



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Farrer and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: June 11, 2020 Meeting date: June 22, 2020

Subject: Authorization to Submit a Local Early Action Planning State Grant Application and Receipt of Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 20-31 authorizing application, and receipt of, for Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant program funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with the recommended action. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is offering the opportunity to apply for a non-competitive \$65,000 grant to the City of Malibu with no requirement for matching funds.

WORK PLAN: This task is not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; however, this funding would be used for streamlining housing permit review and issuance, and for preparation of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance (item 4a in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020), which are directly related and complementary to the Housing Element Update (item 4h in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020).

DISCUSSION: Earlier this year HCD issued a Notice of Funding Availability for approximately \$119 million under the LEAP Grants Program. The purpose of this non-competitive, over-the-counter grant program is to provide financial support and technical assistance to local governments for the acceleration of housing production as well as the preparation and adoption of planning documents that will accelerate housing production consistent with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Maximum grant funding is based on jurisdiction size with a maximum grant amount of \$65,000 for small jurisdictions such as Malibu. If approved, the grant funds would be used

to towards preparation of planning documents, processes and tools (e.g., computer software and hardware) to streamline application review and permit issuance.

Cities must submit a City Council resolution as part of the grant application. Resolution No. 20-31 authorizes staff to submit an application to HCD; enter into, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Applicant, a State of California Agreement (Standard Agreement) for the amount of \$65,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the LEAP grant; and agree to abide by the terms of the grant. This authorization is effective until rescinded by the Signature Authority or by the City Council.

Additional information regarding the LEAP grant program is available at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml#getfunding>.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 20-31
2. LEAP Grant Notice of Funding Availability

RESOLUTION NO. 20-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL EARLY
ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 50515 et seq., the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is authorized to issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) as part of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (hereinafter referred to by the Department as the Local Early Action Planning Grants program or LEAP).

B. The City Council of the City of Malibu desires to submit a LEAP grant application package ("Application"), on the forms provided by the Department, for approval of grant funding for projects that assist in the preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that streamline housing production.

C. The Department has issued a NOFA and Application on January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$119,040,000 for assistance to all California Jurisdictions.

SECTION 2. Now therefore, the City Council hereby resolves as follows:

A. City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the Application package;

B. In connection with the LEAP grant, if the Application is approved by the Department, the City Manager of the City of Malibu is authorized to submit the Application, enter into, execute, and deliver on behalf of the City, a State of California Agreement (Standard Agreement) for the amount of \$65,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the LEAP grant, the City's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto; and

C. The City shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the NOFA, and the Standard Agreement provided by the Department after approval. The Application and any and all accompanying documents are incorporated in full as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the Application will be enforceable through the fully executed Standard Agreement. Pursuant to the NOFA and in conjunction with the terms of the Standard Agreement, the City Council hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses and allowable expenditures in the manner presented and specifically identified in the approved Application.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of June 2020.

KAREN FARRER, Mayor

ATTEST:

HEATHER GLASER, City Clerk
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED
BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney

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January 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Potential Applicants

**FROM: Zachary Olmstead, Deputy Director
Division of Housing Policy Development**

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY -
LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce the release of this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$119,040,000 as part of the Local Early Action Planning Grants Program (LEAP or Program). LEAP is made available as a portion of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of Health and Safety Code (Sections 50515 to 50515.05) (Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019). LEAP provides funding to jurisdictions for the preparation and adoption of planning documents, process improvements that accelerate housing production, and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment (RHNA).

In order to be eligible for grant funding, an applicant must submit a completed, signed original application and an electronic copy on CD or USB flash drive. Applications will be accepted on an Over-the-Counter (OTC) basis as of the date of this NOFA through July 1, 2020. The Department encourages early applications and will accept applications post-marked by the July 1, 2020 deadline. Applicants may utilize various carrier services, such as the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, or other carrier services. All applications must be submitted to the Department at the following address:

**California Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Housing Policy Development
2020 West El Camino Ave, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Program applications, forms and instructions are available on the Department's website at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml>. If you have questions regarding this NOFA, please email the Department at EarlyActionPlanning@hcd.ca.gov.

Attachment

**LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM
(LEAP)
2020 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**



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2019 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM

I. Introduction

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce the release of this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$119,040,000 as part of the Local Early Action Planning Grants Program (LEAP or Program). LEAP is made available as a portion of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of Health and Safety Code (Sections 50515.03 (Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019)). The Program provides funding to jurisdictions for the preparation and adoption of planning documents, process improvements that accelerate housing production, and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the RHNA.

II. Authority and Scope

This NOFA is authorized pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of Health and Safety Code (Sections 50515 to 50515.05). The NOFA implements, interprets, and makes specific provisions for purposes of implementing planning grants to jurisdictions pursuant to 50515.03 (hereinafter “LEAP”).

This NOFA establishes terms, conditions, forms, procedures and other mechanisms as the Department deems necessary to exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred by Chapter 3.1.

The matters set forth herein are regulatory mandates, and are adopted in accordance with the authorities set forth below:

Quasi-legislative regulations ... have the dignity of statutes ... [and]... delegation of legislative authority includes the power to elaborate the meaning of key statutory terms...

Ramirez v. Yosemite Water Co., 20 Cal. 4th 785, 800 (1999)

Further, the Department may implement the Program through the issuance of forms, guidelines, and one or more NOFAs, as the Department deems necessary, to exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred on it by this chapter. Any forms, guidelines, and notices of funding availability adopted pursuant to this section are hereby exempted from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). (Health and Safety Code Section 50515.04(f)).

The Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend or amend the provisions of this NOFA, including, but not limited to, grant award amounts.

III. Program Summary

The Local Early Action Planning Grants Program (LEAP or Program) is part of the broader Program formerly known as the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, which was established as part of the 2019-20 Budget Act. The 2019-20 Budget Act provides a spectrum of support, incentives, resources and accountability to meet California’s housing goals. Some specific elements include:

- Planning Support (local and regional planning grants)
- Incentives (Prohousing preference and infill incentive grants)
- Funding Resources
- Accountability (penalties for noncompliant housing plans)
- Reform (collaborative processes to reform regional housing needs)

The Local Government Planning Support Grants Program provides one-time grant funding to regions and jurisdictions for technical assistance, preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements. The over-arching goals of the Program are to (1) accelerate housing production; and (2) facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment (RHNA).

IV. Program Timeline

Grants will be available to eligible applicants on a noncompetitive, Over-the-Counter (OTC) basis. Applications will be accepted from the date of the release of this NOFA and up until July 1, 2020. See Table 1 below for the anticipated timeline for awards for the OTC period.

