



# Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities

Integrating affordable homes and sustainable transportation



The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) builds healthier communities and protects the environment by increasing the supply of affordable places to live near jobs, stores, transit, and other daily needs. Personal vehicle use is, by far, the most significant source of greenhouse gas emissions in California. AHSC reduces 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.

*“AHSC helps create holistic communities with affordable housing & transportation options near jobs & other key destinations.”*



## 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 bike lanes; 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 Indian tribes

Historically, most applicants have been 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.

## 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 cities 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.

PROVIDED OVER 

**6,050**

**AFFORDABLE HOMES**

 FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

REDUCE  
**1.58 million**  
**TONNES OF CO<sub>2</sub>E**  
OVER THEIR OPERATING LIVES

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