

The **Partnership for the Bay's Future** helps make homes more affordable across the Bay Area with a unique dual approach: in collaboration with partners, we work to advance policy changes that protect residents and improve affordability, and we invest in building new and rehabilitating existing affordable homes, always through a lens of racial equity and economic inclusion.

## POLICY FUND BACKGROUND

The Policy Fund is the key policy arm of the Partnership for the Bay's Future. We recognize that bold policy change is needed to address our housing shortage and affordability challenges. The Policy Fund builds the capacity and networks required for equitable local policy change by:

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### Helping local governments

create and successfully implement policies that enable more Bay Area residents to remain in their communities

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### Working with community groups

to help them bring the voices of renters, low-income residents, and people of color into the local and regional policy process

The Policy Fund programs are designed to:

- ▶ Increase racial and economic equity across the region by increasing affordable housing production, preserving existing affordable housing, and stemming displacement of people of color and other marginalized communities from across the Bay Area
- ▶ Develop a robust regional network and a community of practice made up of housing justice champions in local government and community-based organizations
- ▶ Support the rise of new government and community leaders that can support the region's housing and tenant protection efforts long-term
- ▶ Provide models for change that inspire other jurisdictions to follow suit
- ▶ Connect with aligned change efforts across the region that amplify impact

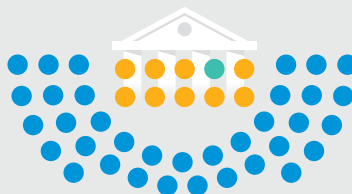
## THE BREAKTHROUGH GRANTS FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION & PRESERVATION

The Policy Fund of Partnership for the Bay's Future is pleased to announce the 2021-23 Breakthrough Grants for Housing Production and Preservation, a program to catalyze policy innovation in building and preserving affordable housing in the Bay Area.

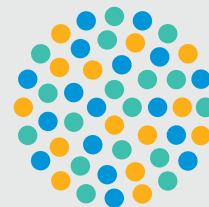
### The Breakthrough Grants facilitate innovations in equitable housing solutions by:



Placing a dynamic, mission-driven fellow within local governments



Funding community partners to work with local government to engage and activate the local community.



Supporting cohort success with peer learning opportunities and funding for technical assistance to help each cohort meet their policy goals

## WHO CAN APPLY AND WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

The program is open to government entities in the Bay Area who apply in partnership with a community organization. The Policy Fund will select a cohort of jurisdictions that propose the most high-impact, yet realistically achievable plans to be a part of the Breakthrough Grant cohort. Applications are due July 30, 2021 and awards will be announced in the Fall.

### MAY 17-JULY 30

Jurisdiction identifies community partner and policy initiative for Breakthrough Grant

### SEPTEMBER

Awards announced

### JULY 30

Jurisdiction submits application, developed in collaboration with a community partner. During this time, jurisdiction may request grant to support application development.

### WINTER

Jurisdiction and community partner work with policy fund to find fellow

## WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLE BREAKTHROUGH GRANT POLICIES?

Local governments, in partnership with community organizations, are encouraged to submit innovative preservation and production proposals, such as those listed below.

- ▶ Establishing post-COVID recovery plans.
- ▶ Collaborating with underrepresented partners in the production space, such as faith-based organizations.
- ▶ Leveraging timely policy opportunities, such as RHNA.
- ▶ Streamlining and adapt the production process.
- ▶ Passing zoning and land use changes.
- ▶ Encouraging community ownership opportunities.

This list is meant to stimulate applicants' thinking and approaches and not intended to be prescriptive. We encourage applicants to put forward high impact and equity oriented policies, whether or not they are not listed here. Find more policy ideas at [baysfuture.org/breakthrough-grants](https://baysfuture.org/breakthrough-grants)

## SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR THE BREAKTHROUGH GRANTS

The Policy Fund is offering technical assistance to jurisdictions who would like support in developing their Breakthrough Grant applications. These grants will provide funding to a jurisdiction to work with consultants on developing a competitive Breakthrough Grant proposal. If your jurisdiction does not have a consultant or community partner identified, contact the Policy Fund for guidance.

## POLICY FUND PARTNERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE

“ We were awarded a Challenge Grant last year, which placed a fellow within our department and adding capacity we needed to address some of the root causes of the affordability crisis in our community. Our fellow provided critical support to our policy priorities and partnership with community organizations. ”

- **Rachel Horst**  
Housing Project Manager  
at City of East Palo Alto.

“ The work has moved forward thanks to the core team. It has built a stronger partnership between government staff and community, which means we can craft equity-centered policy like the Citywide Anti-Displacement Strategy. The other thing that has worked really well is having a strong fellow cohort: being connected to other jurisdictions who are going through similar challenges has helped us troubleshoot and share resources. ”

- **Aboubacar “Asn” Ndiaye**  
San Jose Challenge Grant Fellow

“ The Challenge Grant program gave us a new opportunity to center community voice in the policy-making process. The Bay Area 4 All Preservation Table is made up of grassroots organizations, like ACCE, APEN, CJJC, and OakCLT, so all of our work is rooted in their members' lived experiences and ideas about how to transform the housing system to make it work for BIPOC, immigrant, and low-income communities. ”

- **Leslie Gordon**  
Program Manager of Equitable Development at Urban Habitat