Event	Date
NOFA Release	January 27, 2020
NOFA Application Webinar	February 14, 2020
NOFA Application Workshops	February and March 2020
Final Due Date for OTC Applications	July 1, 2020
Technical Assistance	February 2020 through December 31, 2023
Expenditure Deadline	December 31, 2023

The Department will review applications within 30 days and target award of applications within 60 days, with subsequent Standard Agreements processed within 60 days of award. Applicants are encouraged to submit early in the application window.

The Department will hold workshops and a webinar to review the LEAP NOFA and application and will be conducting technical assistance to aid applicants throughout the OTC period and implementation of the grant. For a list of dates, times, and locations for the workshops as well as information on technical assistance, please visit the Department’s website at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml>.

V. Award Amounts

This Program will make \$119,040,000 dollars available to jurisdictions for Program implementation, including state operations and expenditures, and technical assistance. Maximum award amounts are based on population estimates as of January 1, 2019.¹ The minimum award amount is \$25,000. The maximum amount that a jurisdiction may receive pursuant to this subdivision shall be as follows:

Jurisdiction Size (in population)	Maximum Award Amount
750,000 or greater	\$1,500,000
300,000 to 749,999	\$750,000
100,000 to 299,999	\$500,000
60,000 to 99,999	\$300,000
20,000 to 59,999	\$150,000
Less than 20,000	\$65,000

Applicants seeking partnerships with other local governments will be additive. For example, two jurisdictions between 100,000 and 299,999 people could submit a proposal for up to \$1.0 million.

VI. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are limited to local governments, i.e., cities and counties. However, local governments may partner through legally binding agreements with other forms of governments or entities where the proposal will have a direct effect

¹ Population estimates, posted as of January 1, 2019, are based on the Department of Finance E-1 report. Official maximum amounts per jurisdiction can be found at the Department’s website at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml>.

on land-use or development within the participating localities. This includes, but is not limited to, partnerships with other localities, regional governments, housing authorities, school districts, special districts, community-based organizations, or any duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria. Applicants forming partnerships, must submit separate, completed and signed application packages, including resolutions and a copy of the signed agreement between partners to the Department in order to be awarded funds.

VII. Eligible Activities

Eligible activities must demonstrate an increase in housing related planning activities and facilitate accelerated housing production. Eligible activities may be part of a larger planning effort (e.g., a comprehensive zoning code update) if proposed activities have not been completed prior to the NOFA date, are distinct, and demonstrate a nexus to accelerating housing production. Eligible activities are not necessarily jurisdiction-wide and may include a smaller geography with a significant impact on housing production. For example, eligible activities may include a housing development-related project with a significant community level impact, or planning or process improvement for a project with an ongoing community impact beyond the project. Eligible activities may include a variety of planning documents and processes, including, but not limited to, the following as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 50515.03(c):

1. Rezoning and encouraging development by updating planning documents and zoning ordinances, such as General Plans, community plans, specific plans, implementation of sustainable communities' strategies, and local coastal programs;
2. Completing environmental clearance to eliminate the need for project-specific review;
3. Establishing housing incentive zones or other area-based housing incentives beyond State Density Bonus Law such as a workforce housing opportunity zone pursuant to Article 10.10 (commencing with Section 65620) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, or a housing sustainability district pursuant to Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 66200) of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code;
4. Performing infrastructure planning, including for sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents;
5. Planning documents to promote development of publicly-owned land, such as partnering with other local entities to identify and prepare excess or surplus property for residential development;
6. Revamping local planning processes to speed up housing production;
7. Developing or improving an accessory dwelling unit ordinance in compliance with Section 65852.2 of the Government Code;
8. Planning documents for a smaller geography (less than jurisdiction-wide) with a significant impact on housing production, including an overlay district, project level specific plan, or development standards modifications proposed for significant areas of a locality, such as corridors, downtown or priority growth areas;

9. Rezoning to meet requirements pursuant to Gov. Code Section 65583(c)(1), and other rezoning efforts to comply with Housing Element requirements, including Gov. Code Section 65583.2(c) (AB 1397, Statutes of 2018);
10. Upzoning or other implementation measures to intensify land use patterns in strategic locations, such as close proximity to transit, jobs or other amenities;
11. Rezoning for multifamily housing in high resource areas (according to Tax Credit Allocation Committee/Housing Community Development Opportunity Area Maps);
12. Establishing pre-approved architectural and site plans;
13. Preparing and adopting Housing Elements of the General Plan that include an implementation component to facilitate compliance with the sixth cycle RHNA;
14. Adopting planning documents to coordinate with suballocations under Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP) pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.02(f) that accommodate the development of housing and infrastructure, and accelerate housing production in a way that aligns with state planning priorities, housing, transportation equity and climate goals, including hazard mitigation or climate adaptation;
15. Zoning for by-right supportive housing, pursuant to Gov. Code section 65651 (Chapter 753, Statutes of 2018);
16. Zoning incentives for housing for persons with special needs, including persons with developmental disabilities;
17. Planning documents related to carrying out a local or regional housing trust fund;
18. Environmental hazard assessments; data collection on permit tracking; feasibility studies, site analysis, or other background studies that are ancillary (e.g., less than 15 percent of the total grant amount) and part of a proposed activity with a nexus to accelerating housing production; and
19. Other planning documents or process improvements that demonstrate an increase in housing related planning activities and facilitate accelerating housing production; and
20. Establishing Prohousing Policies, as follows:

Prohousing Policies

The Department encourages applicants to consider LEAP funds to facilitate designation as a Prohousing jurisdiction.

The 2019-20 Budget Act requires the Department to develop the Prohousing designation emergency regulations by no later than July 1, 2021. This program will allow the Department to designate jurisdictions as “Prohousing,” when they demonstrate policies and strategies to accelerate housing production. In turn, Prohousing jurisdictions will be awarded additional points or preference in programs such as the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC), Transformative Climate Communities (TCC), Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) programs and other state funding programs. The Department anticipates developing emergency regulations and Prohousing designations prior to July 1, 2021, and will seek to designate jurisdictions prior to future rounds of AHSC, TCC and IIG

programs.

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 65589.9(f)(2), “Prohousing” policies mean policies that facilitate the planning, approval, or construction of housing. These policies may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Planning for local financial incentives for housing, including, but not limited to, establishing a local housing trust fund;
- B. Reducing parking requirements for sites that are zoned for residential development;
- C. Adoption of zoning allowing for use by right for residential and mixed-use development;
- D. Zoning more sites for residential development or zoning sites at higher densities than is required to accommodate the minimum existing RHNA for the current Housing Element cycle;
- E. Adoption of accessory dwelling unit ordinances or other mechanisms that reduce barriers for property owners to create accessory dwelling units beyond the requirements outlined in Section 65852.2, as determined by the Department;
- F. Process improvements that reduce permit processing time;
- G. Creating of objective development standards;
- H. Studies and implementing actions that reduce development impact fees; and
- I. Establishing a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone, as defined in Section 65620, or a housing sustainability district, as defined in Section 66200.”

