

# ABAG Report to MCCMC<sup>1</sup>


April 2022

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) HCD issued its New “Super NOFA” – Funding for Affordable Housing & Related Infrastructure:** The SuperNOFA streamlines the application process for four of HCD’s rental housing funding programs allowing for a coordinated single application and award process. Applications are due on June 28, 2022.
- 2) ABAG General Assembly:** The General Assembly will be held on June 17, 2022 starting at 9:00 am. This is the annual meeting where the ABAG delegates vote on the ABAG Workplan and Budget.
- 3) Regional Housing Technical Assistance Webinar for Elected Officials:** ABAG hosted a Webinar for Elected Officials in March 2022 that focused on communications and the range of technical, and outreach products available as jurisdictions update their Housing Elements. The webinar video and materials are available on the ABAG website.
- 4) CA Department of Housing and Community (HCD) comments on the 6th Cycle Housing Elements:** ABAG has begun compiling HUD comments on the other jurisdictions’ Housing Elements to help jurisdictions in preparing their Housing Elements prior to submitting them for approval to HCD.
- 5) HCD Issued Fact Sheet on SB 9:** On March 25, 2022, HCD issued a fact sheet on SB 9 for informational purposes only. However, it does reveal information of importance to jurisdictions.

**1) HCD issued its New “Super NOFA” – Funding for Affordable Housing & Related Infrastructure:** The SuperNOFA streamlines the application process for four of HCD’s rental housing funding programs: the Multifamily Housing Program, the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program, and the Jose Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program. Between these four programs, a total of \$650 million is available to applicants. This program allows for a coordinated single application and award process for applicants. Applications are due on June 28, 2022.

The following chart shows **targeted release dates** for draft guidelines, NOFAs, awards and NOFA application due dates:



# California Department of Housing and Community Development

## Notice of Funding Availability Calendar

### Calendar Year 2022

**\*\* all NOFA amounts are presented in millions and are estimates subject to change based on the availability of funds at the time of NOFA issuance \*\***

Estimated Funds Available by Quarter		\$1.9 Billion			\$557 Million			\$309+ Million			\$1.8 Billion		
		Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
<b>Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund</b> NOFA Amounts in Millions													
<b>AHSC</b>	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program	Awards									NOFA \$400		
<b>AB 434 SuperNOFA</b> <b>Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act (Prop 1) and Building Jobs and Homes Act (SB2)</b> NOFA Amounts in Millions													
<b>MHP</b>	Multifamily Housing Program			NOFA \$200			Apps Due					Awards	
<b>VHHP</b>	Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Program			NOFA \$100									
<b>Serna (MF)</b>	Joe Serna Jr., Farmworker Housing Grant Program - Multifamily Projects			NOFA \$75									
<b>IG (QIP only)</b>	Infill Infrastructure Grant Program - Qualifying Infill Projects			NOFA \$300									
<b>TOD</b>	Transit Oriented Development Program	** All Available Funds awarded **											

There are 31 different HCD funding programs which are described in detail on this link: [Programs: Active | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#). These programs include funding for: Multifamily, Single Family, Infrastructure, community Development, Planning Preservation, Rural, Homelessness, Climate Mitigation, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)

**2) ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** On April 21, 2022, the ABAG Executive Board approved a draft workplan and budget for 2022-23 for approval by the ABAG General Assembly on June 17, 2022 at 9:00 am.

The ABAG revenue budget is \$44.2 million, which is an overall projected increase of \$4.2 million in comparison to FY 2021-22. Summarized revenue details include:

Revenue	FY 2021-22 (millions)	FY 2022-23 (millions)
Administration	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.2
BayREN-Energy	23.9	26.0
SFEP	12.8	14.8
Bay Trail Non-Profit	0.2	0.2
Total	\$ 40.0	\$ 44.2

The increase is primarily due to grant funding from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for the BayREN program. The San Francisco Estuary Program (SFEP) received additional funding from the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) for contract services provided to complete the construction and plant establishment period for four storm water retrofit projects in various cities along San Pablo Avenue in the East Bay. There are several highlights to the ABAG budget, including:

- Pension prepayment for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) results in a savings of \$60,000
- ABAG has fully funded its Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. Therefore, ABAG has an OPEB asset
- ABAG receives full reimbursement from the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) for retiree medical expenses
- ABAG grant funded programs exceed \$100 million in life-to-date funding
- Nearly 90% of all grant funding goes directly to regional projects
- The \$24 million Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant awarded in FY 2019-20 still has a balance of \$20 million for programming in FY 2022-23.

