

Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

IMPACT TO DATE, Rounds 1 to 6

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program integrates housing, transportation, climate, and workforce investments to forward our state's climate goals while providing substantial benefits to Californians with low incomes living in underserved communities.



The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program is administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and implemented by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Leading the Way in Integrated Housing and Transportation Investments to Address the Climate Crisis

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Precedent-Setting

AHSC was the first state program to fund integrated affordable housing and transportation developments, setting a precedent for incentivizing transit-oriented communities across California. AHSC is helping change development patterns across the state, and local AHSC-funded developments have proved that more dense, affordable, transit-connected development is possible – often catalyzing additional projects and cross-sector collaboration into the future.

Cross-Sector Collaboration

AHSC funds holistic developments that require collaboration between housing and transportation sectors, along with many other local partners. These typically include affordable housing developers, transportation agencies, local governments, community-based organizations, and residents.

Demonstrated Co-Benefits

The close collaboration and coordination between multiple sectors necessary for AHSC has also led to a wide array of co-benefits related to housing, transportation, climate, and economic development. By building affordable homes near quality transit, AHSC investments also reduce air pollution, improve public health, reduce car dependency, and increase connectivity and accessibility to jobs and education.

Leveraging Additional Resources

AHSC-funded developments typically leverage an additional 2.9 times in resources from other state and federal sources. In Round 6, the 37 AHSC-funded developments leveraged a total of \$2.4 billion in additional funding from local, federal, private, and other state resources.

Meeting Statewide Goals

The AHSC program helps jurisdictions meet their obligations under state law: helping advance their Sustainable Communities Strategies mandated by SB 375 and building additional housing to make progress towards their Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) goals.

Providing Reliable, Ongoing Funding

Consistent state funding over six rounds and counting has allowed AHSC to continue to deliver on its programmatic goals and grow its impact – something that should be emulated for other state programs. Funding predictability gives developers, localities, and transit agencies greater confidence and opportunity to identify and move forward high-quality developments, encouraging a pipeline of integrated housing and transportation developments in regions across the state.

"[AHSC has] now started to establish relationships within the city where our affordable housing group is meeting with our transportation group, and our public transportation group as well. As things come about, we're now trying to look at them from a multi-pronged approach, versus everyone doing their projects separately and not connecting them."

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