VIII. Ineligible Activities

- 1. Activities unrelated to preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the RHNA;
- 2. Activities that obstruct or hinder housing production, e.g., moratoriums, downzoning, planning documents with conditional use permits that significantly impact supply, cost, approval certainty and timing, planned development, or other similarly constraining processes; and
- 3. Project specific planning documents that do not have a significant impact on accelerating housing production or significant community level or re-occurring benefit beyond the project.
- 4. The Department may consider proposals that are combined with larger proposals that have a positive housing component and the net effect on accelerating housing production is significant. For example, an applicant may propose combining an open-space designation, downzoning, or anti-displacement measures with by-right upzoning that has a significant net gain in housing capacity.

IX. Eligible Uses

1. Grant funds may cover the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs associated with eligible activities;
2. Grant funds shall be used for the costs of preparing and adopting the proposed activity;
3. A jurisdiction that receives funds under this Program may use a subcontractor. The subcontract shall provide for compliance with all the requirements of the Program. The subcontract shall not relieve the jurisdiction of its responsibilities under the Program;
4. Eligible expenditures may be incurred and expended for the project(s) subject to the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement; and
5. Only approved and eligible costs incurred for work after the NOFA date, continued past the date of the Standard Agreement, and completed during the grant term, will be reimbursable.

X. Ineligible Uses

1. Program grant funds may not be used for administrative costs of persons employed by the grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed activity;
2. No more than 5 percent of the grant amount may be used for administrative costs for any proposed use, to be approved by the Department upon disbursement; and
3. Approved and eligible costs incurred prior to the NOFA date are ineligible.

XI. Application Requirements

Until July 1, 2020, a jurisdiction may request an allocation of funds pursuant to this section by submitting a complete application to the Department that demonstrates:

1. A budget, including timelines, deliverables, sub-steps and adoption, that demonstrates funds will be utilized for eligible activities and uses;
2. How proposed activities will increase housing planning and facilitate accelerating local housing production;
3. Completed or proposed activities consistent with the state or other planning priorities; and
4. All other required information contained in the Department's application

Applicants will demonstrate consistency with these requirements utilizing the forms and manner prescribed in the Department application.

Accelerating Housing Production: Applicants must propose and document plans or processes that increase housing planning and facilitate accelerating local housing production. The application must demonstrate a significant positive effect on accelerating housing production through timing, cost, approval certainty, entitlement streamlining, feasibility, infrastructure capacity, or impact on housing

supply and affordability. An application must include an explanation and documentation of the nexus to accelerating housing production based on a reasonable and verifiable methodology and must utilize the Department's form (see the Department's application). A verifiable methodology may include a statement of support from a non-profit or for-profit developer that is active in the locality.

State and Other Planning Priorities: Consistency with state or other planning priorities may be demonstrated through proposed activities in the application **OR** activities that were completed within the last five years. Applicants must self-certify utilizing the Department's form (see Department's application).

XII. Application Submission Requirements

In order to be eligible for grant funding, an applicant must submit a completed, signed original application and an electronic copy on CD or USB flash drive. Applications will be accepted on an OTC basis as of the date of this NOFA through July 1, 2020. The Department encourages early applications and will accept applications post-marked by the July 1, 2020 deadline. Applicants may utilize various carrier services, such as the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, or other carrier services. All applications must be submitted to the Department at the following address:

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Applications must be on Department forms and cannot be altered or modified by the applicant. Program applications and forms are available on the Department's website located at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap.shtml>.

XIII. Application Review

1. The Program will not utilize a competitive process to award funds.
2. Funds will be available to eligible applicants on a rolling OTC basis that begins as of the date of this NOFA and ends July 1, 2020.
3. An application form will be available upon release of the NOFA and will include forms to demonstrate meeting eligibility requirements such as, among other forms, a resolution, a proposed budget and timeline table and self-certified attachments demonstrating a nexus to housing production and consistency with state planning and other priorities;
4. Applications will first be reviewed for, among other things, completeness, eligibility requirements, and accuracy;
5. In order to be considered complete, an application must contain requested

- information and supporting documentation where appropriate;
6. All applications must meet the eligibility requirements as specified in this NOFA;
 7. If the application is ineligible, it will not be considered for funding, but may be amended and resubmitted;
 8. The Department may request additional information to complete and approve the application for funding;
 9. Applications recommended for funding are subject to conditions specified by the Department;
 10. Applications will be reviewed within 30 days from the date the Department receives the application; and
 11. All applicants not meeting the eligibility requirements will be informed within 30 days from the date the Department receives the application.

XIV. Award Letter and Standard Agreement

Successful applicants will receive an Award Letter from the Department and will be awarded funds. Applicants will enter into a state Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement) for distribution of funds. The Standard Agreement process will specify, among other things, the amount of funds granted, timeline for expenditure of funds, and the approved use of funds. Expenditure report dates and other requirements will also be identified in the Standard Agreement.

XV. Appeals

1. Basis of Appeals:
 - A. Upon receipt of the Department's notice deeming an application incomplete or ineligible, applicants under this NOFA may appeal such decision(s) to the Department Director.
 - B. The decision of the Director is final and not subject to further administrative or judicial review.
 - C. No applicant shall have the right to appeal a decision of the Department relating to another applicant's eligibility, award, denial of award, or any other related matter.
2. Appeals Process and Deadlines:
 - A. Process. In order to lodge an appeal, applicants must submit to the Director by the deadline set forth in subsection (b) below, a written appeal which states all relevant facts, arguments, and evidence upon which the appeal is based. No new or additional information will be accepted. Once the written appeal is submitted to the Director, no further information or materials is required to be accepted or considered thereafter. Appeals are to be submitted to the Director at following address:

California Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Housing Policy Development
2020 W. El Camino Avenue, Suite 500
Sacramento, California 95833
EarlyActionPlanning@hcd.ca.gov

The Director will accept appeals delivered through a carrier service such as the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, Fed-Ex, or other carrier services that provide date stamp verification of delivery. Deliveries must be received during the Department's weekday (non-state holiday) business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Additionally, emails to the email address listed above will be accepted if the email time stamp is prior to the appeal deadline.

B. Filing Deadline. Appeals must be received by the Director no later than (5) five business days from the date of the Department's determination.

3. Decision:

Any request to amend the Department's decision shall be reviewed for compliance with this NOFA and its application. The Director shall render his/her decision in writing within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the applicant's written appeal. The decision of the Director shall be the Department's final decision, and shall not be appealable to any court or tribunal.

