

Local Energy Resources Network



Meeting 20
July 11, 2023

Featuring Strategic Growth Council



Welcome!

Purpose

Interactive 1-hour meetings designed to be a regular space where local governments - and those who work with them - can help each other learn about (and possibly inform) available opportunities to advance their energy and climate goals.

TODAY'S AGENDA

- Opportunity Roundtable + Spotlight
- Featured presentation on the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program with Ena Lupine with Strategic Growth Council
- BPC Workshop
- Optional: Extended 15 minutes for Bonus Breakouts



Opportunity Roundtable

Need/Have
Board

View all
Opportunities

Policy Drives Investment

Agencies Scope/ Design Assistance Programs & Gather Input

Applicants Apply to Funding Solicitation

State

- FY 21-22 Budget (\$15B climate resilience)
- FY 22-23 Budget (\$38.8B climate change)
- Cap and Trade auction revenue allocations (~\$19B raised since 2013)
- FY 23-24 Budget
- Other legislative action (e.g. SB 852 local climate resilience financing districts, SB 511 statewide local GHG inventories- [sign on](#))
- State agency proceedings (e.g. *CPUC microgrid, CEC IEPR, *CARB Scoping Plan)

Federal

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (2021) = \$47B in climate resilience funding
- FY 22-23 Budget (\$44.9B climate change)
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) (2022)
- Biden's Proposed FY 23-24 Budget (\$52.2B climate change)

Funding

- DOE: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Formula (\$550M IILJ) - [Pre-award Info Sheet July 31](#), [TA website](#)
- SCG: Transformative Climate Communities - due August 1, 2023, free TA available now
- CEC: Reliable, Equitable, and Accessible Charging for Multi-family Housing 2.0 (REACH 2.0) - due August 2
- NOAA: Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (\$575M, IRA) - Letter of intent due August 21, 2023; full application due February 13, 2024
- SGC: Community Resilience Centers - Round 1 Funding (\$98.6M) - Pre-proposal due Aug 25, full app due Sept 18
- DOE: Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Enhancement & Innovation (E&I) Competitive Grant Program (\$25M, BIL) - Concept paper due Aug 31, full app due Jan 5
- DOA: Empowering Rural America (New ERA) - due Aug 31
- OPR: Regional Resilience Planning & Implementation Grant Round 1 (\$21M) Intent to Apply & Request for Help Surveys. Application due August 29. TA and Office Hours available.
- SGC: Round 2 Regional Climate Collaboratives Program (\$8.5M) - September 6, 2023: Pre-Proposals due; December 6, 2023: Full Proposals due. Bi-weekly office hours. Tribal Workshop on July 18. Contact: CACE@sgc.ca.gov.
- CEC (EPIC): Optimizing Long-Duration Energy Storage to Improve Resilience and Reliability in Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities and Native American Tribes (\$29.2M) - due September 7, 2023
- EPA: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund "Solar for All" - (\$7B) - Municipalities' and nonprofits intent to apply due Aug 14; applications due September 26
- DOE: Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Fixed Award Grant Program - due October 12, 2023
- IRS: Consumer clean energy tax credits live!

Input

- State/Local Coordination Meetings: Thanks to those that attended the pre-forum meeting. Next meeting TBD
- CARB/CCEC: 3rd Listening Session: Barriers to Local Climate Action Planning - TBD

Other Assistance



Opportunity Spotlight

California Energy Commission - Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)

Optimizing Long-Duration Energy Storage to Improve Resilience and Reliability in Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities and Native American Tribes (\$29.2M)

Eligibility: Project Developers, System Integrators, Site Owner or Operators, or Technology Developers

Purpose: Fund long-duration energy storage (LDES) non-Li-ion technology demonstration and deployment projects. Accelerate commercialization and validate the capability of LDES technologies. Improve grid reliability and resilience in DACs, LICs, and Tribes.

