

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities

Integrating affordable homes and sustainable transportation



The AHSC Program is an important part of California's climate and equity strategy by funding affordable housing and transportation projects near jobs, schools, and other daily destinations. Personal vehicle use is, by far, the most significant source of greenhouse gas emissions in California and AHSC projects help reduce these emissions by funding projects that make it easier for residents to get out of their cars and walk, bike, or take public transit. Funded by auction proceeds from California's Cap-and-Trade emissions reduction program, AHSC is administered by the Strategic Growth Council and implemented by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

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WHAT DOES AHSC FUND?

AHSC provides funding for affordable housing developments (new construction or renovation) and transportation infrastructure. This may include sustainable transportation infrastructure, such as new transit vehicles, sidewalks, and bikeways; transportation-related amenities, such as bus shelters, benches, or shade trees; and other programs that encourage residents to walk, bike, and use public transit.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Eligible applicants include:

- » Local governments
- » Transportation and transit agencies
- » Non-profit and for-profit housing developers
- » Joint powers authorities
- » K-12 school, college and university districts
- » Federally Recognized Tribes
- » California Native American Tribes

Historically, most successful awards have included a partnership between developers of affordable and mixed-income housing, local governments, regional transportation agencies, and public transit providers. Applicants are also welcome to submit joint proposals to co-develop a project. Technical Assistance is available for application submission. Please see the program website for more information.

HOW WILL OUTCOMES BE TRACKED & MONITORED?

Because AHSC is a greenhouse gas reduction program, applicants who receive awards are responsible for monitoring and reporting their projects' emissions reductions using a quantification methodology certified by the California Air Resources Board. Award recipients are also responsible for monitoring and reporting co-benefit indicators based on the health, environmental and economic goals they identified at the grant's onset.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Successfully implemented, the AHSC program creates California communities where residents can get everywhere they need to go without having to drive. This results in cleaner air, healthier lifestyles, and protects current and future generations from the threat of climate change.



\$2.5 Billion
INVESTED IN TOTAL



15,324 Affordable Homes
CONSTRUCTED



4.4 million
METRIC TONS OF GHG
EMISSIONS AVOIDED



70% Invested
IN DISADVANTAGED
COMMUNITIES (DAC)

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