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Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



ABAG

Date: September 9, 2015

To: ABAG Executive Board

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Subject: **Ratification of a Cooperating Technical Partners Partnership Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

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 (RC100) initiative, and linkage between the RC100 cities (San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda) and the rest of the region. The FEMA grant provides resources to regionalize the effort.

FEMA encourages strong federal, state, regional, and local partnerships. In 2015, ABAG entered into a Cooperating Technical Partners Partnership Agreement to collaborate with FEMA and local jurisdictions to identify hazards, communicate risks, and promote community engagement and risk mitigation activities. Fall 2015 will mark the conclusion of the first phase. FEMA offered ABAG the opportunity to extend this work for a second phase commencing in October 2015 and a third phase next year contingent on effective performance. No match is required for this grant.

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Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 10-15 ratifying execution of the Cooperating Technical Partners Partnership Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$1,370,000.

Attachments

Resolution No. 10-15