

RICAPS Monthly Meeting

May 28, 2024



Agenda



1:30-1:35- Welcome & Agenda Review

1:35-1:40- Announcements

- *GovBE Launch & timeline*

1:40-2:05- Jurisdiction Round Robin- What Have you Been Working On?

2:05-2:55- Collaborative Grant Funding- Hannah Mize, Grant Program

Manager- Rincon Consultants

2:55-3:00- Closing



Welcome and Announcements



Announcements



- **PCE's Government Building Electrification Program (GovBE) is now live for applications!**
 - Application period open until June 28th
 - Designed to help local governments and schools convert methane gas to clean, efficient, electricity in their buildings with grants up to \$600,000 per jurisdiction per year and loans of up to \$600,000 per jurisdiction.
 - If you do not have a project ready for this year, do not worry. We plan to run this program on an annual application cycle. For questions, please contact programs@peninsulacleanenergy.com
 - Link for more information in the chat



Jurisdiction Round-Robin



Jurisdiction Round-Robin- What Have You Been Working On?



RICAPS Jurisdiction Check In: Running Notes

Please take a moment to find the name of your jurisdiction and enter information in bullet form about any of the following: your top project(s), a challenge you're facing, a recent win, something you would like some feedback on, or a collaboration idea.

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May prompts:

1. What project are you applying for regarding the PCE member agency energy grants – always looking for inspiration.
2. What is your current new building reach code status and what you're currently thinking of pursuing

→ Atherton

- ◆ PCE member agency grant ideas:
- ◆ Current new building each code status:
- ◆ Any top projects, a challenge, collaboration idea, etc.

→ Belmont

- ◆ PCE member agency grant ideas:
- ◆ Current new building each code status:
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Grant Opportunities: The Future is Here!

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Hannah Mize
Grant Writer and Sustainability Project
Manager



Introduction

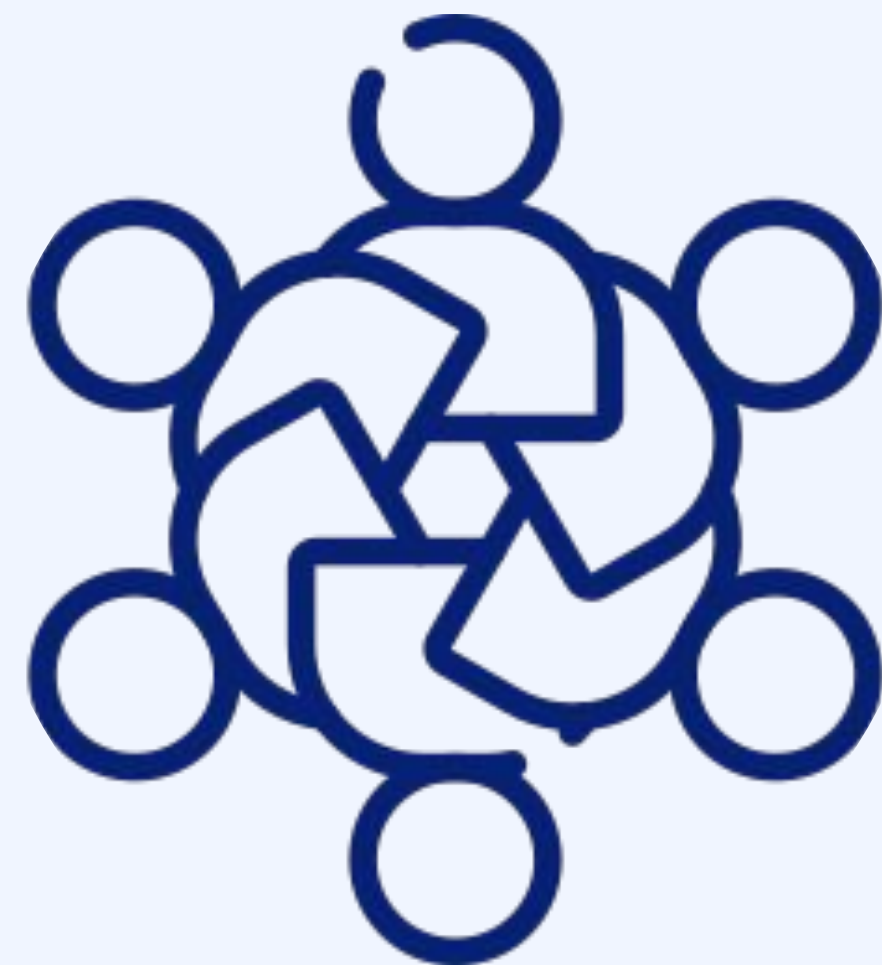


Rincon Consultants, Inc. – Grants Team

Diverse Team



- Technical Experts
- Local Experience
- Science Communicators
- Compelling Story Tellers