XVI. Administration

1. Grant Execution and Term

- A. The Department will notify the grantee if they have been selected for a grant award;
- B. After the Standard Agreement has been drawn, the grantee will be provided instructions for signing all required documents. The grantee must submit all supporting materials and a signed Standard Agreement within the timeline provided in the instructions, or risk forfeiting the grant award;
- C. The grant term begins on the day the Department and the grantee have fully executed the Standard Agreement. The Department will notify the grantee and partners when work may proceed under the agreement. However, eligible activities that are approved by the Department may be retroactively reimbursed to the date of the NOFA; and
- D. The end of the grant term will be determined by the state based on the availability of grant funds and the administrative requirements for liquidation.

2. Payment and Accounting of Grant Funds

- A. Grant funds cannot be disbursed until the Standard Agreement has been fully executed;
- B. The grantee will be responsible for compiling and submitting all invoices and reporting documents. Grantees will submit for reimbursements to the Department based on actual cost incurred;
- C. The grantee must bill the state based on clear deliverables outlined in the Standard Agreement or budget timeline. Only approved and eligible costs incurred for work after the NOFA date, continued past the date of the Standard Agreement, and completed and processed prior to the expenditure deadline, will be reimbursable. Approved and eligible costs incurred prior to the NOFA date are ineligible;
- D. Work must be completed prior to requesting reimbursement;
- E. Grant fund payment will be made on a reimbursement basis; advance payments are not allowed. The grantee and partners must have adequate cash flow to pay all grant-related expenses prior to requesting reimbursement from the Department. Project invoices will be submitted to the Department by the grantee on a quarterly basis;
- F. In unusual circumstances, the Department may consider alternative arrangements to reimbursement and payment methods based on documentation demonstrating cost burdens, including the inability to pay for work;
- G. Supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to: receipts, progress payments, subcontractor invoices, time cards, etc.;
- H. Invoices must be accompanied by reporting materials where appropriate. Invoices without the appropriate reporting materials will not be paid. The Department may withhold 10 percent of the grant until grant terms have been fulfilled; and
- I. Each recipient of funds under the Program shall expend those funds no later than December 31, 2023.

3. Accounting Records and Audits

- A. The grantee must establish a separate ledger account for receipts and expenditures of grant funds and maintain expenditure details in accordance with the budget and timeline. Separate bank accounts are not required;
- B. The grantee shall maintain documentation of its normal procurement policy and competitive bid process (including the use of sole source purchasing), and financial records of expenditures incurred during the course of the project, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- C. The grantee agrees that the state or designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of the Standard Agreement;
- D. The grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated;
- E. Subcontractors employed by the grantee and paid with moneys under the

terms of this Standard Agreement shall be responsible for maintaining accounting records as specified above;

- F. At any time during the term of the Standard Agreement, the Department may perform, or cause to be performed, a financial audit of any and all phases of the award. At the Department's request, the awardee shall provide, at its own expense, a financial audit prepared by a certified public accountant. The State of California has the right to review project documents and conduct audits during project implementation and over the project life;
- G. The Department may request additional information, as needed, to meet other applicable audit requirements; and
- H. The Department may monitor expenditures and activities of an applicant, as the Department deems necessary, to ensure compliance with Program requirements.

4. Remedies of Nonperformance

- A. In the event that it is determined, at the sole discretion of the state, that the grantee is not meeting the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement, immediately upon receiving a written notice from the Department to stop work, the grantee shall cease all work under the Standard Agreement. The Department has the sole discretion to determine that the grantee meets the terms and conditions after a stop work order, and to deliver a written notice to the grantee to resume work under the Standard Agreement;
- B. Both the grantee and the Department have the right to terminate the Standard Agreement at any time upon 30 days written notice. The notice shall specify the reason for early termination and may permit the grantee or the Department to rectify any deficiency(ies) prior to the early termination date. The grantee will submit any requested documents to the Department within 30 days of the early termination notice; and
- C. There must be a strong implementation component for the funded activity through this Program, including, where appropriate, agreement by the locality to formally adopt the completed planning document. Localities that do not formally adopt the funded activity could be subject to repayment of the grant.
- D. The Department may, as it deems appropriate or necessary, request the repayment of funds from an applicant, or pursue any other remedies available to it by law for failure to comply with Program requirements (Health and Safety Code section 50515.04(e)).

5. Reporting

- A. At any time during the term of the Standard Agreement, the Department may request a performance report that demonstrates satisfaction of all requirements identified in the Standard Agreement with emphasis on eligible activities, eligible uses, ineligible uses, and expenditures, according to timelines and budgets referenced in the Standard Agreement;
- B. Awardees shall submit a report, in the form and manner prescribed by

the Department, to be made publicly available on its internet website, by April 1 of the year following the receipt of those funds, and annually thereafter until those funds are expended, that contains the following information:

- The status of the proposed uses listed in the entity’s application for funding and the corresponding impact on housing within the region or jurisdiction; and
 - A summary of building permits, certificates of occupancy, or other completed entitlements issued by entities within the region, or by the jurisdiction, as applicable.
- C. The awardee must, in lieu of a separate report, provide the above described information as part of its annual report pursuant to Gov. Code Section 65400;
- D. The Department may request additional information, as needed, to meet other applicable reporting requirements;
- E. Upon completion of all deliverables within the Standard Agreement, the awardee shall submit a close out report. See Attachment 1; and
- F. The Department shall maintain records of the following and provide that information publicly on its internet website:
- The name of each applicant for Program funds and the status of that entity’s application;
 - The number of applications for Program funding received by the Department; and
 - The information described in 5(B) above for each recipient of Program funds.

XVII. Right to Modify or Suspend the NOFA, and Final Decision-making

The Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, amend, or modify the provisions of this NOFA at any time, including, without limitation, the amount of funds available hereunder. If such an action occurs, the Department will notify all interested parties and will post the revisions to the Department’s website. You may subscribe to the Department’s email list here: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/HCD_SSI/subscribe-form.html.

Further, the Department’s decision to approve or deny an application or request for funding pursuant to the Program, and its determination of the amount of funding to be provided, shall be final.

XVIII. Definitions

All terms not defined below shall, unless their context suggests otherwise, be interpreted in accordance with the meanings of terms described in Health and Safety Code section 50470.

