

Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) San Mateo County Board of Supervisors – July 11, 2023







A Bay Area Problem to Solve Together



At least 36,810 people in the region experienced homelessness in 2022 and as of 2019, 575,000 were at risk of homelessness



The Bay Area has consistently fallen short of its housing targets: Between 2015-2020, the region built only 25% of the homes needed.



Regionwide, we need to build **180,334 more affordable homes** to meet the number of homes required under the 2023-2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)



Significant funding is needed: As of 2023, there are 32,944 affordable homes in predevelopment that require financing.





BAHFA Can Provide New Housing Solutions

Our Mandate: Created by state legislation in 2019, BAHFA plans to raise \$10-\$20 billion through a 2024 ballot measure to meet the region's housing needs.

- 80% of funds raised return to county of origin
- The ABAG Executive Board and BAHFA Board (comprised of MTC Commissioners) work together as BAHFA's governance entities
- BAHFA's 20% regional funding will help advance better systems:
 - Streamlined, innovative financing
 - Opportunities for regional coordination
 - Technical assistance





The Power of BAHFA: Regional Action

- Creating a mission-driven, regional lender able to reinvest back into the community is only possible at the regional level
- Regional programs can assist community-based organizations vital to preservation efforts
- Regional programs can lower the cost and timelines of essential housing production
- Technical assistance, policy development, and higher-risk development innovations all happen at the regional level







San Mateo County Housing

Affordable
Housing
Pipeline and
Housing Need



25 total affordable housing projects in predevelopment



1,817 affordable homes in predevelopment



19,219 affordable homes required for 2023-2031 RHNA



1,808 people experiencing homelessness in 2022







Current Pilot Phase

- Doorway Housing Portal: Online affordable housing platform that makes searching for affordable housing easy region-wide
- 2 Affordable Housing Pipeline: Database to track the production and preservation of affordable homes
- **Preservation:** Financing to help community-based organizations buy buildings, convert them to affordable housing and protect residents from displacement
- 4 Anti-Displacement: Coordination and best practices to support tenant protections
- Homelessness Prevention: Coordinated support across jurisdictions to share best practices to keep people housed







Funding at Scale: A Regional Funding Measure







Potential 2024 Measures

An advocate-led statewide constitutional amendment to enable affordable housing general obligation bonds be approved by a majority of voters instead of the current two thirds requirement

This also would allow bond proceeds to be used to protect tenants at affordable housing sites through rental assistance reserves, tenant services, and more.

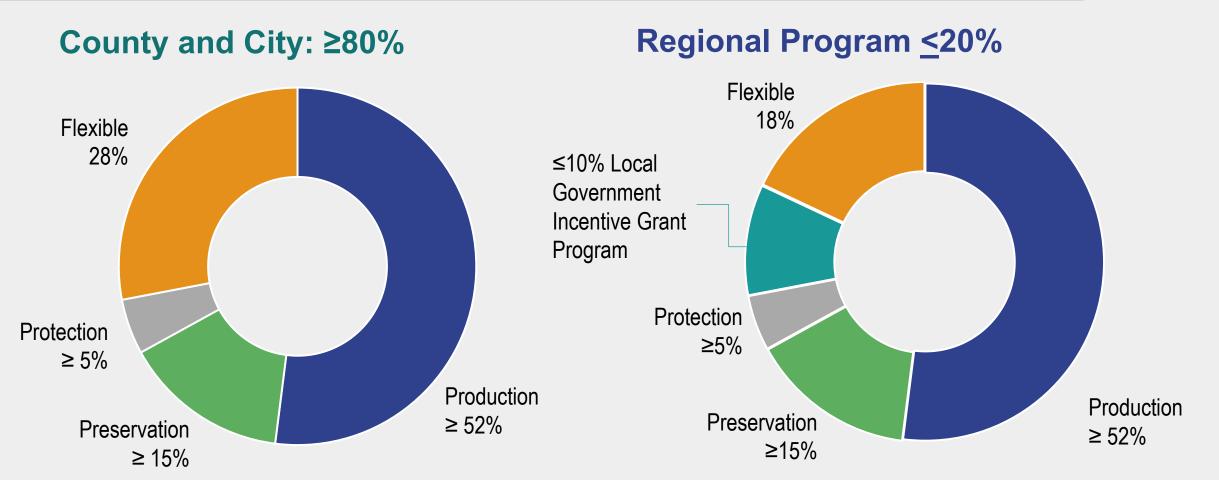
A BAHFA General Obligation Bond to raise \$10-\$20 billion – which could provide between 35,000 and 80,000 new homes across the nine-county region.







How Funds May be Spent









Significant funding to every community











Potential Funding for San Mateo County

Dollars in millions based on a \$10 billion regional bond

	Receiving Entity	Production Funds	Preservation Funds	Protection	City / County Flexible Funds
		52%	15%	5%	28%
County	\$1.05M	\$544M	\$157M	\$52.3M	\$293M







AB 1487 Expenditure Rules: Counties/Cities

Activity	County/City Expenditures
Production	 Rental or ownership Must prioritize projects that help meet RHNA goals Affordability up to 120% AMI
Preservation	Rental or ownershipAffordability up to 120% AMI
Protections	 Legal services, rental assistance, relocation, tenant education, displacement data collection
Flexible	 Affordable housing and housing-related uses, as approved in the county/city Expenditure Plan







2024 BAHFA Regional Housing Measure Timeline

Spring – Fall 2023

- Business Plan and Equity Framework revisions
- Present to jurisdictions about BAHFA and the potential benefits of a regional measure in 2024

Fall – Winter 2023

- Business Plan adoption (October)
- Public information sessions
- Early drafts of Expenditure Plan

Winter – Summer 2024

- Conduct final poll
- Finalize Expenditure Plan and Summary
- BAHFA Advisory
 Board recommends
 measure: March
- Governing Boards Approve Resolution: April-May
- Counties place measure on ballot: July (deadline – 8/9/24)

Fall 2024

Public information sharing