Proven Track Record



- 35+ of grants won
- \$72.2M+ won for clients statewide



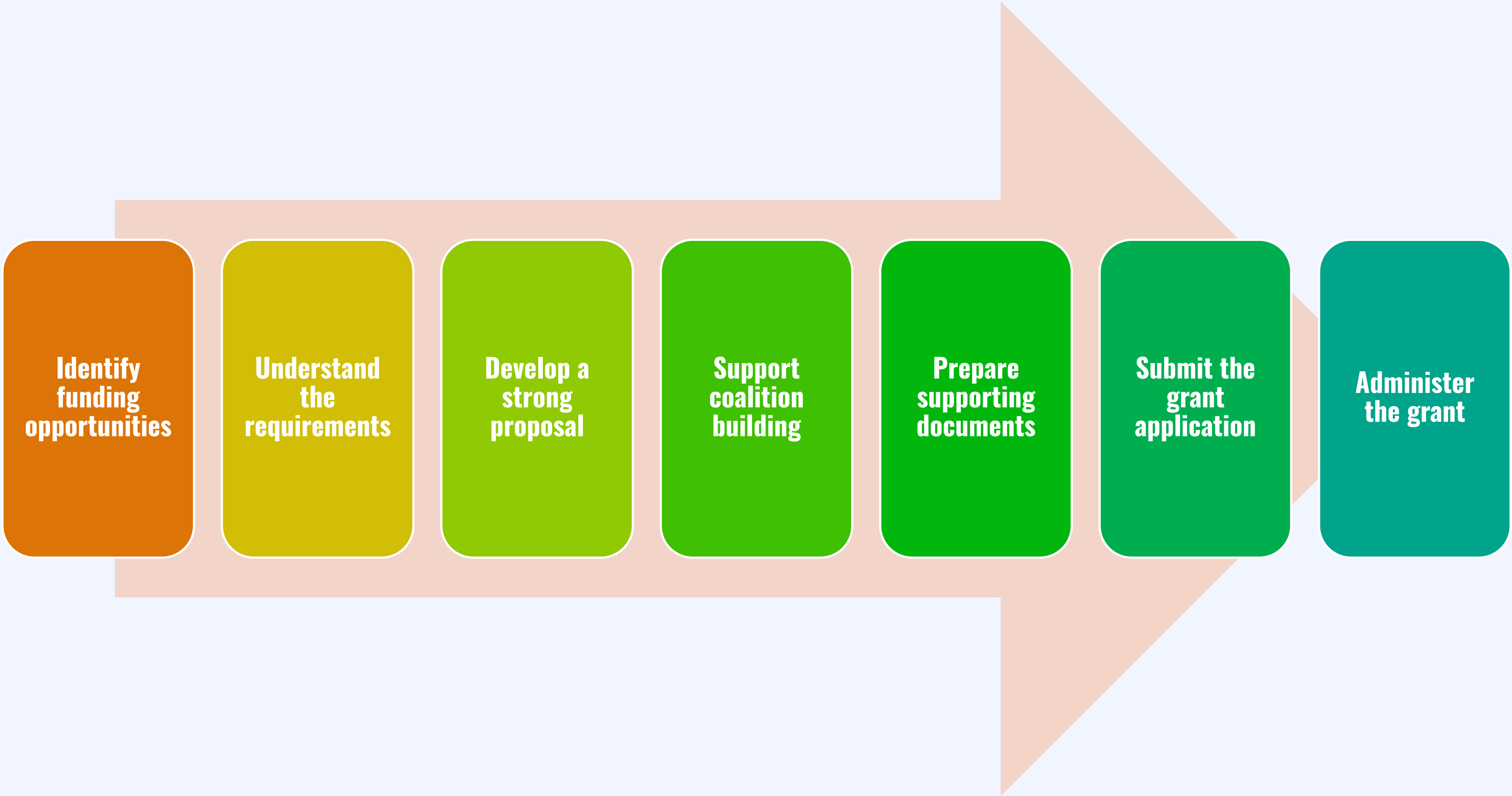
Innovative Approach



- System-Based
- Holistic
- Coalition Builders



Full Service



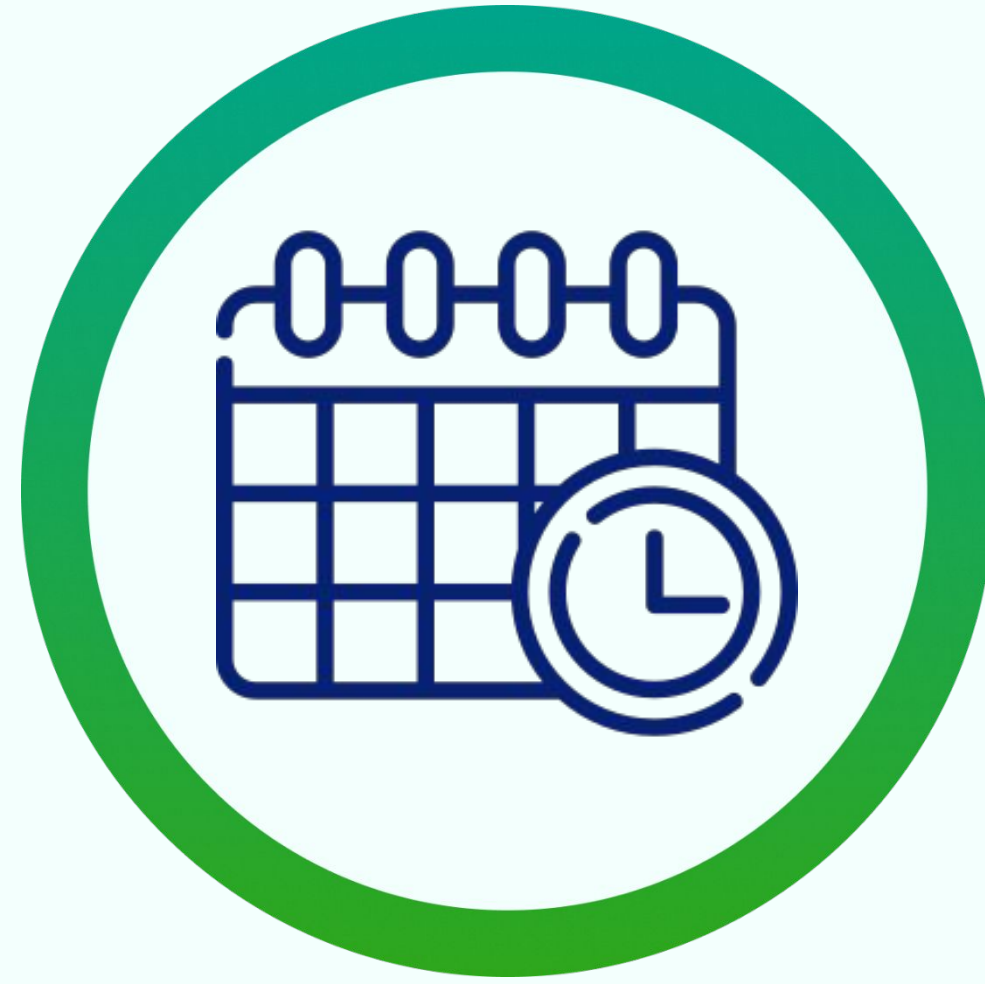
Challenges and Opportunities



"Problems can become opportunities when the right people come together."
— Robert Redford



Identifying the right grant



Strict deadlines and
turnaround times



Partnership and
shovel-ready
requirements



Competition



Grant Success Stories



Ramona Municipal Water District

Climate Adaptation and Action Plan

- California Strategic Growth Council
 - Community Resilience Center Program
- **Awarded: \$600k**