- A. “Accelerating Housing Production” means improving the timing, cost, feasibility, approval and amount of development through various mechanisms such as zoning incentives (e.g., increased density and heights, reduced parking requirements), upzoning, zoning amendments to permit residential in non-residential zones, corridor planning, development standards modifications, non-discretionary review, financing strategies, sliding scale fee modifications, facilitating adequate infrastructure to support development, approval streamlining that addresses quickness and ease of entitlements, and other mechanisms that promote production or remove or mitigate regulatory barriers.
- B. “Affordability” means a housing unit that satisfies at least one of the following criteria:
 - 1. It is available at an “affordable rent” as that term is used and defined in Section 50053 of the Health & Safety Code;
 - 2. It is offered at an “affordable housing cost”, as that term is used and defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health & Safety Code; or
 - 3. It is available at an “affordable rent” or an “affordable housing cost” according to the alternative percentages of income for agency-assisted rental and cooperative housing developments pursuant to Department regulations adopted under Health and Safety Code section 50462(f).
- C. “Annual Progress Report” (APR) means the annual report required to be submitted to the Department pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 65400 of the Government Code.
- D. “Completed entitlement” means a housing development project that has received all the required land use approvals or entitlements necessary for the issuance of a building permit and for which no additional action, including environmental review or appeals, is required to be eligible to apply for and obtain a building permit.
- E. “Council of governments” means a single or multicounty council created by a joint powers agreement pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code that is responsible for allocating regional housing need pursuant to Sections 65584, 65584.04, and 65584.05 of the Government Code.
- F. “Department” means the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

G. "Housing" means any development that satisfies both of the following criteria:

1. At least two-thirds of the square footage of the development must be designated for residential use; and
2. Includes a house, an apartment, a mobile home or trailer, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied as separate living quarters, or, if vacant, is intended for occupancy as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other individuals in the building, and which have a direct access from the outside of the building, or through a common hall.

Note: accessory dwelling units (ADU) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) pursuant to Gov. Code sections 65852.2 and 65852.22 meet the definition above.

H. "Housing Element" or "element" means the Housing Element of a community's General Plan, as required pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 65302 of the Government Code and prepared in accordance with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.

I. "Jurisdiction" means any city, including a charter city, county, including a charter county or city and county, including a charter city and county.

J. "Local government" or "Locality" means any city, including a charter city, county, including a charter county or city and county, including a charter city and county.

K. "Objective zoning standard", "objective subdivision standard", and "objective design review standard" means standards that involve no personal or subjective judgment by a public official, and are uniformly verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark or criterion available, and knowable by both the development applicant or proponent and the public official prior to submittal. "Objective design review standards" means only objective design standards published and adopted by ordinance or resolution by a local jurisdiction before submission of a development application, which are broadly applicable to development within the jurisdiction.

L. "Other Planning Priorities" means planning, policies, programs or investments to promote housing choices and affordability to lower and moderate income households, the encouragement of conservation of the existing affordable housing stock, and efforts to take into account current and future impacts of climate change, including hazard mitigation.

M. "Regional housing need assessment" means the existing and projected need for housing for each region, as determined by the Department pursuant to Section 65584.01 of the Government Code.

- N. “State Planning Priorities” means priorities which are intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety in the state, including in urban, suburban, and rural communities pursuant to Gov. Code Section 65041.1.

- O. “Streamlined Housing Production” means improving the entitlement process through actions such as removing, mitigating or minimizing local regulatory requirements, reforming the local approval process to reduce processing times, the number of local discretionary approvals and permits needed for projects, improving approval certainty, establishing non-discretionary processes, modifying development standards, such as reducing parking requirements and increasing height limits, or other efforts, such as taking the fullest advantage of existing streamlining mechanisms provided in state law.

Attachment 1
Close Out Reporting Form

LEAP Grant Close Out Reporting Template

Brief Summary

- Overview of the project
- Project start date and duration
- Project goals and relevance to LEAP goals
- Quantified outcomes

Lead Agency and Partnerships

- List lead agency and partnerships (including names, titles, organizations, and roles and responsibilities of each)
- What did those collaborative relationships and processes look like?

Drivers

- Did any local, state, or federal legislation or mandates drive the project? (SB 35, AB 1397, etc.)
- Was it a community driven effort?
- Were there additional funding opportunities present?

Engagement Process

- Who were your stakeholders?
- What did the engagement process look like?
- What role did stakeholders play in the process? (Keep in mind: training, education, council formation, technical assistance, etc.)
- What were the outcomes of the engagement process?

Challenges

- What challenges were encountered?
- What solutions were encountered or created?
- Are there areas for improvement of policy alignment at the state or federal level to help achieve this project more easily?

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Outcomes

- What are the current or projected outcomes? Benefits?
- Were outcomes as anticipated?
- Have new opportunities arisen as a result of this project?
- What are the next steps?

Replicability

- What aspects of the project could be replicated in other communities?
- Useful resources and tools? For a specific region or sector?

Additional Resources

- Links to the project itself
- Links to resources used throughout and any other relevant resources

Further Information

- Who can be reached to ask more questions about this project?
- Name
- Number and/or email

EXHIBIT A

AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

1. **Authority**

Pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of the California Health and Safety Code (Ch. 159, Sec. 11, Stats. 2019), the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department" or "State") has established the Local Early Action Planning Grants Program ("LEAP," or the "Program"), as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50515, et seq., for Local Governments and Localities. In furtherance of the purpose of the Program, the Department has issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") dated January 27, 2020. This Standard Agreement, along with all its exhibits (the "Agreement"), is entered into under the authority of, and in furtherance of, the purpose of the Program.

2. **Purpose**

In accordance with the authority cited above, the Grantee has been awarded financial assistance in the form of a grant from the Program. The Department has agreed to make the grant to provide financial assistance for technical assistance, preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment, pursuant to the terms of the NOFA, which includes associated forms, and this Agreement. By entering into this Agreement and thereby accepting the award of the Program funds, the Grantee agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the NOFA, this Agreement, subsequent amendments to this agreement when necessary, the representations contained in the application and the requirements of the authority cited above. Based on the representations made by the Grantee, the State shall provide a grant in the amount shown in Exhibit B, Section 2.

3. **Definitions**

Terms herein shall have the same meaning as definitions in Section VIII of the LEAP NOFA.

4. **Scope of Work**

Preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment in accordance with the Grantee's Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget and Project Description as provided by the Grantee in the LEAP application used for subsequent approval by the Department.

5. **Department Contract Coordinator**

The Contract Coordinator of this Agreement for the Department is the Housing Policy Development Program Manager, or the Manager's designee. Unless otherwise informed, any notice, report, or other communication required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first class mail to the Department Contract Coordinator at the following address:

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Department of Housing and Community Development
Housing Policy Development
Attention: LEAP Program Manager
2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833

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BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

1. Application for Funds

- A. The Department is entering into this Standard Agreement ("Agreement") on the basis of, and in reliance on, facts, information, assertions and representations contained in the Application and any subsequent modifications or additions thereto approved by the Department. The Application and any approved modifications and additions thereto are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. The Grantee warrants that all information, facts, assertions and representations contained in the Application and approved modifications and additions thereto are true, correct, and complete to the best of the Grantee's knowledge. In the event that any part of the Application and any approved modification and addition thereto is untrue, incorrect, incomplete, or misleading in such a manner that would substantially affect the Department's approval, disbursement, or monitoring of the funding and the grant or activities governed by this Agreement, the Department may declare a breach hereof and take such action or pursue such remedies as are provided for breach.

