



Association of Bay Area Governments Local Collaboration Programs



About ABAG

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) fosters collaborative partnerships among local governments in planning for our shared future. One way ABAG accomplishes our unique mission is through our Local Collaboration Programs.

Local Collaboration Programs

ABAG's eight Local Collaboration Programs rely on the collaborative partnerships ABAG has developed over many years with policymakers and city leaders across the Bay Area:

- ABAG Finance Authority
- ABAG PLAN
- ABAG POWER
- ABAG Resilience Program
- BayREN
- SF Bay Trail
- SF Bay Area Water Trail
- SF Estuary Partnership

A “Quiet” Success

ABAG's Local Collaboration Programs thrive because of an interconnectedness with ABAG planning staff and connections among the programs themselves. This means ABAG does not often discuss our Local Collaboration Programs at the ABAG Executive Board, and these programs might not be as well-known as our planning work.

Take Credit Where It Is Due

Local Collaboration Programs touch all nine of the Bay Area counties and all 101 cities and towns. They offer visible—and sometimes lifesaving—services and programs directly to the community. Local Collaboration Programs are a direct result of the success of ABAG and what makes us unique.

Highlights

- Millions of dollars saved by counties, cities and towns in staff time and administrative costs.
- All 101 Bay Area cities and nine counties rely on Local Collaboration Programs to serve their communities.
- Life-saving best practices and quality of life improvements are offered for all Bay Area residents.

Program Leadership

- Local Collaboration Programs are administered by ABAG staff, and some are embedded in ABAG's Planning Department.
- Many Local Collaboration Programs have an independent governing board comprised of city and county representatives.

The Bottom Line

- In the last five years, grant income has increased 123%, from \$23 million to almost \$52 million.
- The combined reserve amounts exceed \$32 million.



“IF YOU SUPPORT ABAG AND OUR UNIQUE MISSION, TAKE CREDIT FOR THESE PROGRAMS. THEY SAVE MONEY, THEY SAVE LIVES, AND THEY MAKE OUR SHARED BAY AREA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.”

-- Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director

ABAG Local Collaboration Programs At A Glance

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS **RESILIENCE PROGRAM**

The ABAG Resilience Program is embedded in the agency's Planning and Research Department and collaborates closely with Bay Area cities, counties, and state and federal agencies to reduce the potential impacts of exposures to earthquakes, climate change, fire, and other natural hazards.

BAY AREA Regional Energy Network

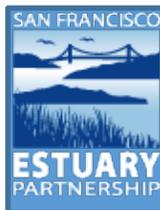
BayREN helps Bay Area residents become more energy efficient. Drawing on the expertise, experience and proven track record of local Bay Area governments, BayREN builds the internal capacity of local cities and counties to administer climate, resource, and sustainability programs:

- 9,000 residential units provided new energy efficiency upgrades across the Bay Area
- \$20 million in rebates and incentives paid to Bay Area property owners since 2012



Since 1986, the ABAG Pooled Liability Assurance Network (PLAN)

Corporation has offered local cities and towns stable, cost effective insurance, risk sharing and risk management services. Today, 28 cities and towns participate.



The San Francisco Estuary Partnership was established by the State of California and the U.S.

Environmental Agency to prepare and implement a plan to better protect and restore the Estuary. Today, the Partnership manages over \$100 million in regional restoration, water quality, and climate resiliency projects.



ABAG POWER (ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources) is a joint powers agency that pools

natural gas purchasing on behalf of nearly 40 Bay Area cities and towns to increase efficiency and save tax payer dollars.

Finance Authority

ABAG Finance Authority provides convenient, cost saving, and secure means to meet the capital financing needs of public agencies and their nonprofit partners serving the public interest in the areas of health and social services, affordable housing, and education. Since 1978, it has issued over \$8 billion in financing.



The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail and the San Francisco Bay Trail are beautiful, regional public trails planned and administered by ABAG. The Water Trail program is an ongoing effort to create a network of “trailheads” on the San Francisco Bay, and the Bay Trail is a continuous 500-mile hiking and bicycling trail around the shoreline of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. To date, 350 miles have been completed.

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