Resilience Center



- Office of Planning and Research
 - Adaptation Planning Grant
- **Awarded: \$9.98M**

MWD's Proposed RCRC – Campus Amenities

Proposed Campus

Campus Amenities

- New EV Shuttle Garage
- New Solar Trackers (with shaded parking under)
- New Solar Shade Structure
- New Shade Trees throughout Campus
- Outdoor shelter spaces for pets, tents, trailers + space and resources for pet relief
- Community art (mural and brick project) + charging stations for devices (inside CC)
- Closing gap in pedestrian network
- Multiple Fitness areas in park for walking/ hiking/ sports, and future pickleball



Local Win

California State Transportation Agency Transit and Intercity Rail Program (TIRCP)

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2017 – \$10.8M

2019 – \$10.4M



Funding Opportunities



Grant Selection Process

How we got here



- Reviewed key RICAPS goals
- Currently available
 - Funding
 - Timeline
- Confirmed eligibility
- Reviewed past awards
- Outlined application process



How It Will Work RICAPS Group Grant Process

It takes a team!

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● Rincon
■ RICAPS Cities



Menu of Funding Opportunities

Community Change Grants Program



- U.S. EPA, Inflation Reduction Act
- \$10 – 20M
- November 21, 2024



Wildfire Resilience



- California Coastal Conservancy
- \$200K – 5M
- Rolling basis



Active Transportation Program



- California Transportation Commission
- Varied \$
- June 17 and 2025 upcoming





IRA Community Change Grants Program

Grant Information

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| Funding Source | Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program, Administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| Due Date | November 21, 2024, rolling basis |
| Available Funds | Total: \$2.8 billion Per Project: - Track I – \$10 – 20 million, project cannot exceed \$20 million - Track II – \$1 – 3 million, project cannot exceed \$3 million |
| Cost Share Requirements | N/A |
| Project Types | Community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation |

Note: Project must be implemented by a partnership that includes a local government and a community-based non-profit organization

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>





Community Change Grants Program

Track I. Community-Driven Investments for Change will focus on multi-faceted applications with Climate Action and Pollution Reduction Strategies to meaningfully improve the environmental, climate, and resilience conditions affecting disadvantaged communities

Track II. Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance will facilitate the engagement of disadvantaged communities in governmental processes to advance environmental and climate justice

November 21, 2024

Application Due



March 2025

Likely Award Announcement



May/June 2025

Likely Contract Signature



May/June 2028

Project Completion Date



Strategy 1: Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions



Tree Planting



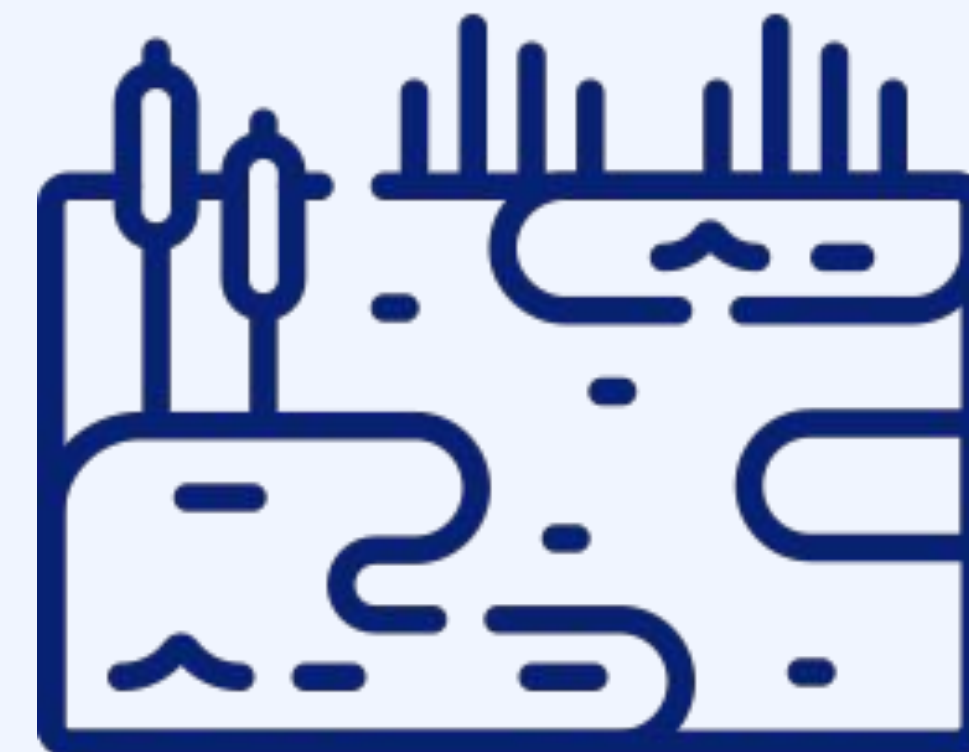
- Mitigate urban heat islands through reflective surfaces and shade trees or other vegetation
- Plant trees in public spaces
- Plant trees in sites that are strategically selected to shade buildings



