



Local Government Housing Activities and Competitive State Funding

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**Referring Committee:** Land Use Natural Resources

**1. Issue:**

The City of Yuba City and Placer County have both secured state competitive funding for housing projects in their jurisdictions. Staff from these agencies attended the June 2 Land Use & Natural Resources committee meeting and gave an overview of these projects and lessons learned that can serve as examples for other local governments in the region.

**2. Recommendation:**

None; this item is for information and discussion.

**3. Background/Analysis:**

The lack of housing supply and affordability issues continue to challenge communities throughout the region and California. Local communities are struggling to secure funding to promote the development of housing, particularly affordable housing. State funding through grant opportunities can be both time-consuming and highly competitive making it seem out of reach for some jurisdictions. However, cities and counties of different sizes throughout the SACOG region have had success in competing for statewide grants. The state's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program started in 2015 and to date, the SACOG region has successfully secured nearly \$130 million in grants for housing projects throughout the region. Thus far, our region's success in the AHSC program has captured just under six percent, slightly less than our population share in the state, of the \$2.2 billion the program has awarded to date. With a focused effort and by learning from our region's successes, we can certainly capture a greater share in future funding cycles. The table below shows the projects in the SACOG region that have secured funding since the program's start.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AWARDS (2015-2020)**

<b>ROUND 1 (2015)</b>	Delta Lane/Gateway	West Sacramento	\$6,730,888
<b>ROUND 2 (2016)</b>	Creekside	Davis	\$11,881,748
<b>ROUND 3 (2017)</b>	Meadow View Place	Placer County	\$16,255,000
<b>ROUND 4 (2018)</b>	Railyards	Sacramento	\$15,211,698
	Twin Rivers	Sacramento	\$18,793,015
<b>ROUND 5 (2019)</b>	No applications in SACOG region this cycle		\$0

<b>ROUND 6 (2020)</b>	On Broadway	Sacramento	\$29,000,000
	Richland Village	Yuba City	\$30,000,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,872,349</b>

At the June 2, meeting, the committee heard from two jurisdictions that have been successful in this statewide competitive grant program:

- (1) The city of Yuba City: With a population of about 66,000 residents, this city in Sutter County was awarded \$30 million for the Richland Village housing project in the most recent round of the AHSC program.
- (2) Placer County: The county has a total population just over 400,000 residents including in the incorporated areas and received \$16.25 million in the AHSC program for its Meadow View Place housing project. In addition, the county has many housing and planning programs designed to improve housing development conditions within the county.

#### **4. Discussion/Analysis:**

Staff from Yuba City and Placer County presented information about how they were able to prepare themselves for statewide funding programs and what they are doing to promote housing development and affordable housing in their own jurisdictions. The purpose of these presentations was to provide lessons learned and examples that may be of use to other jurisdictions that have an interest in competing for state housing funds.

Additionally, Placer County is among the first jurisdictions in the state to have applied to receive a Prohousing Certification. The city of Sacramento was the first in the state to receive this designation. The Prohousing Certification program is run by the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). Jurisdictions that receive this designation are eligible to receive bonus points on many HCD housing grant programs, as well as bonus points for state SB 1 transportation grant programs. SACOG and the state have workshops for local agencies about the Prohousing program and local government housing planners and public works officials have been notified about the bonus points for state housing and transportation grants. The application process is points based and is open right now for jurisdictions to submit information about their housing and planning programs. SACOG is available to assist or answer questions for any jurisdiction interested in learning more or that may want some assistance with the application process. For more information on the program, visit HCD's website at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/prohousing/index.shtml> or reach out to Greg Chew at SACOG: [gchew@sacog.org](mailto:gchew@sacog.org).

#### **5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

This item has no fiscal impact SACOG.

#### **6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Objectives:**

##### **Goal 3 : Vibrant Places**

**Objective 2:** Identify incentives and help remove barriers to infill and affordable housing in cities, suburbs, and towns throughout the region.