2. Grant and Reimbursement Limit

The Department's decision to approve or deny an application or request for funding pursuant to the Program, and its determination of the amount of funding provided, shall be final. The maximum total amount granted and reimbursable to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed \$«Total_Award_Text».00.

3. Grant Timelines

- A. This Agreement is effective upon the date of the Department representative's signature on page one of the fully executed Standard Agreement, STD 213, (the "Effective Date").
- B. All Grant funds must be expended by the Grantee on or before December 31, 2023. To ensure that the Grantee is reimbursed on or before December 31, 2023, the Grantee shall deliver to the Department all final invoices for reimbursement on or before September 30, 2023. Under special circumstances, as determined by the Department, the Department may modify the September 30, 2023 deadline.

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to monitor the project and timeliness of draws within the specified dates.

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4. Allowable Uses of Grant Funds

- A. The Department shall not disburse funds unless it determines that the grant funds shall be expended in compliance with the terms and provisions of the NOFA and this Agreement.
- B. Grant funds shall only be used by the Grantee for eligible activities pursuant to Section VII of the NOFA and only for activities that were approved by the Department, and as stated in Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget and Project Description in the Grantee's approved LEAP Application, , and/or any and all documentation incorporated into this Agreement and made a part thereof.
- C. Grant funds may not be used for administrative costs of persons employed by the Grantee for activities not directly related to the preparation and adoption of the proposed activity. The Grantee shall use no more than five percent of the total grant amount for costs related to administration of the project.
- D. A Grantee that receives funds under this Program may use a subcontractor. The subcontract shall provide for compliance with all the requirements of the Program. The subcontract shall not relieve the Grantee of its responsibilities under the Program.
- E. After the contract has been executed by the Department and all parties, approved and eligible costs for eligible activities may be reimbursed upon completion of deliverables in accordance with Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget and Project Description, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- F. Only approved and eligible costs incurred for work after the NOFA date, continued past the date of full execution of the Agreement, and completed during the grant term, will be reimbursable.
- G. Approved and eligible costs incurred prior to the NOFA date are ineligible and will not be reimbursed.

5. Performance

- A. The Grantee shall take such actions, pay such expenses, and do all things necessary to complete all activities as incorporated into the LEAP application and in accordance with the schedule for completion set forth in the Statement of Work, the Grantee's Project Description and Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget, and within the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The Department may monitor expenditures and activities of Grantee, as the department deems necessary, to ensure compliance with program requirements.

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- C. The Department may request repayment of funds from Grantee or pursue other remedies available to it by law for failure to comply with program requirements.

6. Fiscal Administration

- A. The Grantee is responsible for maintaining records which fully disclose the activities funded by the LEAP grant. Adequate documentation for each reimbursable transaction shall be maintained to permit the determination, through an audit if requested by the State, of the accuracy of the records and the allowability of expenditures charged to LEAP grant funds. If the allowability of expenditure cannot be determined because records or documentation are inadequate, the expenditure may be disallowed, and the State shall determine the reimbursement method for the amount disallowed. The State's determination of the allowability of any expense shall be final, absent fraud, mistake or arbitrariness.
- B. Work must be completed prior to requesting reimbursement. The Department may make exceptions to this provision on a case by case basis. In unusual circumstances, the Department may consider alternative arrangements to reimbursement and payment methods based on documentation demonstrating cost burdens, including the inability to pay for work.
- C. Prior to receiving reimbursement, the Grantee shall submit the following documentation:
- 1) Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form (GovTIN; Fi\$cal form);
 - 2) A Request for Reimbursement form provided by the Department on the Department's Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grants webpage; and
 - 3) Any and all documentation requested by the Department in the Request for Reimbursement form and manner as outlined in the following subsection D.
- D. Grantee shall submit all required reimbursement documentation to the following address:
- Department of Housing and Community Development
Housing Policy Development
Attention: LEAP Program Manager
2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833
- E. The Grantee shall submit invoices for reimbursement to the Department. All invoices shall be subject to the Department's approval and submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

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- 1) At maximum, once per quarter; or
- 2) Upon completion of a deliverable; and
- 3) At minimum, one invoice for reimbursement annually.

The Department will use the 2020 calendar year beginning from the date of the release of the NOFA on January 27, 2020 as the basis for scheduling reimbursements, with first requests for reimbursement accepted upon full execution of the Agreement by the Grantee and the Department.

- F. The Request for Reimbursement must be for a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the maximum grant amount awarded. The Department may consider exceptions to the minimum amount requested on a case-by-case basis. All invoices shall reference the contract number and shall be signed and submitted to the Department's Program Manager at the address provided above in Section 6, Subsection D of this part. Invoices shall include at a minimum the following information:
- 1) Names of the Grantee's personnel performing work;
 - 2) Dates and times of project work;
 - 3) Itemized costs in accordance with Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget, and Project Description, including identification of each employee, contractor or subcontractor who provided services during the period of the invoice, the number of hours and hourly rates for each of the Grantee's employees, contractor(s), sub-recipient(s) or subcontractor's staff member(s), authorized expenses with receipts, and contractor, sub-recipient and subcontractor invoices; and
 - 4) Any other documents, certifications, or evidence deemed necessary by the Department prior to disbursement of grant funds.
- G. The Department will reimburse the Grantee directly for all allowable project costs as promptly as the Department's fiscal procedures permit upon receipt of an itemized signed invoice.
- H. The Department recognizes that budgeted deliverable amounts are based upon estimates and conditions and circumstances may change. Grantees may request adjustments to Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget and Project Description in the Grantee's approved LEAP Application in writing (such as a budget adjustment across deliverables), as long as the total budget does not exceed the maximum amount awarded to the Grantee. All adjustments shall be subject to written approval by the Department.

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- I. Grant funds shall not be disbursed until this Agreement has been fully executed.
- J. Grant fund payments will be made on a reimbursement basis; advance payments are not allowed. The Grantee, its subcontractors and all partners, must have adequate cash flow to pay all grant-related expenses prior to requesting reimbursement from the Department. The Department may consider alternative arrangements for reimbursement and payment methods based on documentation demonstrating cost burdens, including the inability to pay for work.
- K. The Grantee will be responsible for compiling and submitting all invoices, supporting documentation and reporting documents. Invoices must be accompanied by reporting materials where appropriate. Invoices without the appropriate reporting materials will not be paid.
 - 1) Supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to; purchase orders, receipts, progress payments, subcontractor invoices, timecards, or any other documentation as deemed necessary and requested by the Department to support the reimbursement to the Grantee for expenditures incurred.
- L. The Grantee will submit for reimbursements to the Department based on actual costs incurred, and must bill the State based on clear and completed objectives and deliverables as outlined in the application, in Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget and the Project Description, and/or any and all documentation incorporated into this Agreement and made a part thereof.
- M. The Department may withhold ten percent (10%) of the grant until grant terms have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Department and the final close-out report submitted, no later than December 31, 2024 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515.04(c)(2).
- N. It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Agreement shall immediately terminate and be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State and Contractor shall be relieved of any and all obligations under this Grant Agreement.
- O. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the sole discretion to cancel this Agreement without cause, no liability occurring to the State, or amend the current Grant Agreement and amount allocated to Contractor.