Multi-benefit Stormwater Projects



- Construct permeable surfaces, rain gardens, bioswales, etc.
- Restore/protect wetlands
- Improve urban forest sites



Public Parks and Open Spaces



- Create new parks and/or expand existing parks to provide climate resilience benefits (e.g., heat island reduction, flood mitigation, etc.)
- Install nature-based solutions at schools



Strategy 2: Mobility and Transportation Options for Preventing Air Pollution and Improving Public Health and Climate Resilience

Active Transportation



Construct new, expanded, or enhanced bikeways, walkways, or non-motorized urban trails



Complete Streets



Implement complete street projects



ZEVs



- Use of ZEV for community car sharing, vanpooling, ride-sharing program
- Purchase, construct, and/or install infrastructure, equipment, or facilities to create and/or support low or ZE transportation options.



Strategy 3: Energy-Efficient, Healthy, Resilient Housing and Buildings

Air Quality



Install ventilation systems to improve indoor AQ



Energy



- Electrification in public buildings
- Residential electrification



Urban Heat Island



Install cool roofs



Strategy 4: Microgrid Installation for Community Energy Resilience



Construct microgrid infrastructure. • Install microgrids with onsite renewable energy generation and storage



Strategy 5: Community Resilience Hubs

Back-up Power



Purchase and install back-up power equipment such as generators or onsite solar and storage at one or more resilience hubs



Existing Resilience Hub



- Implement retrofits
- Implement wildfire mitigation measures



Communication



Purchase and install communications devices that can operate even with loss of local power and telecommunications systems



Strategy 6: Brownfields Redevelopment

Upgrade Sites



- Build and/or upgrade existing structures and sites to improve community use while reducing GHG emissions and/or improving climate resilience
- Implement greening efforts



Renewables



Install low or zero emission energy infrastructure such as solar and storage.



Acquisition



Acquire land to enable a brownfield redevelopment that has emissions mitigation and/or climate resilience benefits



Strategy 7: Waste Reduction and Management to Support a Circular Economy



Community Compost



Implement a community-scale composting program to that includes an educational campaign about climate benefits of reducing food waste



Food Waste



Implement programs that distribute unused food



Strategy 8: Workforce Development Programs for Occupations that Reduce GHG Emissions and Air Pollutants



Workforce development programs that will help reduce GHG emissions and other air pollutants to benefit disadvantaged communities



Next Steps - Community Change Grants Program

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Identify Interested Parties

- Identify project
- Establish team
- Identify partners



Prepare Grant Application

- Create grant application outline
- Compile grant application with all supporting documentation



Submit Application

- Confirm Grants.gov user information
- Submit grant by deadline (November 21)



Implement and Track

- Complete project
- Submit quarterly performance reports within 30 days of the end of each reporting period

Wildfire Resilience

Grant Information

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Funding Source | California Coastal Conservancy |
| Due Date | Rolling basis |
| Available Funds | Per grant ~\$200k – 5M |
| Cost Share Requirements | N/A |
| Project Types | Projects that plan, accelerate, and support implementation of land and vegetation management activities to reduce wildfire risk to communities |

Example Projects: reduce fuel loads, create fuel breaks, conduct prescribed fires, and support wildfire resilience planning

wildfire.resilience@scc.ca.gov



CCC Grant Acquisition Process

Meet with Regional Manager

Pre-Proposal

Proposal

Moira McEnespy –
moira.mcenespy@scc.ca.gov

Receive notification
within 60 days to
submit a full
application.



STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY GRANT PRE-APPLICATION

Please submit your pre-application to grants@scc.ca.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization:
Contact Person:
Email:
Phone:
Webpage:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name:

Brief Summary (1 sentence please):

Specify: 1) the phase of the project (Acquisition, Planning, or Implementation) 2) the key action of the project (develop a plan, restore wetlands, build a trail, etc.), 3) the location, and 4) the number of acres or miles involved.

Amount Requested:

Start Date:

End Date:

Primary County:

Specific Location (Assessor's Parcel Number or address if available):

Latitude, Longitude (e.g., 37.80630, -122.2735):

What point is represented by the lat/long (e.g. parking lot, center of site, etc.):

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide short and concise answers for this pre-application. Longer answers will be needed if you are invited to submit a full application.

Project Overview

Describe the proposed project. Quantify the project's goals and expected outcomes/benefits. Identify the major tasks involved in the project. Describe why the project is needed. Attach a map of the project location (and photos if helpful), and briefly describe the project location. Be specific about the portion of the project that would be funded by this request.

Who is Involved and to What Extent

List the organizations, agencies, tribes, and community-based partners that are involved with the project and note their specific role/ extent of participation in the project.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) COMPLIANCE.

This question only applies to implementation projects. Acquisition and planning projects can skip this question. For implementation projects, pick the appropriate option below. Please note that CEQA review does not need to be complete to apply for an implementation grant, but the Conservancy will need to review and approve any CEQA document prior to Conservancy Board action.

The proposed project.... (select the appropriate answer):

- Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why:
- Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption:
- Requires Neg Dec, MND, or EIR. Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency preparing the document) and the (expected) completion date:
- We don't know the answer to this question and need help determining what CEQA review is required.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

Please list all of the other sources for the estimate project cost. For each list the source (organization name) amount, and status (secured, pending, applied for).

- Funder, Amount, Status

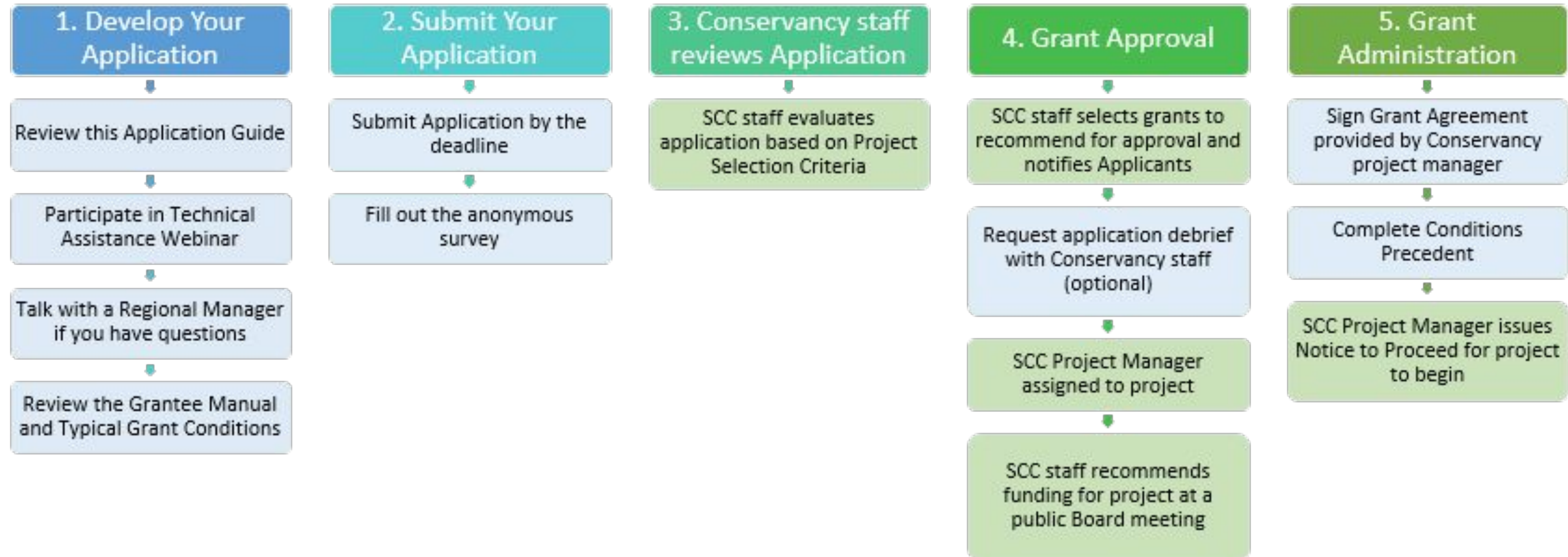
MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Attach location maps, designs, plans, engineering drawings, color photographs, etc., to help describe your proposal. Label photos with a one sentence description. Please only attach photos, maps, or other materials with this application in which either (1) you own the copyright, trademark, or have some other ownership rights in the materials, or (2) you have permission to use and have the authority to grant the Conservancy the permission to use such materials for non-commercial purposes. If you are attaching photos, maps, or other materials, please confirm the following statement:

