



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC  
GROWTH COUNCIL



## DISCUSSION ITEM

Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program  
(SCPGIP)

Best Practices Pilot

Tuesday October 11, 2016 | Byron Sher Auditorium



# Purpose

Pilot for local and regional planning agencies to support development and/or implementation of **a specific portion of a land use plan, land protection or management practice, or development project,** targeting sustainable development and the State's climate policies with the express intent to:

- Implement that project or plan;
- Identify a best practice and create a replicable case study; and
- Formalize OPR ad-hoc technical guidance.



# Technical Assistance

- Formalizes templates and process for OPR to work with local partners on best practices;
- Provides resources and technical guidance to local jurisdictions;
- Produces a series of replicable case studies;
- Informs State policy initiatives;
- Recognizes local leaders spearheading best practices around the state.



# Targeted Funding

- Proposed applications must support local implementation of state policies, with a focus on creating more resilient communities through climate adaptation and mitigation;
- Subset of Prop 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program
  - Principles, Objectives and Guidelines
- Expends portion of reverted Prop 84 funds



# Proposed Funding

- Applicants may be awarded up to \$50,000 to support the development and/or implementation of a specific portion of a project or plan that highlights a best practice.



# Example Projects

- Climate Action or Adaptation Plan
- GHG Inventory
- Specific Area Plans
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Conservation Plans
- Infill Plans
- Targeted General Plan Update or Elements
- Greenprints



# Eligible Applicants

- Cities
- Counties
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
- Joint Powers Authorities
- Councils of Governments



# Disadvantaged Community Focus

- As defined by Proposition 84, a community must have a median household income (MHI) of less than \$64,500 to qualify as a disadvantaged community.
  - Priority consideration will be given to those jurisdictions that meet this definition.
- At least 75% of funds must go to a community that has one or more census tracts within the top 25% of [CalEnviroScreen 2.0](#) Disadvantaged Community status.
- Up to 25% of funds may go to a community that is suffering from drought impacts or lacks access to safe drinking water.



# Draft Program Requirements

- Proposed plans must reflect:
  - Prop 84 priorities
  - EO B-30-15
  - State Planning Priorities
  - Best Practices Pilot Objectives
- Identify a Best Practice Pilot Liaison with OPR
- Develop Case Study Report



# Proposed Draft Application

- Threshold requirements
- Competitive Grant
- Scored questions with criteria
- Separate Documents
  - Proposal summary
  - Civic Engagement Plan
  - Indicators and Tracking Progress
  - Work Plan
  - Budget Proposal



# Draft Program Timeframe

- October – Discussion and Pilot Revisions
- December SGC Meeting – Consideration of Grant Guidelines
- If approved:
  - December 2016 release of RFP
  - January 2017 proposals due
  - February 2017 scoring
  - March 2017 award of small grants
  - Funds expended within two years



# Thank you!

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