

Local Energy Resources Network



Meeting 5

February 8, 2022

*Let's LERN Together – Featuring a
Conversation with the Governor's
Office of Planning and Research*



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 Discussion:
OPR's CERF Program
- Ask the BPC



Opportunity Roundtable

Opportunities for...

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Funding

- [CEC: Reliable, Equitable, and Accessible Charging for multi-family Housing \(REACH\)](#) (2/18/22)
- [DOE: Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize - Ph 1](#) (2/25/22)
- [CEC: Rural Electric Vehicle \(REV\) Charging Solicitation](#) (3/11/22)
- **COMING SOON:**
- [OPR: Community Economic Resilience Fund](#) NOFA (Mar 2022)
- [SGC: Transformative Climate Communities](#) NOFA (3/8/22)
- [SGC: Regional Climate Collaborative NOFA](#) (Spring 2022)

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Other Assistance

- [3C-REN - 2022 Energy Code Preview for Single Family Projects](#) (3/1/22)
- [Statewide Reach Codes Program](#) - webinar series for reach code newcomers (next session 2/22/22)

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Input

- [CARB: Local Actions Appendix Listening Sessions](#) (TBD)
- [SGC: Regional Climate Collaboratives Draft Guidelines Public Comment Period](#) (2/7-3/8/22)

On the horizon...

- [**Infrastructure Bill**](#)
 - ***EECBG (Fall 2022)***
- [**CA Proposed State Budget 2022-23**](#)
- ***Build Back Better Bill (hold)***



Opportunity Spotlight

Strategic Growth Council: Regional Climate Collaboratives Program Draft Guidelines Public Workshops

RCC Guidelines Overview and Q&A Webinar

Tuesday, February 15 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

Southern California Workshop

Thursday, February 17 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, San Diego

Bay Area & Central Coast Workshop

Wednesday, February 23 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Inland California Workshop

Wednesday, February 23 | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare, Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial

North State Workshop

Thursday, February 24 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer



Featured Guests



Program Manager
Mary Collins



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Community Economic Resilience Fund Program (CERF)

Labor and Workforce Development Agency
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development



Why CERF?

1. Continue recovery from COVID-19
1. Business as usual not an option: California's economy is not working for all
1. Accelerate the transition to carbon-neutral economy: foster new industry and jobs
1. Leverage State and federal Funds

CERF Program Objectives

Promote sustainable & equitable recovery that responds to impacts of COVID-19

Support inclusive economic planning that prioritizes equity, job quality, and sustainability

Align and leverage federal and state funding opportunities to maximize recovery efforts

CERF Program Design

Phase 1: Planning

13 regions, \$5M each

- Inclusive planning processes
- Development of economic recovery and transition plans
- Analysis: cluster, labor market, etc.
- Locally-embedded coordinator

Phase 2: Implementation

Upwards of \$500M total

- Projects that
 - Demonstrate proposed impacts to communities/industries harmed by COVID-19
 - Demonstrate community support
 - Promote state climate goals
 - Support labor standards and job quality
 - Demonstrate clear role in regional strategy
 - Complement existing funding sources

CERF Regions

- 13 regions that will all receive planning and implementation dollars through competitive processes
- Designed to prioritize recovery from COVID-19 pandemic and maintain consistency with existing efforts and definitions
- Administration of program will allow for flexibility to collaborate across these regions and work at different levels



CERF 13 Regions and Corresponding Counties

- **Southern Border:** Imperial, San Diego
- **Inland Empire:** Riverside, San Bernardino
- **Los Angeles County**
- **Orange County**
- **Central Coast:** Monterey, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, Ventura
- **Northern San Joaquin Valley:** Merced San Joaquin, Stanislaus
- **Central San Joaquin Valley:** Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare
- **Kern County**
- **Eastern Sierra:** Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne
- **Bay Area:** Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma
- **Sacramento:** Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba
- **Redwood Coast:** Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino
- **North State:** Butte, Glenn Lasse, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity

Planning Phase: Primary Roles and Definitions

High Road Transition Collaborative:

A “Team of Teams” incorporating efforts/leadership from around the region. Must include representation from community, environmental justice, labor, business, economic development, etc.

Neutral Convener:

Lead org tasked to organize inclusive group of stakeholders, facilitate meetings, oversee third-party research

Fiscal Agent:

Intermediary in grant management, has history and capacity to administer federal funds

Coordinator:

Person hired or contracted by the convener to support outreach and facilitation

Planning Phase: Application Requirements and Eligibility

- **Eligibility:**
 - Non-profit organizations
 - District organizations of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD)
 - Institutions of higher education or consortium of institutions of higher education
 - Indian Tribes or consortium of Indian Tribes
 - *Note:* for-profit institutions are not eligible to participate as convener or fiscal agent
- **Application Requirements:**
 - Lead applicant must be entity within defined region that can serve as Convener or Fiscal Agent, or partner with one if necessary
 - Lead applicant will complete and submit grant proposal that demonstrates ability to lead an inclusively designed recovery, ability to recruit and organize diverse set of stakeholders, ability to oversee research

Planning Phase: Overview of Analysis Required

- **Priorities for Research and Planning:**
 - Recovery from COVID-19 pandemic
 - Equity
 - Sustainability
 - Job Quality
 - Economic Competitiveness and Resilience
- **Analysis Required**
 - Regional Summary
 - SWOT Analysis
 - Labor Market Analysis
 - Industry Cluster Analysis
 - Holistic Economic Recovery from COVID-19 and Transition Strategy

Building Inclusive Planning Tables: Points of Consideration

1. Challenges in building inclusive planning tables/population size/geographic challenges
2. Resources that will be necessary to ensure meaningfully inclusive planning tables
3. How to design and ensure community-driven planning and decision-making
4. Thinking about medium-long term outcomes of collaboratives operating in your regions

Subregional Dynamics: Points of Considerations

1. Examples of inclusive regional processes that have worked well, and the elements that created success
2. Helpful guidance on building new regionally unique planning tables that will include representation from subregional efforts, like a team of teams model
3. State's potential role on coordinating efforts on industrial trends that may span various regions
4. Anticipated challenges in having to work across the different communities within a region

Timelines and Next Steps

Month	Program Progress
December 2021	Release of finalized regions
December 2021	Draft guidelines for Planning Grants released for public comment
January 2022	Listening-session webinar for public feedback
March 2022	Planning Phase Solicitation Released
March 2022	Bidder's conference webinar on solicitation
April 2022	Release draft guidelines for public comment: implementation projects
May/June 2022	Planning phase proposals due (90 days after release)
June/July 2022	Neutral conveners selected & begin contracting process
Fall 2022	Release solicitation implementation projects (rolling basis until 2024)
June 2024	Funds must be encumbered
October 2026	Funds must be expended

Thank you & Q+A

For listserv updates: OPR Home page > E-Lists > Just Transition

For resources and general information: [Community Economic Resilience Fund - Office of Planning and Research \(ca.gov\)](#)



Ask the BPC!

Add questions or requests to the chat, raise your hand, or email ahacker@lgc.org





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What's Next?

- Next meeting **March 8, 2022**
 - **Featuring Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities Program**
- Share [invitation](#) with others
- What agencies or programs would you like to invite to an upcoming LERN discussion?