Community Assistance for Climate Equity

Community-led climate solutions for equitable transformation

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SGC's Community Assistance for Climate Equity is a suite of programs that offer capacity building and technical assistance to underinvested communities at the frontlines of the climate crisis. This suite of programs promotes coordination, community leadership, peer exchanges, and cross-sectoral partnerships to promote underinvested communities' access to funding for climate action.

$22 Million Awarded
across 20 Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Initiatives

800 Technical Assistance Recipients

130 Workshops Hosted

110 Staff from Under-Resourced Communities Trained

CACE Programs have provided technical assistance across a variety of issues, including:

- Active Transportation
- Low Carbon
- Affordable Housing
- Energy Resilience
- Urban Greening
- Wildfire Prevention
- Climate Smart Agriculture

WHY DOES CAPACITY BUILDING MATTER?

Underinvested communities throughout California have faced years of systemic discrimination. As a result, these communities are the most vulnerable to severe climate impacts and often have lower capacity to access critical funding to address climate impacts. The Community Assistance for Climate Equity suite of programs aims to reduce the barriers that underinvested communities face when applying for and implementing necessary climate projects.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FOR CLIMATE EQUITY GRANT PROGRAMS

The Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program provides funding and technical assistance to California Native American tribes to build staff capacity to advance the tribes' climate-related work.

The Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program funds coalitions of community-serving partners in under-resourced communities to establish community priorities, develop a pipeline of projects, and align projects with state, federal, and philanthropic funding opportunities.

The BOOST Program supports capacity building in under-resourced local governments so they can advance their climate, resilience, and equity goals.

The Partners Advancing Climate Equity (PACE) Program connects frontline community leaders across California to learn together, tackle shared challenges, and build capacity to advance climate equity locally and statewide.

HOW TO OFFER EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Technical Assistance (TA) Toolkit is a step-by-step guide for agencies developing effective TA programs. The document covers program design, public engagement, building trust, developing evaluation metrics, and engaging in partnerships with trusted community-based organizations.

GRANTEE HIGHLIGHT

SISKIYOU CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

A grantee of the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program, the Siskiyou Climate Collaborative unites partners with expertise in agriculture, workforce development, outdoor recreation, and natural resources to inclusively and equitably plan for climate resilience in Siskiyou County's diverse working landscape. The Collaborative will create an equity centered community process and use this process to develop a Climate Resiliency Plan, which will unlock crucial climate resilience funds for Siskiyou's rural communities. The Collaborative will also prioritize community input in designing climate adaptation strategies and building capacity to advance climate mitigation projects across Siskiyou County.

As the Siskiyou region faces wildfires, drought, and other extreme climate events that bring devastation to the County with greater intensity each year, the Collaborative will focus on building the resilience of Siskiyou's working landscape. SGC's investment in the Siskiyou Climate Collaborative will help the Collaborative's diverse partners collaboratively pursue funding to rebuild community infrastructure after extreme climate events and better prepare them for future ones.

LEARN MORE

Visit sgc.ca.gov/technical-assistance/cace for more information about the Community Assistance for Climate Equity suite of programs, and email your questions about them to CACE@sgc.ca.gov.

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