



AGENDA ITEM 5A

MEETING: May 19, 2021
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **REAP Grants Program Presentation from HCAOG**
The Commission will receive an informational presentation from the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG).

BACKGROUND

HCAOG Senior Planner Oona Smith has offered to provide an informational presentation regarding the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants program related to accelerating housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation in Humboldt County.

DISCUSSION

Recent Budget Acts under Governor Gavin Newsome have included funds for the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, which is an umbrella program. It includes the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants program, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The REAP program goals are to (1) accelerate housing production and (2) facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA). Funds can be used for housing planning activities, such as preparing, adopting, and implementing plans and processes that will accelerate housing production.

REAP funds are dispersed through the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies throughout the state. Funds are allocated to regions based on population; the Humboldt region has been allocated almost \$783,000 of one-time REAP funding.

RECOMMENDATION

This item has been agendized for information only. The Commission is invited to discuss the item and provide direction to staff as needed.