

Local Energy Resources Network



Meeting 40
April 8, 2025



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
- Spotlights
 - SGC: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities
 - CARB: CA Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
 - Help Shape Prop 4
 - ICLEI ClearPath 2.0 Launch
- Facilitated Policy Updates Discussion
- Update on CCEC Forum
- Bonus Breakout



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 24-25 Budget - May revise
- State agency proceedings
- EO on Energy Affordability
- GGRF CCI Reauthorization
- SB 864 Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act
- Proposition 4 Climate Bond
- Governor's 2025-2026 State Budget
- ([highlights](#))

Federal

- Executive Transition
- Funding freeze - [EPA, DOE, FEMA, etc](#)
- Staffing cuts - [HHS LIHEAP](#)
- Congress
- [Continuing Resolution \(CR\)](#)

Funding

- FEMA: [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) - April 18, 2025 - rescinded
- CalFIRE: [Business and Workforce Development Grant](#) - April 25, 2025
- CEC: [Rural Electric Vehicle Charging 2.0 \(REV 2.0\)](#) - May 23, 2025, webinar March 12, 2025
- USDA: [Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants](#) - Available Until Funds are depleted
- State Water Resources Control Board - [Clean Water State Revolving Fund Water/ Energy Audit](#) - Rolling
- CEC: [Developing Next Generation, All Electric Heat Pumps Using Low Global Warming Potential Refrigerants](#) (May 15, 2025)
- SGC: [Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities](#) - May 28, 2025
- DOC: [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program \(SALC\) Capacity and Project Development Grants](#) (July 5, 2025)
- CEC: [Depot Charging & Hydrogen Refueling Infra. for Zero-Emission Med/Heavy-Duty Vehicles](#) - July 11, 2025
- DOE: [Technical Assistance for the Adoption of Building Energy Codes](#) - Rolling
- CCEJ: [Thriving Communities Grant \(Region 9 Subawards\)](#) - Rolling

Other Assistance

- ICLEI ClearPath 2.0 launch - webinar April 29
- CEC: HEEHRA Phase I Program - [TECH CC stackable SF/MF rebates \(up to \\$8,000\)](#) - UNPAUSED
- [Center for Sustainable Energy: Fast Charge California Project 1](#) - July 8, 2025 (first come, first-served)
- CEDMC: [Spring Symposium](#) - May 15th (Costa Mesa)
- Federal Energy and Climate Funding Updates and Resources - [Next Huddle April 25, 2025 \(monthly\)](#)

Input Opportunities

- Thank you to those that attended SD and LA area Catalyst Convenings last month!
- CARB: [CA Comprehensive Climate Action Plan](#) - meeting April 17, 2025
- CARB: Surveys to develop a regulation for measuring and reporting embodied carbon in building materials ([1](#), [2](#))
- CNRA: Prop 4 survey - closes April 18, 2025
- CPUC: [Solar for All](#) Tribal Listening Sessions 4/11 and 4/23



Opportunity Spotlight

Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities

Featuring guest speaker

Justin DeWaele

Program Analyst, Affordable Housing and Sustainable
Communities/REAP 2.0
California Strategic Growth Council

***Please add questions
in the chat***



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Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

Presented by:

- Justin DeWaele (Analyst)

April 8, 2025



Welcome

Program Vision:

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program funds infill projects that reduce **Greenhouse Gas (GHG)** emissions and **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)** through sustainable land use, housing, and transportation practices.

Today's Vision:

- Share key dates and program timeline
- Provide a short overview of the program.
- Invite you to learn more at:

<https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc>



Round 9 Timeline

Release of Round 9 Draft Program Guidelines	November 8, 2024
Draft Guidelines Workshops and Comment Period	NOW: November 2024
Public Comment Period End	December 11, 2024
Release of Round 9 Final Guidelines	February 14, 2025
Round 9 Final Guidelines Adopted	February 26, 2025
Release of NOFA and Application	March 2025
Application Due Date	May 28, 2025 at 4PM PST
Round 9 Awards Adopted by Council	December 2025



Round 9 Engagement

NOFA Workshops:

Location	Date	Venue
Southern California	Tuesday, April 15	Weingart Towers – Skid Row 555 S. Crocker Street, 2/F Los Angeles, CA 90013 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration link (Full; At Capacity)
Northern California	Thursday, April 17	HCD HQ 651 Bannan Street Sacramento, CA 95811 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration link
Virtual	Wednesday, April 23	10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration link



AHSC Funding

Funding Source:

- 20% of GGRF Auction proceeds through 2030
- Awarded \$3.8 billion so far

Funding Availability:

- Upcoming Round 9: \$775M in March 2025

Targets

- Statutory and Council targets
- Includes a Rural and tribal set-asides.

