

Priority Sites

What are Priority Sites?

Priority Sites are locally-identified, regionally significant places that will offer homes affordable to people of all incomes, backgrounds and abilities. Sites include or are nearby essential services, green space and frequent public transit.

A Priority Site could be a declining mall, a recently closed public facility, a transit station parking lot or unused school district land. Some sites have been planned for decades or are partially built out; others were recently considered as part of local Housing Element or a Specific Plan.

The Priority Sites Pilot Program

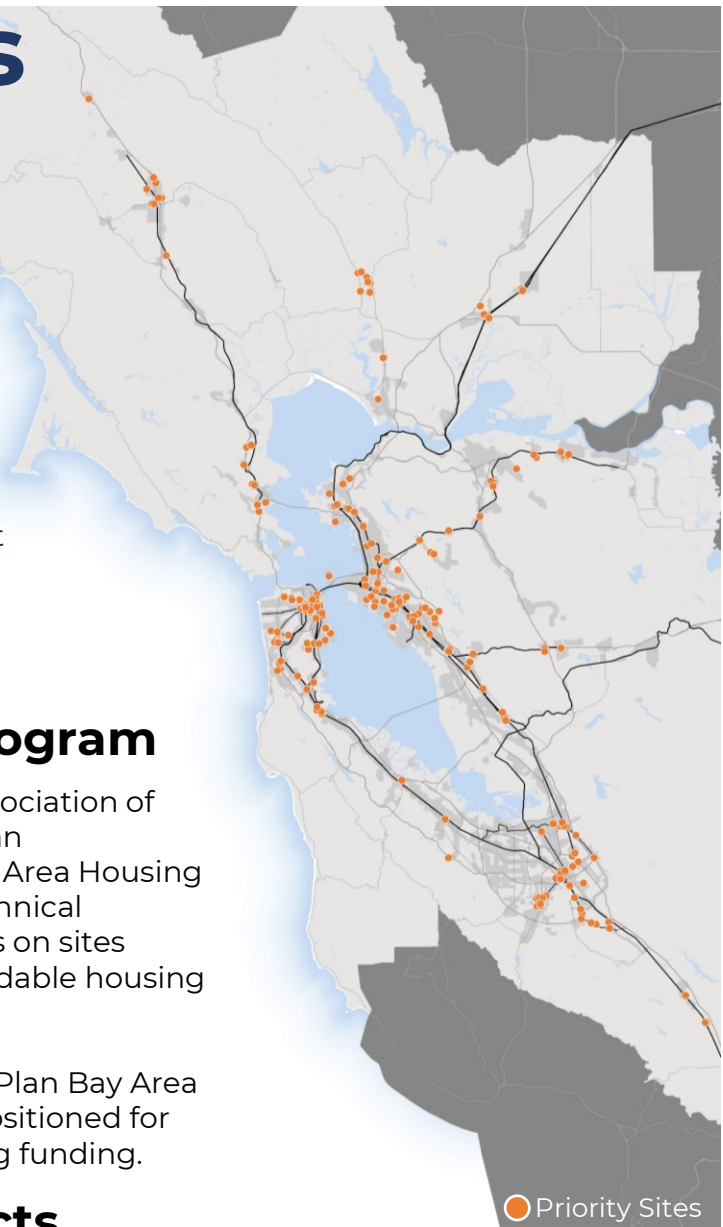
Through the Priority Sites Program, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) will provide technical assistance to advance high-impact projects on sites nominated by local governments and affordable housing developers.

Sites will also be included in the update to Plan Bay Area 2050 – Plan Bay Area 2050+ – and will be positioned for future infrastructure, planning, and housing funding.

Awarded Sites and Projects

In November 2023, MTC and ABAG approved 211 sites across all 9 counties which have the capacity to add 171,000 homes.

In May 2024, the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) awarded \$28M in low-interest loans to projects poised to add more than 2,000 permanently affordable homes to Priority Sites across the region. Additionally, to complement predevelopment funding, MTC awarded \$4.2 million in Technical Assistance to sites that are earlier in the development process, but together have the potential to add more 13,000 homes.



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