

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing

This memorandum of understanding (“**MOU**”) is made this 19th day of November 2020 (“**Effective Date**”), by and between the agencies (“**Members**”) comprising the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing (“**Committee**”) set forth below:

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RECITALS

- A. Under section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (“**HCD**”) has made available one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) in local government planning support grants to regional entities and working groups as outlined by the statute.
- B. The Committee is one of the working groups identified in section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code.
- C. On June 26, 2020, the Members approved submission of an application for grant funding (“**Application**”) to HCD by Fresno Council of Governments (“**FCOG**”) as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Committee.

- D. On August 14, 2020, HCD approved the Application and an allocation of \$10,218,830.75 in grant funds (the “**Initial Grant**”) to the Members through FCOG.
- E. On August 20, 2020, FCOG and HCD executed grant funding agreement number 19-REAP-14029 (“**Agreement**”). A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”
- F. This MOU is intended to reflect the Members’ understanding of the distribution of the Initial Grant and to facilitate the subsequent implementation of activities by the Members in furtherance of the purposes for which the Initial Grant was approved by HCD.

The Members therefore agree as follows:

1. Allocation of Initial Grant. The Members agree to allocate the \$10,218,830.75 of the Initial Grant as follows:
 - a. FCOG will retain \$5,475,000 of the Initial Grant to perform the following tasks:
 - i. FCOG shall prepare a comprehensive housing report and policy recommendations for implementation, as stated in the Application. FCOG may enter into agreements as necessary to perform its obligations under this provision of the MOU and under the Application and Agreement.
 - ii. FCOG shall conduct regional planning and coordination, and provide technical assistance, as stated in the Application. FCOG may enter into agreements as necessary to perform its obligations under this term of the MOU and under the Application and Agreement.
 - iii. FCOG shall administer of the Application, Agreement, this MOU, and the Initial Grant, as stated in the Application.
 - b. FCOG shall distribute the remaining \$4,743,830.75 of the Initial Grant directly to each of the Members, as more particularly described in “Exhibit B,” in proportion to each Member’s relative population using California Department of Finance population estimates updated as of January 2020.
2. Compliance with the Agreement and MOU. Each Member hereby acknowledges its cognizance of and its understanding of its obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and MOU. Each Member agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and to undertake all actions requested by FCOG pursuant to the Agreement or MOU, in order to facilitate FCOG’s compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
3. Compliance with the Law. Each Member agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws in the performance of its obligations under this MOU.

4. Sub-Agreements. Copies of all agreements between any Member and any sub-recipient, contractor or subcontractor shall be submitted to FCOG, so that they then may be provided to HCD's Program Manager as required by Exhibit D, section 8, paragraph B of the Agreement.
5. Quarterly Reports. Each Member also shall deliver to FCOG, on a quarterly basis, status reports and accounting records reflecting any expenditure of the Initial Grant by that Member or by a sub-recipient of that Member. Each Member shall deliver its status reports and accounting records within thirty (30) days following the end of the period covered by the document. Each member's quarterly status reports shall, at a minimum, include discussion of any allocations or sub-allocations of the Initial Grant, a description of any project initiated in whole or in part with the Initial Grant and a description of the progress made on any such project.
6. Retention of Records. Each Member shall maintain public records (as that term is defined in Government Code section 6252) (collectively, "**Records**") required under the Agreement, relating to any matter contained in this MOU, or demonstrating that the Initial Grant was used in a manner consistent with the Agreement. Each Member shall make the Records available to FCOG, HCD or the State Auditor upon demand. Each Member shall maintain the Records and make them available for inspection for a period of at least one (1) year following the termination of this MOU or the time specified in Government Code section 8546.7, whichever is later. Records relating to any audit or litigation relevant to this MOU or the Agreement shall be retained by each Member for five years after the conclusion or final resolution of such matter, as required by Exhibit D, section 3, paragraph E of the Agreement.
7. Disallowed Costs. Each Member shall return to FCOG any funds which HCD has disallowed within 90 days following notice to the Member.
8. Indemnity.
 - a. Each Member shall indemnify FCOG, along with FCOG's officers, directors, and employees, for any costs or liabilities (including without limitation for damages, court costs, attorneys' fees, and expert witness fees) arising from, resulting from, or in connection with that Member's actions with respect to subject matter of this MOU or relating in any way to the use of the Initial Grant proceeds by that Member or any sub-recipient, contractor, or subcontractor of that Member.
 - b. Notwithstanding, the obligation to indemnify shall not apply to any costs or liabilities caused solely by the active negligence or willful misconduct of FCOG or any of its officers, directors, and employees.
9. Duration of MOU. This MOU shall be in effect from the Effective Date until December 31, 2024 unless its term is extended by written modification in accordance with the provisions of section 12, paragraph c of this MOU.

