

SB2 Announcement of Availability of SENATE BILL 2 FUNDS

Senate Bill 2, adopted in 2017, establishes a permanent source of **funding to increase affordable housing stock**. The funding for this year includes approximately **\$123 million for financial and technical assistance** to local governments to update planning documents to streamline housing production.

The funds will be distributed on an “over the counter”, non-competitive basis to eligible jurisdictions. To be eligible, jurisdictions must have a Certified Housing Element, 2017 or 2018 Annual Progress Report submitted to HCD, and a few other requirements.

The application form will be released March 29, 2019.

Applications can be submitted April 1 to November 30, 2019. *(may be extended)*

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Jurisdictions selecting priority policy areas will receive a smoother, faster, and easier process.

Priority Policy Areas:

- » Rezone to permit by-right
- » Objective design and development standards
- » Specific plans or form based codes coupled with CEQA streamlining
- » Accessory dwelling units or other innovative building strategies
- » Expedited processing
- » Housing related infrastructure financing and fee reduction strategies

Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- » Targeted general plan updates
- » Community plans and specific plans
- » Zoning updates
- » Environmental analyses that eliminate the need for project-specific review

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Along with HCD and OPR, a consultant team led by PlaceWorks has been contracted to assist with:

- » SB 2 planning grant application assistance
 - › Grant writing *(limited)*
 - › Review of ideas and draft applications
 - › Identification of eligible activities
- » Housing element compliance
- » Annual progress reports

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