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LEAP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Reporting

- A. During the term of this Standard Agreement ("Agreement") the Grantee shall submit, upon request of the Department, a performance report that demonstrates satisfaction of all requirements identified in this Agreement.
- B. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50515.04, subsection (a), during the term of the Agreement, the Grantee shall submit an annual report containing all required information by April 1 of the year following receipt of the Grant funds. The annual reports shall be due from the Grantee until Program funds have been expended, but no later than February 28, 2023. A Grantee may, in lieu of providing a separate annual report as identified in Health and Safety Code Section 50515.04, subsection (a), provide the information as part of its Annual Progress Report.
- C. Upon completion of all deliverables required to fulfill this Agreement pursuant to the Grantee's Attachment 1: Project Timeline and Budget as approved in the LEAP Application, the Grantee shall submit a final close out report in accordance with the January 27, 2020 LEAP NOFA. The close out report shall be submitted with the final Request for Reimbursement by September 30, 2023, in accordance with the final invoices due pursuant to Exhibit B, Section 3.

2. Accounting Records

- A. The Grantee, its staff, contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and reports that properly accumulate incurred project costs by line. The accounting system shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), to enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices.
- B. The Grantee must establish a separate ledger account for receipts and expenditures of grant funds and maintain expenditure details in accordance with the scope of work, project timeline and budget. Separate bank accounts are not required.
- C. The Grantee shall maintain documentation of its normal procurement policy and competitive bid process (including the use of sole source purchasing), and financial records of expenditures incurred during the course of the project in accordance with GAAP.
- D. The Grantee agrees that the state or designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of the Agreement.
- E. Subcontractors employed by the Grantee and paid with moneys under the terms of this

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Agreement shall be responsible for maintaining accounting records as specified above. Grantee shall monitor and enforce subcontracts accordingly.

3. Audits

- A. At any time during the term of this Agreement, the Department may perform or cause to be performed a financial audit of any and all phases of the award. At the Department's request, the Grantee shall provide, at its own expense, a financial audit prepared by a certified public accountant. The State of California has the right to review project documents and conduct audits during and over the project life.
- 1) The Grantee agrees that the Department or the Department's designee shall have the right to review, obtain, and copy all records and supporting documentation pertaining to performance of this Agreement.
 - 2) The Grantee agrees to provide the Department or the Department's designee, with any relevant information requested.
 - 3) The Grantee agrees to permit the Department or the Department's designee access to its premises, upon reasonable notice, during normal business hours for the purpose of interviewing employees who might reasonably have information related to such records and inspecting and copying such books, records, accounts, and other material that may be relevant to a matter under investigation for the purpose of determining compliance with statutes and this Agreement.
- B. If a financial audit is required by the Department, the audit shall be performed by an independent certified public accountant. Selection of an independent audit firm shall be consistent with procurement standards contained in Exhibit D, Section 8 subsection A. of this Agreement.
- 1) The Grantee shall notify the Department of the auditor's name and address immediately after the selection has been made. The contract for the audit shall allow access by the Department to the independent auditor's working papers.
 - 2) The Grantee is responsible for the completion of audits and all costs of preparing audits.
 - 3) If there are audit findings, the Grantee must submit a detailed response acceptable to the Department for each audit finding within ninety (90) days from the date of the audit finding report.
- C. The Grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit after final payment pursuant to Exhibit D, Section 3, subsection E. below, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated.
- 1) If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, monitoring, inspection or other action

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has been started before the expiration of the required record retention period, all records must be retained by the Grantee, contractors and sub-contractors until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it. The Grantee shall include in any contract that it enters into in an amount exceeding \$10,000.00, the Department's right to audit the contractor's records and interview their employees.

- 2) The Grantee shall comply with the caveats and be aware of the penalties for violation of fraud and for obstruction of investigation as set forth in California Public Contracts Code Section 10115.10.
- D. The determination by the Department of the eligibility of any expenditure shall be final.
- E. The Grantee shall retain all books and records relevant to this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years after the end of the term of this Agreement. Records relating to any and all audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement shall be retained for five (5) years after the conclusion or resolution of the matter.

4. **Remedies of Non-performance**

- A. The Department may monitor expenditures and activities of an applicant, as the Department deems necessary, to ensure compliance with Program requirements.
- B. The Department may, as it deems appropriate or necessary, request repayment of funds from an applicant, or pursue any remedies available to it by law for failure to comply with Program requirements.
- C. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this Agreement that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager, or the Manager's designee, who may consider any written or verbal evidence submitted by the Grantee. The decision of the Department's Housing Policy Development Manager or Designee shall be the Department's final decision regarding the dispute.
- D. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by the Department will excuse the Grantee from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- E. In the event that it is determined, at the sole discretion of the Department, that the Grantee is not meeting the terms and conditions of the Agreement, immediately upon receiving a written notice from the Department to stop work, the Grantee shall cease all work under the Agreement. The Department has the sole discretion to determine that the Grantee meets the terms and conditions after a stop work order, and to deliver a written notice to the grantee to resume work under the Agreement.
- F. Both the Grantee and the Department have the right to terminate the Agreement at any

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- time upon thirty (30) days written notice. The notice shall specify the reason for early termination and may permit the grantee or the Department to rectify any deficiency(ies) prior to the early termination date. The Grantee will submit any requested documents to the Department within thirty (30) days of the early termination notice.
- G. There must be a strong implementation component for the funded activity through this Program, including, where appropriate, agreement by the locality to formally adopt or complete the planning document. Localities that do not formally adopt or complete the funded activity could be subject to repayment of the grant.
- H. The following shall each constitute a breach of this Agreement:
- 1) Grantee's failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - 2) Use of, or permitting the use of, grant funds provided under this Agreement for any ineligible costs or for any activity not approved under this Agreement.
 - 3) Any failure to comply with the deadlines set forth in this Agreement unless approved by the Program Manager.
- I. In addition to any other remedies that may be available to the Department in law or equity for breach of this Agreement, the Department may at its discretion, exercise the following remedies:
- 1) Disqualify the Grantee from applying for future Department administered grant programs.
 - 2) Revoke existing LEAP award(s) to the Grantee.
 - 3) Require the return of unexpended LEAP funds disbursed under this Agreement.
 - 4) Require repayment of LEAP Funds disbursed and expended under this Agreement.
 - 5) Seek a court order for specific performance of the obligation defaulted upon, or the appointment of a receiver to complete the obligations in accordance with the LEAP Program requirements.
 - 6) Other remedies available at law, or by and through this Agreement. All remedies available to the Department are cumulative and not exclusive.
 - 7) The Department may give written notice to the Grantee to cure the breach or violation within a period of not less than fifteen (15) days.

