

# Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities

AHSC is part of the California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work.

- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Support Disadvantage Communities
- Improve Public Health and Safety
- Improve connectivity and accessibility

#### **Require Collaborative Projects Components:**

- Green Affordable Housing (50% of application)
- Near Public Transit
- Active Transportation Infrastructure
- Zero–Emission Vehicles & Transit Amenities
- Urban Greening (Trees, gardens, water infiltration)





The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program funds infill projects that reduce **Greenhouse Gas (GHG)** emissions and **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)** through sustainable land use, housing, and transportation practices.





### **AHSC Funding**

**Funding Source:** 20% of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) auction proceeds through 2030

#### **Funding Availability:**

- Round 7 ~\$750M
- Round 8 ~\$750M
- Upcoming Round 9 ~\$775M

#### Minimum & Maximum Award:

- Minimum \$10M\*, Maximum \$50
  - \$35M cap for housing
  - \$15M cap for transportation



\*Proposed \$1M minimum for tribes



### **Active Transportation Details**

#### Partner with a developer to implement:

- New or improved walkways/bikeways that improve mobility and access of pedestrian/cyclists
- Repaving and road reconstruction (where the new or improved walkways and bikeway is installed)
- Streetscape improvements (e.g., lighting, signage, wayfinding markers, etc.)
- Street crossing enhancements such as new or improved pedestrian crossings or over-crossings, accessible ramps, and pedestrian signals
- Bike sharing infrastructure and fleet
- Street furniture (e.g., benches, shade structures, etc.)
- Publicly accessible bicycle parking or repair kiosks
- Bicycle carrying devices on public transit







### What makes a successful AHSC project?

- Collaboration & partnerships
- Infill in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
- Implementation of Sustainable Community Strategy
- Transit ridership & mode shift
- Realistic budgets & scopes
- Bold vision & transformative projects

Consider this as a chance to fund and build projects in your existing Bike/Ped Plans!



## Public Works & Engineering: Challenges & Solutions

- Collaboration & Timing
  - Start early
  - Talk with your housing departments
  - Create (or join) a pipeline of housing projects
- Scoping & Budgeting
  - Implement the items already identified in your plans
  - 'Dots & Lines' can fund PS&E and PA&ED
  - Flexibility in cost estimation (by item)
- Joint and Several Liability
  - Only commit to what you know can be accomplished
  - Build in flexibility
  - Work with trusted partners





# **Next Steps**

#### **SGC Website**

- Past & Current Program Guidelines
- Quantification Methodology
- Past Project Fact Sheets & Awards
- Workshop Recordings
- Request for Technical Assistance

**Starting Point:** <a href="mailto:sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/">sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/</a>

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