



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of January 18, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7-B

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**SUBJECT:**

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program: Release of AHSC Final Round 7 Guidelines

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC), California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and California Air Resources Board (CARB) have released the [Final Guidelines](#) for Round 7 of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.

AHSC program, Final Round 7 Guidelines, along with a Summary of Key Changes are available on the [AHSC Guidelines](#) webpage. The Final AHSC Benefits Calculator Tool, Final Quantification Methodology, and Final User Guide are also be available via the [AHSC Guidelines](#) webpage.

The Round 7 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released in January 2023, with an estimated \$750 million available for Round 7.

**Technical Assistance Availability**

If you are planning on submitting a project for AHSC Round 7, then SGC invites you to fill out a [Direct TA Survey](#). Submissions will be accepted through January 20, 2023. It is highly recommended to submit as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to help prepare the application.

SGC Staff will assess the survey information and allocate Technical Assistance (TA) resources according to the following criteria:

- Access to resources (i.e., whether the applicant is accessing other TA resources, the value that TA resources can bring, etc.
- Disadvantaged, low income, and/or tribal community (i.e., CalEnviroScreen DAC designations)

- Need (i.e., assistance and services needed to submit a competitive application)
- Project viability and AHSC threshold requirements
- Geographic/regional diversity

These services are offered at no cost to the TA recipient and are available statewide as part of the ASHC Program annual budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.