



Applicant Name: Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), 19-REAP 13916

Status of Activities:

(Program Activities 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18 contributing) – Disseminate current resources for best practices for accelerating housing production and AFFH. HCAOG's monthly convening of multi-agency local planning staff (primarily for suballocation activities) continues as a forum for disseminating materials and increasing cross-sharing of materials, expertise, and housing-related project updates.

(Program Activities 9–12 contributing) – A new regional Housing Committee, co-facilitated by City mayors and council members, meets weekly to strategize how to accelerate housing production in Humboldt/rural areas. (Committee regular attendees include elected officials, professionals from economic development, real estate, health providers, developers, staff from local tribes, educational institutions.) Ongoing discussion, including at the HCAOG Board level, on what role the RTPA/HCAOG can take, ongoing/permanently, to address regional housing need.

HCAOG coordinated with Caltrans, two unincorporated communities, and three cities to co-host internationally-known expert, Dan Burden, and CivicWell. This provided three days of educational opportunities on smart growth and walkable/bikeable planning, including public workshops, walk/bike audits, community forums, a live radio interview, and trainings for staff and elected officials.

Program Activity 14 –REAP funds contributed to developing an online housing dashboard. (As reported in the 2022 annual report, the dashboard was 90-95% completed.) In 2023, HCAOG staff worked with County Dept. of Health and Human Services to integrate the housing dashboard with the County's new Live Well Humboldt Community Health Dashboard (launched Nov. 28, 2023), which give the housing dashboard a permanent home that the County will help maintain and update.

Program Activity 13 – All multi-media art grant projects (eight total) have been delivered. Works have been showcased at several art events. HCAOG and the artists held an exhibition called "Sheltering: Interactive Open House Event" on October 28, 2023. (As described in the press release: "'Creative Open House Asks Community to Brainstorm Differently on Affordable Housing'—A free, interactive event featuring artists and their work invites the community to join a creative conversation—and brainstorm solutions—regarding Humboldt's crucial need for affordable housing.") The grant-funded comic books are displayed at a few bookstores and educational venues, available for free. HCAOG is planning additional showcasing and dissemination throughout the term of the REAP 1.0 grant, as well as afterwards.

Program Activities 15 & 18 – Six of the seven cities, the unincorporated county, and a local tribe have applied for their suballocation grants for technical assistance and have executed MOAs. Two jurisdictions have completed their T.A. products (Drainage Master Plan Updates for Housing; 1) PLHA 5-Year Plan & Grant Application; Land Use Element Update public outreach; resources for front-counter planners (e.g. FAQs, ADU pamphlet, new housing law summaries). Two of the under-resourced communities have not been able to use their REAP funds yet, due to staff shortages.

Program Activities 16 & 17 – The scope of work for the Regional Climate Action Plan was changed (HCD approved 9/15/23); work shifted from preparing the EIR to redoing CAP implementation measures that would demonstrate substantial evidence to uphold a Qualified EIR. The EIR will not be certified within the timeframe of REAP 1.0; therefore, P.A. 17, for a Regional CAP implementation coordinator, cannot be achieved. HCAOG will request shifting these funds to the CAP instead. The VMT analysis is in progress.

Note: Program Activities 1-8 are renumbered activity categories from the Advance 25% Allocation; P.A. numbers 9-19 are from the 75% Allocation. (The numbers from the original allocation requests are shown in parentheses.)

Program Activity/Activity Category	General Description	Amount Allocated	Amount expended year 2023	Amount expended	Timing	Status	Regional Impact on Housing
P.A. 3 (II) Review local housing elements, GP, LCPs	Identify what stage of compliance jurisdictions are in for timely updates, and outdated policies per new housing laws.	9,915	\$240	\$6,306	Sept 2020 thru 2021*	Complete (*2023: reviewed 3 cities new GP + zoning updates)	N.A.
P.A. 4 (III) identify best practices	Review HCD guidelines, Housing Planning Hub site; attend housing webinars and workshops. Disseminate to local jurisdictions.	8,000	0	\$7,079	Apr 2020 – 2023	Complete. Ongoing activity continues in P.A. 9.	Increase professional knowledge and expertise in AFFH and other pro-housing policies; increase adoption of such policies; increase promotion of infill development
P.A. 5 (IV) Preliminary outreach to municipalities, housing service providers	Meet/contact with public, private, CBO entities.	6,085	--	\$6,085	2020-2021	Complete	increase collaboration on a regional approach to increasing housing and jobs/housing balances
P.A. 6 (V) Develop scope of work for full project	Collaborate with, convene stakeholders to get identify needs, activities, tasks.	18,000	0	\$11,819	Jan-April 2021	Complete. Ongoing activity overlaps with P.A. 14, 15, 18.	increase agency/staff capacity for meeting needs in planning and permitting processes; more streamlined permitting; more pro-housing policies in Housing Elements, zoning, codes
P.A. 7 (VI) Estimate suballocations;	Collaborate with stakeholders to devise budget for full project activities	4,000	--	\$4,232 (overage from 2022)	Dec 2020 – Sept 2022	Complete.	N.A.