Minimum/Maximum Award:

Minimum* \$10M, Maximum \$50M

- \$35M cap for housing (AHD and HRI)
- \$15M cap for transportation (STI)

*Minimum of \$1M for tribal entities



What does AHSC fund?

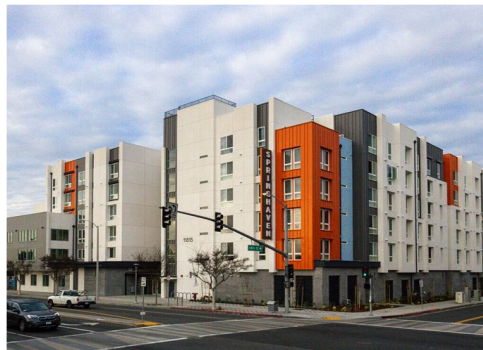
- **AHD: Affordable Housing Developments**
 - Rental Projects (loan)
 - Homeownership Projects (grant)
- **HRI: Housing-Related Infrastructure**
 - Infrastructure improvements as required as Condition of Approval
 - Factory built housing components
 - On-site energy storage (battery arrays)
- **STI: Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure**
 - Transit, Bikeways, Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps
 - Bike Parking, Bus Shelters, Urban Greening, Lighting
- **PGM: Programs (3 years)**
 - Active Transportation Programs, Transit Ridership Programs, Air Pollution Reduction programs, Workforce Development Programs, Low-Income Car Share, Tenant Legal Counseling

Project Area Types



TOD: Transit Oriented Development

- High-quality transit (HQT): 20 min frequency BRT or Rail
- 30 units/acre min.



ICP: Integrated Connectivity Project

- No HQT but Qualifying Transit departs 2x Peak Hours
- 20 units/acre min.



RIPA: Rural Innovation Project Area

- HQT or Qualifying Transit in a Rural Area
- 15 units/acre min.

Project Threshold



Key threshold items:

- Projects supports SCS or equivalent planning document
- Completion and approval or adoption of all necessary environmental clearances
- All necessary discretionary local land use approvals, excluding design review, have been granted
- Not party to active litigation
- Construction has not commenced
- All-electric Design
- Broadband connection
- Not on Agricultural Land – infill exemption for projects on tribal land or land owned by tribes

Scoring Criteria

AHSC is a competitive program. Scoring is based on a 100-point scale and no project is expected to get full points.

- **GHG Reduction Scoring (30 Points)**

- Transit and Shared Mobility GHG - 5 pts
- Project Area GHG - 10 pts
- GHG Efficiency - 15 pts

- **Narrative-Based Policy Scoring (20 Points)**

- Climate Adaptation & Community Resiliency - 7 pts
- Community Benefit & Engagement - 6 pts
- Collaboration & Planning - 4 pts
- Equity & Transformation - 3 pts



Scoring Criteria



- **Quantitative Policy Scoring (QPS) (50 Points)**
 - Sustainable Transportation - 20 points
 - Location Efficiency and Local Context - 13 pts
 - Housing Affordability and Funds Committed - 9 pts
 - Anti-Displacement Strategies - 4 pts
 - Local Workforce Development & Hiring Practices - 4 pts

What makes a successful AHSC project?

- Collaboration & partnerships
- Infill in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
- Implementation of Sustainable Community Strategy
- Transit ridership & mode shift
- Realistic budgets & scopes
- Bold vision & transformative projects



Resources

- **SGC Website**

- Past & Current Program Guidelines
- Quantification Methodology
- Program Eligibility Guide & Awards
- Past Award Information
- Workshop Recordings

- **Technical Assistance**

- Request for Technical Assistance
- AHSC 101 webinar recording

Starting point: <https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/>



Questions?