The proposed budget includes a membership increase of about 6% to help cover increased costs and additional programs. Even with this increase, ABAG has a structural deficit and will still face issues with increasing costs, particularly pension obligations, which will have to be addressed as we work to improve long-term financial stability. Over the next year, the ABAG Finance Committee and Executive Board will explore options to bring to the 2023 General Assembly of ABAG. The proposed dues increase for the jurisdictions in Marin is as follows:

	ABAG Membership Dues			
	Estimated Population	Approved	Proposed	Difference
	2021	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	
<b>County of Marin</b>	<b>257,774</b>	<b>\$ 35,314</b>	<b>\$ 37,389</b>	<b>\$ 2,075</b>
Belvedere	2,066	1,294	1,370	76
Fairfax	7,498	2,459	2,603	144
Larkspur	12,194	3,593	3,804	211
Mill Valley	14,550	4,295	4,547	252
Novato	53,486	13,359	14,144	785
Ross	2,547	1,414	1,497	83
San Anselmo	12,689	3,796	4,019	223
San Rafael	59,016	14,750	15,617	867
Sausalito	7,355	2,439	2,582	143
Tiburon	9,456	3,116	3,299	183

**3) Regional Housing Technical Assistance Webinar for Elected Officials:** ABAG hosted a Webinar for Elected Officials on March 25<sup>th</sup> that focused on communications and the range of technical, and outreach products available as jurisdictions update their Housing Elements. The Webinar and accompanying materials are available at: [Webinar for Elected Officials: Learn About Available Assistance for Housing Element Updates | Association of Bay Area Governments \(ca.gov\)](#). Following is a direct link to the video: [RHTA Overview For Elected Officials March 2022.mp4 | Powered by Box](#).

#### **4) Review of CA Department of Housing and Community (HCD) comments on the 6th Cycle Housing**

**Elements:** ABAG has started compiling HUD comments on the other jurisdictions' Housing Elements and will be presenting their findings to the ABAG Housing Committee in May. Having a better understanding of HCD's concerns on Housing Elements submitted to date could help jurisdictions in preparing their Housing Elements for approval to HCD.

**5) HCD Issues Fact Sheet on SB 9:** On March 25, 2022, HCD issued a fact sheet on SB 9. Even though HCD provides a disclaimer that this fact sheet is for informational purposes only, it does reveal information of importance to jurisdictions. Following is a link to their fact sheet: [SB 9 Fact Sheet \(ca.gov\)](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/fact-sheet/sb-9).

As HCD's fact sheet on SB 9 states:

"This Fact Sheet is for informational purposes only and is not intended to implement or interpret SB 9. HCD does not have authority to enforce SB 9, although violations of SB 9 may concurrently violate other housing laws where HCD does have enforcement authority, including but not limited to the laws addressed in this document. As local jurisdictions implement SB 9, including adopting local ordinances, it is important to keep these and other housing laws in mind. The Attorney General may also take independent action to enforce SB 9"

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS<sup>2</sup>**

- **April 28, 2022 --** ABAG San Francisco Bay Trail Board of Directors, 12:00 pm
- **May 11, 2022 --** MTC Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee, 9:35 am  
MTC Administration Committee, 9:40 am  
MTC Programming and Allocation Committee, 9:45 am  
MTC Policy Advisory Council, 1:35 pm
- **May 12, 2022 --** ABAG Housing Committee & BA Housing Finance Authority Committee, 1:00 pm
- **May 13, 2022 --** MTC Operations Committee, 9:35 am  
Joint MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:40 am  
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee, 9:45 am
- **May 19, 2022 --** ABAG Finance Committee, 5:00 pm  
ABAG ACFA Governing Board, 5:05 pm  
ABAG Executive Board, 5:10 pm
- **May 20, 2022 --** Bay Area Regional Collaborative, 10:05 am  
MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee, 1:00 pm
- **May 23, 2022 --** MTC Policy Advisory Council Fare Coordination & Integration Subcommittee, 9:00 am
- **May 25, 2022 --** MTC Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:05 am  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 9:35 am  
MTC Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:40 am  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission Workshop, 1:30 pm
- **May 26, 2022 --** Metropolitan Transportation Commission Workshop, 9:30 am

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<sup>2</sup> All meetings are 'hybrid' which means that some Board/Committee members will be in person at 375 Beale Street, SF; and, others will be participating via Zoom, webcast and/or teleconference, unless noted otherwise. <https://mtc.legistar.com/> If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato at 415-883-9116 or via email at: [pateklund@comcast.net](mailto:pateklund@comcast.net).