

Do More with Available Grant Funding to Help Meet Your Housing Needs

COVID-19 Webinar Series

May 7, 2020

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- For written questions - use the Q&A window to the right side of your screen. Please enter your name, title and city.

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Funding for Planning

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How can LEAP help you right now?



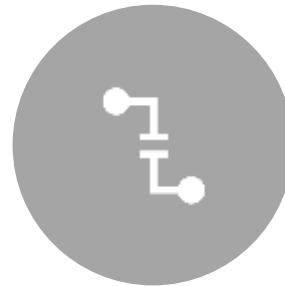
Flexible funding



Just meet the goals of the program



Any planning document or process improvement that will be implemented/adopted



The activity a) accelerates housing production b) facilitates compliance with the 6th cycle RHNA

Eligible Uses – How can the money be used?



On staffing costs (as long as staff are working directly on the proposed activity)

Ex: Staff is working to update the housing element

Ex: Staff is working with the consultants on specific activities



Consultant costs working on the proposed and approved activity

Key Points

- Application deadline: July 1, 2020
- No thresholds required except for an eligible project that accelerates housing production
- Every project must have adoption, implementation, or completion
 - Include that on the timeline and project description

In light of COVID-19:

- We are accepting electronic signatures vs. wet signatures
- In extenuating circumstances, we can accept electronic submittals
- At this point, the deadline to apply has not been extended

Eligible Activities

Some examples of eligible activities

Housing
Elements



ELIGIBLE

REQUIRES A NEXUS
(JUST LIKE EVERY ACTIVITY)

WHAT DOES PAIRING WITH
IMPLEMENTATION MEAN?

Studies

Max: 15% of the total grant amount and need to include implementation measures

- What would you like to do with the study?

Tip! Sometimes studies will be a subtask as part of the larger project

- “I need to do a study to see which sites are feasible to rezone for by-right”
- “I need to do a infrastructure study as part of drafting my specific plan”

SB 2 Planning Grants Application

F. Project Timeline and Budget

Project Name		Evaluate and Improve Development Services Processes and Customer Service					
Objective	Responsible Party	Est. Cost	Begin	End	Deliverable	*PPA	Notes
Write RFP	Applicant	\$ 8,000	1/2/20	2/28/20	RFP	Yes	
Advertise RFP	Applicant	\$ 3,000	3/1/20	3/20/20		Yes	
Review RFP Responses & Interview	Applicant	\$ 8,000	4/1/20	4/30/20	Select Consultant	Yes	
Consultant to interview staff/review processes	Other	\$50,000	5/1/20	7/1/20		Yes	This will pay for consultant and staff time
Prepare recommendations	Other	\$ 20,000	7/5/20	10/1/20		Yes	
Provide draft recommendations	Other	\$ 50,000	10/1/20	10/30/20	Document recommending improvements to DSD	Yes	
Review draft and provide comments	Applicant	\$ 6,000	10/30/20	11/20/20		Yes	
Implement Changes recommended in study	Applicant	\$ 35,000	11/20/20	6/1/22	Website changes, process changes, front counter improvement	Yes	
	Other					N/A	
	Other					N/A	
	Other					N/A	
	Other					N/A	
	Other					N/A	
	Other					N/A	
	Other					N/A	
		Total Est. Cost \$					
		180000					

*Priority Policy Area (PPA)



Site-Specific work

- Can I use the funding to complete planning activities on one specific site? **No**
- Unless,
 - 1) It creates a re-occurring benefit
 - 2) Significant community impact
- Example: Mammoth Lakes



LEAP and SB2 Planning Grants

- Can I use LEAP funds to supplement existing SB2 projects? Yes!
 - Existing SB2 PGP project that needs more funding
 - Existing SB2 PGP projects that you would like to enhance





Application FAQs

Nexus

- A nexus is required for each of the proposed activity
- Quantify and Describe:
 - Quantify what you hope will be an outcome of the project
 - Describe it in a few sentences
 - Ex: The city hopes that by purchasing a permit software system, staff can complete quick review of the applications, streamlining the process by 2 weeks”

Resolution



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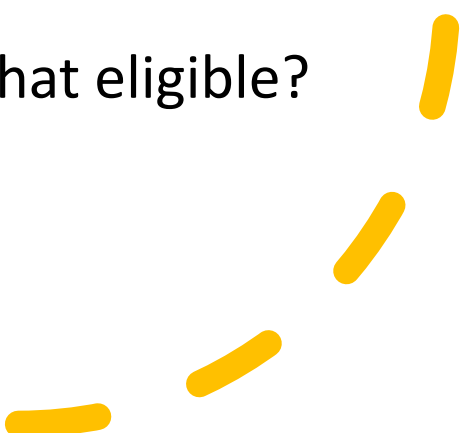


REQUIRED TEMPLATE!

TA FAQs

- When will you have TA available?
 - The department is currently in the process of procuring and contracting with a TA team.
 - That process can take anywhere from 30-90 days
- Can I contact the same TA team from the SB2 Program?
 - No
- What do I do in the meantime?
 - Contact Earlyactionplanning@hcd.ca.gov

TA Needs

- Examples of specific projects and applications.
 - Reviewing your draft application:
 - Am I going the right direction?
 - Not sure how I should frame this?
 - Is there anything missing the application?
 - Brainstorming Eligible Activities
 - I am thinking about doing x,y,z, is that eligible?
 - Any other questions!
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Questions?

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