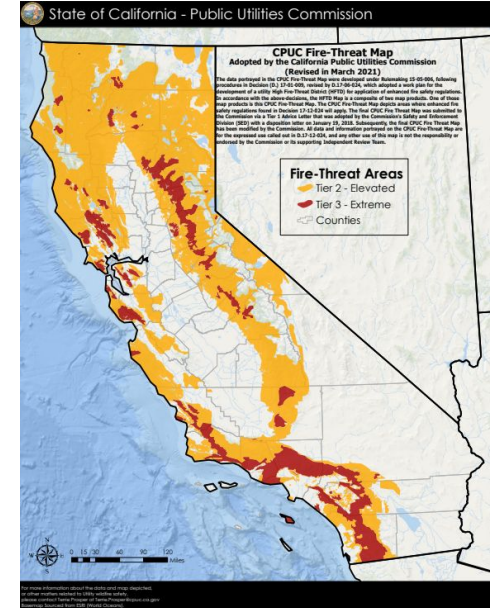
Amount: \$4-\$9M

Key Requirements: 20% match, demonstration site in IOU service territory, T&C for sovereign immunity is optional, must provide direct benefits to the residents of the identified DAC, LIC, or Tribe.

Preferences: Consider at least one critical facility, location in PSPS or high fire threat district

Application: due September 7, 2023

Prospective applicants looking for partnering opportunities for this funding opportunity should register on the California Energy Commission's Empower Innovation website at www.empowerinnovation.net





Opportunity Spotlight



Please add your
questions for Ena
in the chat

Program Manager for SGC's Community
Assistance for Climate Equity Program

Ena Lupine



Local Energy Resources Network Meeting

Community Assistance for Climate Equity Programs
July 11, 2023



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Agenda

- ❑ SGC & Community Assistance for Climate Equity Program Overview
- ❑ Regional Climate Collaboratives Overview
- ❑ Application Details and Technical Assistance
- ❑ Q&A

Strategic Growth Council



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Our Vision

Healthy, thriving, and resilient communities for all

Our Mission

The mission of the Council is to coordinate and work collaboratively with public agencies, communities, and stakeholders to achieve sustainability, equity, economic prosperity, and quality of life for all Californians



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What We Do: Programs and Initiatives

SGC's work falls under four main categories.



**Investment
Programs**



**Collaborative
Policy Initiatives**

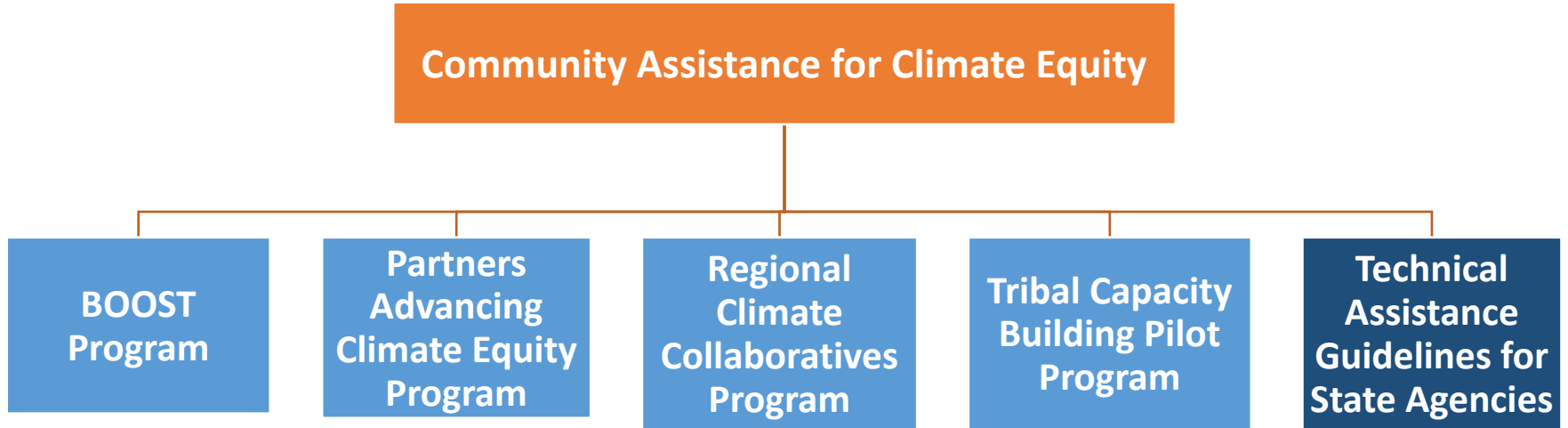


**Integrated
Policy and
Planning**



**Capacity Building
and Technical Assistance**

CACE Programs & Initiatives





Build • Organize • Optimize • Strengthen • Transform

Increasing local government capacity and addressing resource shortfalls by providing customized coaching—staff training, grant application support, and stakeholder and community engagement—to local governments.