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Opportunity Spotlight - CA Climate Action Plan

Sarah Jo Szambelan

International & Federal Advisor | Executive Office
California Air Resources Board

The California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) invite the public to participate in a virtual public meeting on April 17 to discuss major elements of California's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. The plan will offer a roadmap to provide cleaner forms of energy, including increased access to zero-emissions options that will give Californians choices to help clean the air and fight climate change.

You can contribute today by taking the [California Climate Action Survey](#). It only takes a couple of minutes to complete, and your answers will be anonymous. We look forward to your feedback.

Public Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Virtual Meeting

We also welcome your participation in our statewide virtual public meeting on April 17 to discuss the plan. Designed to incorporate as much discussion as possible, this meeting will provide the opportunity for the public to give comments and input on several major issues related directly to the ongoing development of the plan.

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: [Virtual Meeting](#)



Discussion

*Please add questions
in the chat*

Q&A and Discussion



Opportunity Spotlight - Prop 4 Feedback

Help Shape California's Climate Bond Funding!

Prop. 4 will invest \$10 billion over the next 5 years to strengthen wildfire resilience, secure safe drinking water, restore natural areas, and implement nature-based solutions. To ensure this funding reaches the people and places that need it most, the state wants your input!

Take the California Climate Bond: Grant Programs Feedback survey to help make the grant process as simple and inclusive as possible. Your expertise and experience are invaluable in shaping how these funds are distributed.

 Survey open through April 18

 Survey link: <http://bit.ly/3Cldxss>



Opportunity Spotlight - ICLEI ClearPath 2.0

Local governments are at the forefront of climate and sustainability action, but often face challenges due to limited resources. ClearPath 2.0, developed by ICLEI USA and provided by ClimateView, is designed to address these challenges and support local governments in turning climate plans into measurable, impactful actions.

ClearPath 2.0 simplifies the climate action process with smarter data, dynamic emissions and economic modeling, and enhanced cross-departmental collaboration. This powerful platform supports local governments to make informed decisions and track their progress in real time.

Key Features of ClearPath 2.0 include:

- Data-driven insights and a public dashboard for visualizing climate actions
- Real-time progress tracking to course-correct when needed
- Economic decision-making tools to optimize limited resources for the greatest impact
- A connection to a network of U.S. local leaders facing similar climate challenges

Webinar on April 29 at 1 PM ET to celebrate the launch of **ClearPath 2.0** and explore how this next-generation climate planning platform can help your community take action. [Register here](#) or in the link listed below in Events.



Facilitated Policy Updates Discussion

Policy Updates

4/8/2025



This is intended to be a place to crowd-source relevant climate and energy policy information from our network. Please add information about policies you are tracking below.

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[Policies relevant to climate & energy investments](#)

[California 2025-2026 Budget](#)

[Early Reauthorization of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund](#)

[California Climate Superfund Act \(SB 684 and SB 1243\)](#)

[Energy Affordability and the Energy Efficiency Budget](#)

[Other policies relevant to local and place-based climate & energy Initiatives](#)

[Building regulations: state building standards \(AB 306\)](#)

[Residential heat pump systems: water heaters and HVAC: installations \(AB 282\)](#)

[Electricity: mandatory rate reduction \(AB 286\)](#)

Policies relevant to climate & energy investments

The State of California appropriates billions of dollars for programs related to clean energy, climate mitigation and adaptation on an annual basis. As federal funding disappears, sources like those identified below account for the majority of dollars available for local and place-based energy and climate initiatives.

EXISTING/RECURRING INVESTMENTS

California 2025-2026 Budget

- Governor Gavin Newsom released his [proposed 2025-26 California state budget](#) on January 10, projecting a small positive balance of \$363 million after two years of state budget deficits ([source](#))
 - Budget Act of 2025 introduced in [Assembly](#) and [Senate](#) - referred to budget committees

Join Us here

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16jADY2TRkZBRztjOSOfRZ67EWNQxdFqulhaDINo3w-A/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.hz9o7pr71q7p>

Zoom Poll - Future Speaker Topics

BPC Workshop

Topic: Discussion



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What's Next?

- Bonus Breakouts up next!
- Next meeting **May 13, 2025**
- Share [invitation](#) with others

See you next time!



Optional: Bonus Breakouts

Thanks for joining us!

This is a 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)



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