consensus on budget							
P.A. 8 (VII) Ed. & outreach strategies for 6 th cycle	Outreach and engagement on housing crisis and needs, new laws and practices	5,000	0	\$2,987	June 2020 – Sept 2023	Complete. Ongoing activity overlaps with P.A. 10–14.	increase number of jurisdictions trying new land use designations and incentive programs to accelerate housing production
P.A. 1 (1a) Administration costs	Participate in statewide REAP group; prepare advance and full applications	6,025	See P.A. 19	\$9,856	Jan 2020 – Oct 2023	Complete. Ongoing admin under P.A. 19.	N.A.
P.A. 2 (1b) Administration costs	Conduct comparative compensation study; reclassification	2,975	N.A	2,975	n/a	Complete	HCAOG expanded staff positions with designated duties for regional housing efforts.
P.A. 9 (1.1) Disseminate resources on BPs	Review Housing Planning Hub site and other REAP products. Disseminate to local jurisdictions.	9,000	2,553	\$4,202	Sept 2022 – July 2024	In progress	More informed discussion, evidence-based strategies to increase understanding of housing needs, barriers, AFFH.
P.A. 10 (1.2) Educational opportunities locally	Provide trainings for staff, residents, elected officials.	25,000	9,738	\$13,077	Jan 2023 – July 2024	In progress	Agency knowledge of housing regulations, AFFH, planning implications, and recommended strategies.
P.A. 11 (1.3) Local input surveys on BP barriers	Identify knowledge and policy barriers to adopting AFFH strategies and building housing.	6,000	328	\$916	July – Dec 2023	Complete	Identify topics of local interest and receptivity to development better strategies to apply.
P.A. 12 (2.1) Stakeholder engagement statewide	Attend and convene stakeholders in all realms of housing policy, construction, real estate, etc.	9,000	54	\$5,864	2020 – Aug 2024	In progress	Increase opportunities for collaborating and increasing impact. Identify available resources to share and co-develop.
P.A. 13 (2.2) Multimedia catalog	Provide grants for telling housing/barriers stories through multi-media arts. Showcase to diverse audiences.	57,000	25,338	\$51,236	Jan 2023 – July 2024	In progress	Reach wider audiences for discussing and addressing the housing crisis. Increase range of voices heard/included.
P.A. 14 (2.3) Develop info	Identify local issues to target; disseminate	9,000	455	\$9,049	Aug 2022 –	In progress	Adoption of more AFFH policies, practices, strategies.

on early-action benefits	benefits info; present to officials, staff, and public.				July 2024		
P.A. 15 (4.1) TA for under-resourced communities	Suballocations to increase equitable distribution to small jurisdictions with less than 1 FTE planner in housing/commty devepmt	45,000	11,825	\$12,509	2021 – July 2024	In progress	Adoption of necessary Housing Elements and infrastructure studies. Adoption of more AFFH policies, practices, strategies.
P.A. 16 (4.2) Climate Action Plan	Plan development, VMT and CEQA assessment, public review, adoption.	295,000	1,475	\$1,675	Nov 2022 – July 2024	In progress	Regional CAP actions for reducing GHG emissions, VMT, and increase access to housing and active transportation.
P.A. 17 (4.3) Reg'l CAP implemen'tn coordinator	Assist city and county agencies in implementing early housing-related CAP strategies.	35,000	563	\$563	Jan – July 2024	Due to scope and scheduling changes in P.A. 16, remaining budget will be reassigned.	Localized CAP actions for reducing GHG emissions, VMT, and increase access to housing and active transportation
P.A. 18 (5) Suballocations to indivdl jurisds (bench)	Planning, training, and materials to streamline and/or advance housing permitting and production.	199,000	19,097	\$110,654	2021 – July 2024	In progress	Adoption of more AFFH policies, practices, and streamlining strategies. Improve staff knowledge and planning-counter resources for customers.
P.A. 19 (6) Admin costs for 75% Allocation (max 5%)	Administration of REAP funds, reporting, participation in statewide group.	33,234	7,062	\$19,638	2022 – Aug 2024	Ongoing	

Summary of Indicators of Housing Production:

Self-reported data by cities and counties is available on HCD's [Housing Element and Implementation and APR Data Dashboard](https://data.ca.gov/dataset/housing-element-annual-progress-report-apr-data-by-jurisdiction-and-year)
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HCD post-submission corrections

Note: In 2023 Annual Report, annual data (2019-2022) has been updated with APR dashboard data, accessed 4/1/2024.

Housing Production Indicator	Baseline Yr 2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cumulative Change	Notes
Building Permits	357	238	275	393	336	+906 -21	2022: City of Rio Dell and City of Trinidad data = 0.
Certificates of Occupancy	109	155	54	287	214	+496 +105	
Completed Entitlements	8	54	90	164	264	+308 + 256	
Housing development applications received by local governments (proposed units)	632	266	448	263		+977	
Housing units constructed (completed)	128		tbd	tbd			
Other							

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/housing-open-data-tools/housing-element-implementation-and-apr-dashboard>