

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



ABAG

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To: ABAG Executive Board

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Subject: **Ratification of an Agreement with Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors**

Executive Summary

The recommended action is one of three related actions before the Executive Board as three separate agenda items at this time, relating to accepting grant funding from Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors (Rockefeller) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to further ABAG's regional resilience program, and authorizing engagement of Urban Resilience Strategies as a consultant to assist with this work. Creating a sustainable region requires mitigation planning to reduce the impacts of future earthquakes and other natural hazards, and recovery planning to rebuild quickly after the disaster. ABAG's Resilience Program has emerged as a national leader among Councils of Governments, securing six grants totaling \$1,103,308 in the last three years, and most recently new grants from Rockefeller for \$300,000 and from FEMA for \$1,370,000.

The scope of work funded by the two new grants includes analyzing and disseminating best practices; serving as a regional coordination hub; assisting with the development of resilience plans, initiatives, financing mechanisms, and innovative policies—all especially as related to residential soft story building safety, energy assurance planning, finance incentives for housing safety, and assessing regional lifeline systems' vulnerability. The two grants are complementary. The focus of the Rockefeller grant is to assure information exchange among the three cities that are part of Rockefeller's international 100 Resilient Cities (100RC) initiative, and linkage between the 100RC cities (San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley) and the rest of the region. The FEMA grant provides resources to regionalize the effort.

The RC100 initiative is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. Rockefeller has offered ABAG the opportunity to provide technical assistance in support of RC100 in the Bay Area, as described above, commencing in July 2015 and continuing through June, 2017 year. No match is required for this grant. A copy of the Agreement is attached.

Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors

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Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to ratify execution of an Agreement with Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors in the amount of \$300,000.