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Diagram of Application Process following Pre-Proposal Stage



California Transportation Commission



Grant Information

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| Funding Source | California Transportation Commission - Active Transportation Program |
| Due Date | June 17, 2024 Four years of funding in fiscal years 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 |
| Available Funds | Varied, depending on project type: minimum request is \$250k <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large projects – \$10M+ • Medium projects – \$3.5 – 10M • Small projects – <\$3.5M |
| Cost Share Requirements | N/A |
| Project Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure projects • Plans • Non-infrastructure projects (education and engagement) • Infrastructure projects with non-infrastructure |

**June –
Proposal Due**

**November –
Recommendations Made**

**June –
Projects Awarded**

<https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

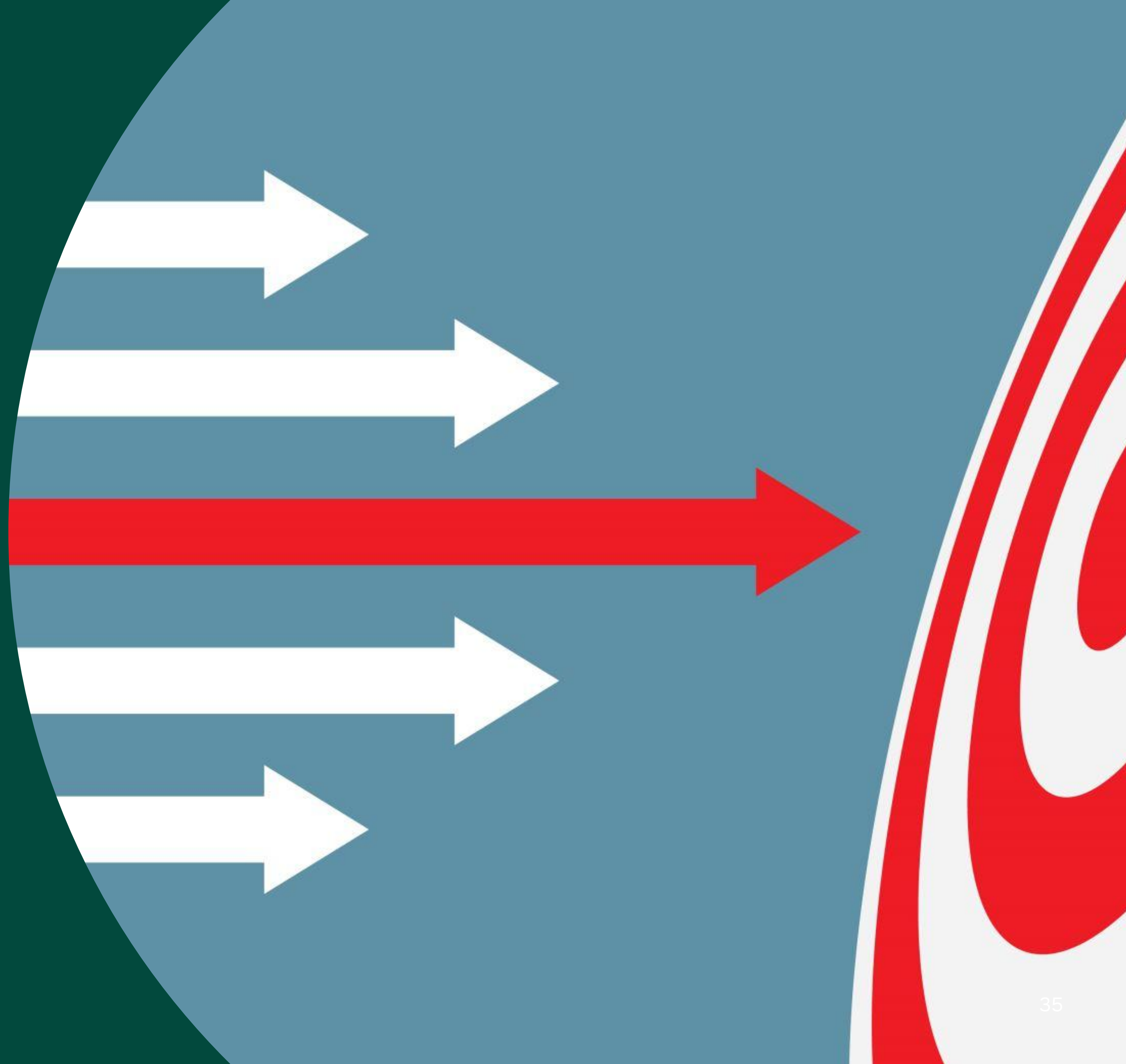


Project Scoring

| Scoring Topic | Large Inf. /I + NI | Medium Inf. /I + NI | Small Inf. /I + NI | Plan | Non-Infrastructure Only |
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| Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 30 | 10 |
| Need | 38 | 40 | 52 | 20 | 40 |
| Safety | 20 | 25 | 25 | | 10 |
| Public Participation & Planning | 10 | 10 | 10 | 25 | 15 |
| Scope and Plan Layout Consistency and Cost Effectiveness | 7 | | | | |
| Scope and Plan Layout Consistency | | 5 | 3 | | 10 |
| Context Sensitive & Innovation | 5 | 5 | | | 5 |
| Transformative Projects | 5 | | | | |
| Evaluation and Sustainability | | | | | 10 |
| Leveraging | 5 | 5 | | | |
| Implementation & Plan Development | | | | 25 | |
| Corps | (0 or -5) | (0 or -5) | (0 or -5) | | (0 or -5) |
| Past Performance | 0 to -10 | 0 to -10 | 0 to -10 | 0 to -10 | 0 to -10 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |



Upcoming Funding Opportunity



Urban Greening Program – California Natural Resources Agency

Grant Information