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5. **Indemnification**

Neither the Department nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents, its contractors, its sub-recipients or its subcontractors under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the Grantee under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the Grantee shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the Department and all of the Department's staff from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation or other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Grantee, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, sub-recipients, or subcontractors under this Agreement.

6. **Waivers**

No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. The failure of the Department to enforce at any time the provisions of this Agreement, or to require at any time, performance by the Grantee of these provisions, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions nor to affect the validity of this Agreement or the right of the Department to enforce these provisions.

7. **Relationship of Parties**

It is expressly understood that this Standard Agreement is an agreement executed by and between two independent governmental entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association, or any other relationship whatsoever other than that of an independent party.

8. **Third-Party Contracts**

- A. All state-government funded procurements must be conducted using a fair and competitive procurement process. The Grantee may use its own procurement procedures as long as the procedures comply with all City/County laws, rules and ordinances governing procurement, and all applicable provisions of California state law.
- B. Any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement shall contain all the provisions stipulated in the Agreement to be applicable to the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors. Copies of all agreements with sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors shall be submitted to the Department's program manager upon request.
- C. The Department does not have a contractual relationship with the Grantee's sub-recipients, contractors, or subcontractors, and the Grantee shall be fully responsible for all work performed by its sub-recipients, contractors, or subcontractors.
- D. In the event the Grantee is partnering with another jurisdiction or forming a collaborative effort between the Grantee and other jurisdictions who are grantees of the Local Early

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Action Planning Grants Program, the Grantee acknowledges that each partner and/or all entities forming the Local Early Action Planning Grants Program collaborative are in mutual written agreement with each other but are contractually bound to the Department under separate, enforceable contracts.

- E. In the event the Grantee is partnering with another jurisdiction or forming a collaborative effort with other entities that are not grantees of the Local Early Action Planning Grants Program, the Department shall defer to the provisions as noted in subsections 8(B) and 8(C) of this part.

9. Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Rules, and Regulations

- A. The Grantee agrees to comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations that pertain to construction, health and safety, labor, fair employment practices, equal opportunity, and all other matters applicable to the grant, the Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors, and any other grant activity.
- B. During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee assures that no otherwise qualified person shall be excluded from participation or employment, denied program benefits, or be subjected to discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, age, disability, handicap, familial status, religion, or belief, under any program or activity funded by this contract, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-20) and all implementing regulations, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and all implementing regulations.
- C. The Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all agreements with its sub-recipients, contractors, and subcontractors, and shall include a requirement in all agreements with all of same that each of them in turn include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all contracts and subcontracts they enter into to perform work under the Program.
- D. The Grantee shall, in the course of performing project work, fully comply with the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)
- E. The Grantee shall adopt and implement affirmative processes and procedures that provide information, outreach and promotion of opportunities in the LEAP project to encourage participation of all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability. This includes, but is not limited to, a minority outreach program to ensure the inclusion, to the maximum extent possible, of minorities and women, and entities owned by minorities and women, as required by 24 CFR 92.351.

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10. Litigation

- A. If any provision of this Agreement, or an underlying obligation, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, at the sole discretion of the Department, shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Therefore, the provisions of this Agreement are, and shall be, deemed severable.
- B. The Grantee shall notify the Department immediately of any claim or action undertaken by or against it, which affects or may affect this Agreement or the Department, and shall take such action with respect to the claim or action as is consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interests of the Department.

11. Changes in Terms/Amendments

This Agreement may only be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of both parties.

12. State-Owned Data

A. Definitions

1) Work:

The work to be directly or indirectly produced by the Grantee, its employees, or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement.

2) Work Product:

All deliverables created or produced from Work under this Agreement including, but not limited to, all Work and Deliverable conceived or made, or made hereafter conceived or made, either solely or jointly with others during the term of this Agreement and during a period of six months after the termination thereof, which relates to the Work commissioned or performed under this Agreement. Work Product includes all deliverables, inventions, innovations, improvements, or other works of authorship Grantee and/or Grantee's contractor subcontractor and/or sub-recipient may conceive of or develop in the course of this Agreement, whether or not they are eligible for patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other legal protection.

3) Inventions:

Any ideas, methodologies, designs, concept, technique, invention, discovery, improvement or development regardless of patentability made solely by the Grantee or jointly with the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or sub-recipient and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor, and/or sub-recipient's employees with one or more employees of the Department during the term of this Agreement and in performance of any Work

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under this Agreement, provided that either the conception or reduction to practice thereof occurs during the term of this Agreement and in performance of Work issued under this Agreement.

B. Ownership of Work Product and Rights

- 1) All work Product derived by the Work performed by the Grantee, its employees or by and of the Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and/or sub-recipient's employees under this Agreement, shall be owned by the Department and shall be considered to be works made for hire by the Grantee and the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient for the Department. The Department shall own all copyrights in the work product.
- 2) Grantee, its employees and all of Grantee's contractor's, subcontractor's and sub-recipient's employees agree to perpetually assign, and upon creation of each Work Product automatically assigns, to the Department, ownership of all United States and international copyrights in each and every Work Product, insofar as any such Work Product, by operation of law, may not be considered work made for hire by the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient from the Department. From time to time upon the Department's request, the Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipients, and/or its employees, shall confirm such assignments by execution and delivery of such assignment, confirmations or assignment or other written instruments as the Department may request. The Department shall have the right to obtain and hold in its name all copyright registrations and other evidence of rights that may be available for Work Product under this Agreement. Grantee hereby waives all rights relating to identification of authorship restriction or limitation on use or subsequent modification of the Work.
- 3) Grantee, its employees and all Grantee's contractors, subcontractors and sub-recipients hereby agrees to assign to the Department all Inventions, together with the right to seek protection by obtaining patent rights therefore and to claim all rights or priority thereunder and the same shall become and remain the Department's property regardless of whether such protection is sought. The Grantee, its employees and Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and /or subrecipient shall promptly make a complete written disclosure to the Department of each Invention not otherwise clearly disclosed to the Department in the pertinent Work Product, specifically noting features or concepts that the Grantee, its employees and/or Grantee's contractor, subcontractor and/or subrecipient believes to be new or different.
- 4) Upon completion of all work under this Agreement, all intellectual property rights, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, specifications and estimates, produced as part of this Agreement will automatically be vested in Department and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to Department.

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13. Special Conditions

The State reserves the right to add any special conditions to this Agreement it deems necessary to assure that the policy and goals of the Program are achieved.

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