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Regional Climate Collaborative Program

RCC is a grant program that funds coalitions of community-serving partners in under-resourced communities to:

- Align projects with funding opportunities
- Establish partnerships
- Achieve plan and policy readiness
- Create a technical assistance network



How Do Collaboratives Build Capacity?

RCC activities are designed to *strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, expertise, and access to resources in under-resourced communities* with the goal of helping to develop or increase the ability of that community to independently compete for grants and implement projects in the future.

Eligible Activity Types

- Build Relationships, Identify Priorities, and Develop Plans, Policies, and Projects
- Serve as a Local Technical Assistance Provider/Hub
- Evaluation
- Peer Learning
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Education and Training

Who is in a Collaborative?

Eligible Applicants

California
Native
American
Tribes

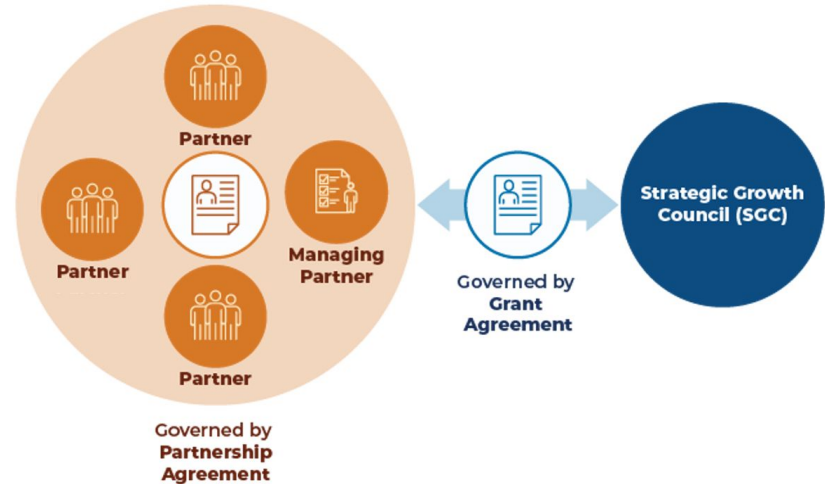
Community-Ba
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Organizations
& Nonprofits

Local Public
Agencies

Small
Businesses

Other organizations with a
history of providing
community-based outreach &
technical assistance