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|-------------------------|---|
| Funding Source | Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund – California |
| Due Date | TBD – budget updates being made to the 2024/25 budget |
| Available Funds | Total |
| Cost Share Requirements | Not required as part of this grant application |
| Project Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment, enhancement, and expansion of neighborhood parks and community spaces - Tree-canopy/shade trees - Greening of public lands and structures, including schoolyards, and which may include incorporation of riparian habitat for water capture and provide for other public and wildlife benefits - Multi-objective stormwater projects, including construction of permeable surfaces, collection basins and barriers - Bioswales and rain gardens to mitigate stormwater runoff - Green streets and alleyways - River, creek, and stream restoration - Recreational trails - Community or outdoor education gardens and orchards - Non-motorized urban trails that provide safe routes for travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers, and schools - Urban heat island mitigation and energy conservation efforts through landscaping and green roof projects - Acquisitions to preserve in perpetuity land for agricultural uses, open space, wetlands, etc. - Creation or restoration of existing wetlands, recharge ponds, floodplain, or riparian corridors |

<https://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening>



Discussion



Discussion Questions



1. **Zoom poll: which of the three named grant opportunities is most compelling to you?**

Mural Discussion: Implementation Readiness Before Grant Application

1. What shovel ready projects does your team have?
2. Which projects have been prioritized but difficult to fund?
3. Who/which entities would you be interested in expanding partnerships with?

The results from this discussion will be used to inform future grant applications and identification.





Thank you.

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Thank you!
See you in June