

**F Leverage**  
**Sacramento Area Council of Governments**

## Leverage

SACOG is proposing \$500,000 in match from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood (RCN) program award as leverage for this PRO scope of work. The \$500,000 in RCN leverage would connect the PRO scope activities to a community-based working group formed through the RCN project, allowing for more thorough participation in housing policy implementation. Further, SACOG is proposing \$100,000 in match from the REAP 2 Green Means Go technical assistance activities to align the missing middle ecosystem activities with planning awards funded through Green Means Go.

Through this public comment period SACOG welcomes any partner to identify further sources of match, either direct cash match or through in-kind activities. Any additional match source will be included as part of the full application when it is submitted on October 15, 2024. The grant NOFO language on leverage is presented below for reference:

### F. LEVERAGE (Maximum 10 points)

#### i. Are you leveraging other funding or non-financial contributions? (10 points)

As noted in Section III.C, this program does not require leveraging. Nonetheless, HUD views leveraged commitments as an indicator of support and commitment in the community. Additional funds may also increase the effectiveness of the proposed activities. An application will earn points in accordance with Table 1 based on the percentage of leveraged commitments for the proposed activities. In addition to financial contributions, applicants may credit the dollar amounts of any non-financial contributions (e.g., donations of land or property, community benefit agreements, etc.) towards their percentage of leveraged commitments. HUD may also award points for clear and compelling non-quantifiable contributions to the project that significantly advance the project's goals, up to the maximum of ten (10) points.

Leverage as % of grant funds requested	Points awarded
50%+	10
40-49.9%	8
30-39.9%	6
20-29.9%	4
10-19.9%	2
Below 10%	0

Applicants must follow the below requirements in compiling and documenting leverage for purposes of this NOFO. Otherwise, it may not be possible for HUD to count the commitment at the level claimed. These general requirements apply to all leverage resource commitments.

- Resources must be firmly committed as of the application deadline date. "Firmly committed" means that the amount of the resource and its dedication to PRO Housing Grant activities is

explicit. Endorsements or general letters of support alone will not count as resources and should not be included in the application.

- Leverage documents must represent valid and accurate commitments of future support. They must detail the dollar amount and any terms of the commitment. They must also indicate that the funding is available to you for the specific activities proposed in your PRO Housing application.
- Resource commitments must be written and signed by a person authorized to make the commitment and dated.
- Commitment letters must be on letterhead or they will not be accepted.
- If the commitment document is not included in the application and submitted before the NOFO deadline, it will not be considered.
- Staff time of the applicant and/or partner(s) (if any) will be an eligible leverage resource if they are firmly committed and monetized.
- Funding from a prior PRO Housing award is not considered leverage.