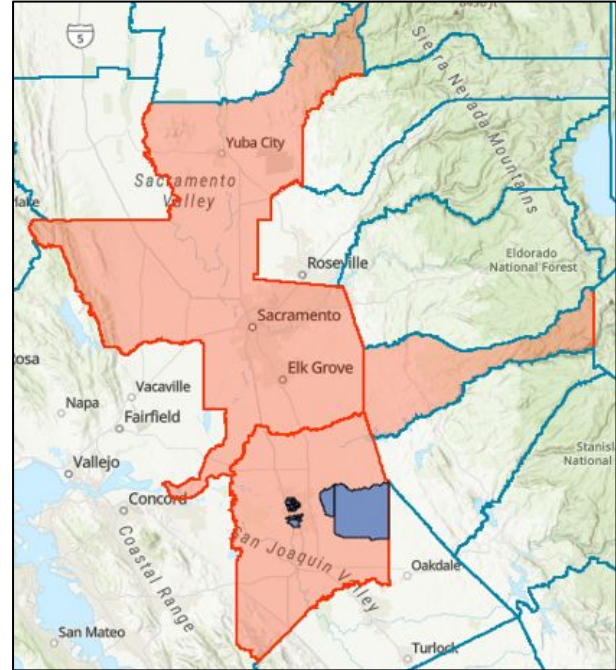
Collaborative Partnership Structure



Project Area Requirements

Region

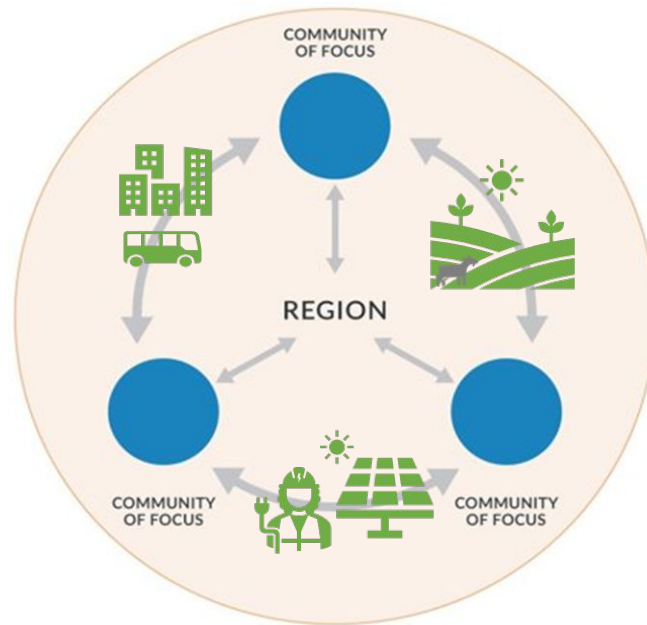
- Applicants can determine their own region based on “shared natural, political and built environment systems; climate risks; and/or other shared challenges or dynamics”
- Must be contiguous



Project Area Requirements

Communities of Focus

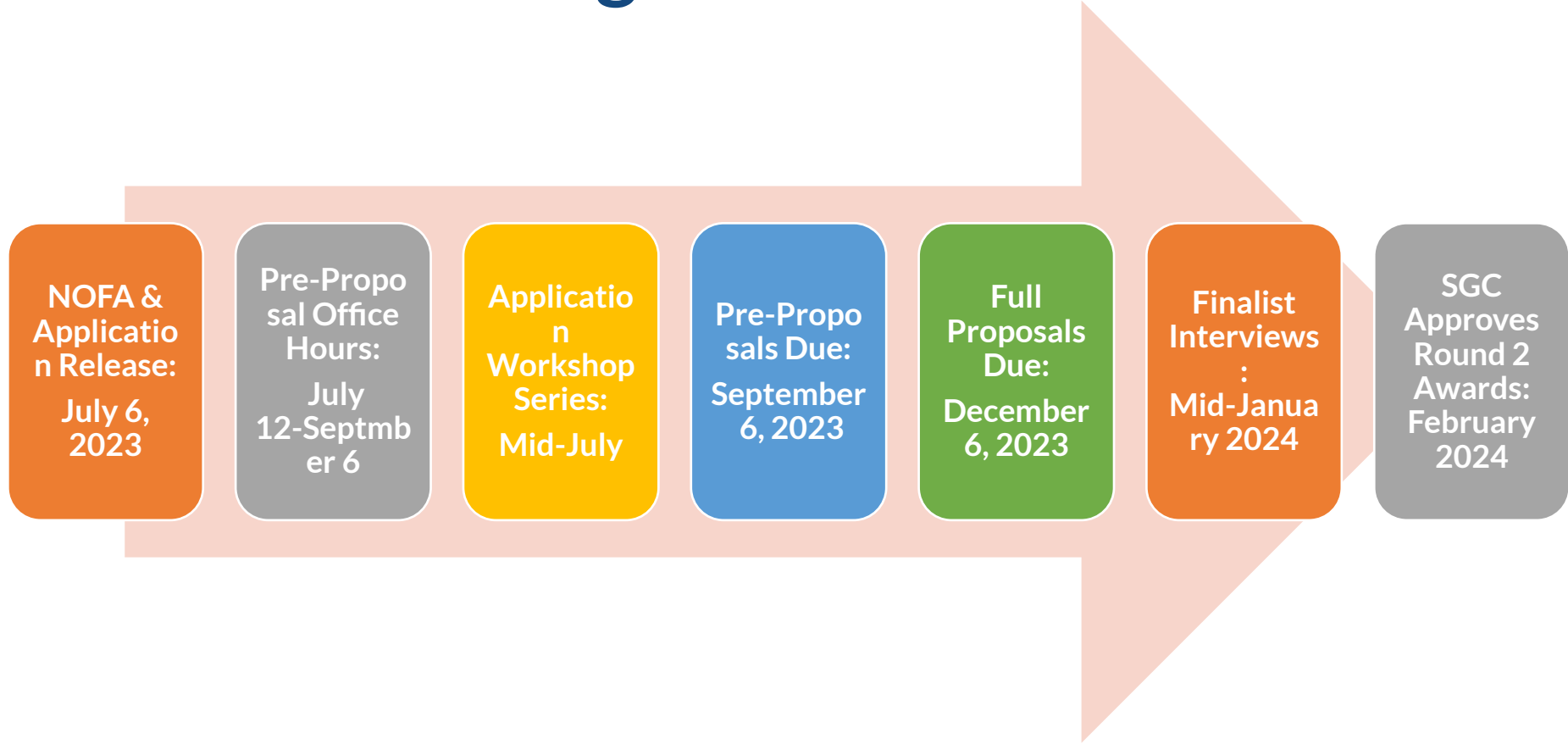
- 75% of the Communities of Focus must meet SB 1072's definition of under-resourced
- 75% of the Communities of Focus must meet SB 1072's definition of under-resourced or be Tribal Lands as long as 50% of the Communities of Focus meet SB 1072's definition of under-resourced



