



Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 Housing and Transportation Options Create Access to Opportunity

California is committed to a future where we all have the option live closer to our jobs, services, and daily destinations. More housing options in nearby neighborhoods. More transportation options so we can walk our kids to school, ride our bikes to work, or take transit when we can't or don't want to drive. The California Comeback Plan outlines strategic investments towards this more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future for people in all areas of the state.

As regions across California focus on recovering from the economic and social impacts of the pandemic, they must have the tools and financial support to come back stronger, healthier, and more equitably. Safe, affordable housing in communities where driving is optional adds up to a better future for residents in every part of California. Realizing this future requires strong State support for regions to implement their long-range sustainable communities strategies, which also advance statewide housing and climate goals and promote infill development.

That's why Governor Newsom proposes using \$500 million of Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021 in 2021-22 to fund regional planning grants through the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021. Building on the success of the Governor's 2019 investment in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants, these new funds will provide grants to regional entities for transformative and innovative projects that implement a region's sustainable communities strategy and help achieve goals of more housing and transportation options that give Californians the opportunity to get around without having to rely on a car. These funds would leverage the Governor's other proposed investments in housing, transit, zero-emission vehicles, and climate resilience.

To help implement the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021, the California Housing and Community Development Department will work collaboratively with the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and State Air Resources Board (CARB), to ensure this program helps to meet state climate goals and increase housing and transportation options in all regions of the state.