accompanied by supporting documentation where appropriate. Invoices without supporting documentation will not be paid. The SRTA may withhold up to 10 percent of the grant until grant terms have been fulfilled, including all required reporting.

The grantee shall establish and maintain an accounting system and reports that properly accumulate incurred project costs by line. The grantee agrees that the SRTA shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of the Standard Agreement. The grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit after the final payment for at least five years after all funds have been expended or returned unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Wherever practicable, such records should be collected, transmitted, and stored in open and machine-readable formats.

V. PRE-APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Eligible entities interested in submitting a pre-application for REAP 2.0 need to review the identified priorities and activities in section 2 of this document in addition to the eligibility criteria in section 3. Interested applicants can request a consultation with SRTA staff to discuss community needs, shared local-regional priorities, and potential activities. Regional assistance may be available to support concept development.

I. Proposal content:

1. Project summary (see template)
2. Project details and fund request worksheet (see template)
3. Self-evaluation worksheet (see template)
4. Organizational capacity, as demonstrated by:
 - a) Relevant technical knowledge/training/certification
 - b) Experience administering similar programs
 - c) History of participation in local and regional planning processes
 - d) References

The project summary must be signed by an individual that can bind the agency/organization to the project agreement (page 3 of the project summary document). ***For the purpose of coordination with HCD and scheduling the required agreements, the proposed starting date should not be earlier than the first of March 2023.*** When requesting funds, applicants should consider providing both a minimum and maximum request amount for the proposed project(s) in the project details worksheet. This will help SRTA to adjust award amounts in a way to bring the full balance of REAP funds to the region, and to help promote geographic equity in the distribution of funds.

SRTA invites pre-applications to be submitted by November 21, 2022. Please submit all required files via email, USPS, or delivery service to:

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All requested proposal content files must be submitted and the required format for the name of the files is as follows:

1. [Name of your Entity/City/Organization]_project summary
2. [Name of your Entity/City/Organization]_Project details worksheet
3. [Name of your Entity/City/Organization]_Self-evaluation worksheet

VI. PRE-APPLICATION EVALUATIONS

The pre-applications for REAP 2.0 will be evaluated by a review panel and scores will be determined by consensus, based on the following initial evaluation criteria:

Initial Evaluation Criteria	Points
To be included in one or more of the acceptable categories (refer to section 3)	0 or 10
Impacts on Accelerating Infill Development (refer to section 3)	10
Impacts on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (refer to section 3)	10
Impacts on Reducing Vehicle miles traveled (refer to section 3)	10
Being related to the identified priorities and activities during the outreach activities (refer to section 3)	10
Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities (refer to section 3)	10
Region-wide benefits (refer to section 3)	10
Benefit Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (refer to section 3)	10
Infill development area satisfaction (refer to section 3)	0 or 10
Organizational capacity (e.g., experience administering similar relevant programs)	10
Maximum Available Points	100

A zero (0) in any of the above categories will result in the project being determined to be non-responsive and ineligible for consideration or funding. The final review criteria will be announced after being approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

VII. AWARD(S)

SRTA's application to the State for funds must address all REAP 2.0 program objectives to be eligible. In order to ensure SRTA is able to prepare a responsive and competitive application that brings the full balance of REAP funds to the region, and to help promote geographic equity in the distribution of funds, SRTA reserves the right to combine eligible uses and adjust award amounts. Any adjustments to the projects will be discussed with successful applicants who are recommended for tentative award of funding, pending review of the SRTA Board of Directors and HCD.

SRTA will develop a recommendation of project(s) to be funded and present it to the SRTA Board of Directors at their approval at the December board meeting. Using material provided by the potential applicant(s), SRTA will then develop and submit an application to the State for an award of up to \$2,243,909.07. Upon award from the state, SRTA will reserve 5% for its administrative costs and suballocate the balance (up to \$2,131,713.62) to one or more recipients.

Information beyond what is required in SRTA's 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 SRTA Board of Directors, SRTA staff will work collaboratively with the applicant to ensure completeness of the full application.

VIII. TIMELINE

Notice of Funding Availability and Pre-Application Guideline	10/18/22
Deadline to submit all material for pre-consideration	11/21/22
Selected proposals presented to SRTA Board of Directors for funding consideration	12/15/22
SRTA's submittal of projects to HCD for consideration	By 12/31/22
Sub-allocation Guideline (if required)	01/31/23
Deadline to submit all material after being selected for full consideration (if required)	02/28/23
Anticipated projects start date	03/01/23

IX. CONTACT INFORMATION

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X. ATTACHMENTS

- A: [Project summary](#)
- B: [Project details and fund request worksheet](#)
- C: [Self-evaluation worksheet](#)
- D: [Notice of Funding Availability and Final Guidelines – Metropolitan Planning Organization
Allocation Regional Early Action Planning Grant \(REAP 2.0\)](#)