\$8.5 Million Available for R2 Awards

Funding Track	Minimum Award Amount	Maximum Award Amount
<i>Small Grants</i>	\$500,000	\$999,999
<i>Large Grants</i>	\$1,000,000	\$1,750,000

Program Timeline



Application Workshops

July 18: Tribal
Communities
#1

July 20: Rural
Communities

July 25:
General
Audience

July 26: Tribal
Communities
#2

- All workshops will be held from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- Please register in advance. Access the registration links on the RCC resources page (dropped in chat)
- Please email cace@sgc.ca.gov for translation requests

Technical Assistance Offerings

Pre-Proposal

Weekly Office
Hours Wednesday
1-2pm on Zoom

Consultation
Service Calls for
unawarded Round
1 applicants

General Support
(email questions,
flag issues, etc.)

Full Proposal

- Mapping Support
- Workplan and Budget Development
- Collaborative Partnership Structure Development
- Application Coordination
- Review of Narrative Responses
- Interview Prep, if applicable

RCC Round 1 Awardees



Round 1:
2030 Resilient Networks Collaborative

This Tribal-Led Collaborative has partnered with environmental experts in the Los Angeles County region to expand their capacity and be competitive for climate-resilience funding.

[view profile](#)



Round 1:
Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative

This collaborative brings together community partners in Southeast Los Angeles to increase health, wealth, and climate resiliency in neighborhoods along I-710 and West Santa Ana Metro light rail.

[view profile](#)



Round 1:
Marin Climate Justice Collaborative

This collaborative brings together leaders from Marin City and San Rafael's Canal District that are at risk of displacement from climate change and development by building capacity.

[view profile](#)



Round 1:
San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative

This collaborative brings together community partners from San Joaquin County to engage and build capacity towards establishing a regional forum for climate resiliency coordination.

[view profile](#)



Round 1:
Siskiyou Climate Collaborative

This collaborative brings together partners from Siskiyou County to create an equity-centered community process with a focus on building the resiliency of Siskiyou's working landscape.

[view profile](#)



Round 1:
Southern California Tribal Regional Climate Collaborative

This Tribal Collaborative will grow strategic relationships and collaborate to help address climate issues affecting all 25 Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association-member tribes.

[view profile](#)

Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative

- Managing Stakeholder: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
- Project Partners: SELA Collaborative, Tree People, GRID Alternatives, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office
- Region: Los Angeles County
- Grant amount: \$1,750,000



Marin Climate Justice Collaborative

- Managing Stakeholder: Canal Alliance
- Project Partners: Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice, Multicultural Center of Marin, Play Marin, Marin City Community Services District, San Rafael City School District, Marin Audubon Society, Community Action Marin, Greenbelt Alliance, Marin County, City of San Rafael
- Region: Marin County
- Grant amount: \$996,390





Audience Q&A

Please add your questions or input for Ena in the chat or raise your hand

BPC Workshop

Topic: Discussion

- View the resources from the [2023 CCEC Forum](#)
- Contact me for individualized grant help: ahacker@civicwell.org

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What's Next?

- Bonus Breakouts up next!
- Next meeting **August 8, 2023**
- Share [invitation](#) with others



Optional: Bonus Breakouts

Thanks for joining us!

This is a **NEW** space for informal discussion among the LERN network. Feel free to:

- Offer an announcement, success story, or opportunity
- Share a need for information, collaborators, or advice
- Raise a suggested topic or speaker for future LERNS

If you need an in-depth discussion, you can pitch a specific bonus breakout topic and invite others to join you (today or we can plan ahead for next month)



CCEC Serves Local Needs



wEEkly Update



CURRENTS Quarterly



Webinars



Annual Forum



Active Funding Opportunities



Funding Program Database



Technical Assistance



Technical Assistance Directory



Local Government Roundtables



Best Practice Database



Interviews and Case Studies