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MEMORANDUM

TO: Land Use Committee
FROM: Planning Department
DATE: June 18, 2020
RE: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant for Joint City/County Housing Elements and Zoning Code Update

The 2019-20 Budget Act allocated \$125 million for one-time grant funding to regional government entities for planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The RHNA is prepared by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, determines the number of new homes each community needs in order to meet the housing needs of people at all income levels.

The General Plan Housing Element is the tool for adopting and implementing strategies that provide opportunities and remove constraints for housing development by the private sector. The County's most recent housing element was prepared as a joint project with Ione, Jackson, Plymouth, and Sutter Creek and allowed each jurisdiction to enjoy a cost savings versus preparing individual documents. The REAP grant program would allow the County and Cities to submit a joint application for funding to prepare our housing elements for the 2021-2019 cycle.

The REAP grant would also allow the County to apply for funding to update our zoning code. The zoning code is required to be updated for consistency with General Plan. The maximum REAP grant award available for Amador County is \$444,004.00, and staff will be seeking Board of Supervisor's approval of a Resolution authorizing the application for REAP funds for the joint Housing Element and zoning code update.