10. Subsequent MOUs. The Members understand and agree that subsequent MOUs may be necessary to facilitate the distribution of further grant funding from HCD under section 50515.02, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code. The Members hereby commit to negotiate the terms and conditions of such subsequent MOUs in good faith, in order to achieve concurrence and ensure execution of same in a timely fashion.
11. Notices. All notices provided for or permitted under this MOU must be in writing and delivered either by personal service, by first-class United States mail, by an overnight commercial courier service, or as a PDF attachment to an email sent to the addresses provided for the Members above. Any Member may change its address for receipt of notice by providing notice of that change as provided in this section 11.
 - a. A notice delivered by personal service is effective upon service to the recipient.
 - b. A notice delivered by first-class United States mail is effective three business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the recipient.
 - c. A notice delivered by an overnight commercial courier service is effective one County business day after deposit with the overnight commercial courier service, delivery fees prepaid, with delivery instructions given for next day delivery, addressed to the recipient.
 - d. A notice delivered by email is effective when sent, if the email is sent between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day. If sent outside the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day, a notice delivered by email becomes effective on the first business day following.
12. General Provisions.
 - a. This MOU is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of any successors or assigns of the Members.
 - b. This MOU represents the entire understanding of the Members as to those matters contained in this MOU. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered in this MOU.
 - c. This MOU may not be modified or altered except by writing signed by all Members.
 - d. No Member may assign, delegate or transfer its rights and duties in this MOU without the written consent of all other Members, except that any Member may enter into one or more sub-agreements with any sub-recipient, contractor, or subcontractor to implement activities in furtherance of the

purposes for which the Initial Grant was approved by HCD without the necessity of obtaining such consent.

- e. Any dispute arising under this MOU, which is not resolvable by informal mediation between or among the Members, shall be adjudicated in a court of law under the laws of the State of California.
- f. For all claims arising from or related to this MOU, nothing in this MOU establishes, waives, or modifies any claims presentation requirements or procedures provided by law, including the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code, beginning with section 810).
- g. This MOU shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this MOU shall only be in California. Any action brought to interpret or enforce this MOU, or any of the terms or conditions hereof, shall be brought and maintained in the Fresno County Superior Court.
- h. If any part of this MOU is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the balance of this MOU remains in full force and effect, and the Members shall make best efforts to replace the unlawful or unenforceable part of this MOU with lawful and enforceable terms intended to accomplish the Members' original intent.
- i. Section headings are provided for convenience only and are not part of this MOU.
- j. This MOU does not and is not intended to create any rights or obligations for any person or entity except for the Members.
- k. Each Member represents and warrants that the individual signing this MOU is duly authorized to do so and their signature on this MOU legally binds that Member to the terms of this MOU.
- l. This MOU may be signed in counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which together constitute this MOU.

[Signature pages follow.]

The Members have caused this MOU to be executed as of the date and year first above written.

Fresno Council of Governments

By:

Tony Boren, Director

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Kern Council of Governments

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Ahron Hakimi, Director

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Kings County Association of Governments

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Ted Smalley, Director

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Exhibit A

Grant funding agreement number 19-REAP-14029

Exhibit B

Pro-rata Initial Allocations to Each Regional Transportation Planning Agency Based on January 2020 California Department of Finance Population Estimates

REAP PLANNING GRANT INITIAL ALLOCATIONS			MPO DISTRIBUTION
MPO Share by Population*			
Fresno Council of Governments	1,032,227	23.50%	\$1,114,737.62
Kern Council of Governments	927,251	21.11%	\$1,001,370.41
Kings County Association of Governments	156,444	3.56%	\$168,949.28
Madera County Transportation Commission	160,089	3.64%	\$172,885.65
Merced County Association of Governments	287,420	6.54%	\$310,394.79
San Joaquin Council of Governments	782,545	17.81%	\$845,097.40
Stanislaus Council of Governments	562,303	12.80%	\$607,250.45
Tulare County Association of Governments	484,423	11.03%	\$523,145.14
Total	4,392,702	100.00%	\$4,743,830.75