



# Regional Climate Collaboratives Program



The Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program is a capacity building grant program for under-resourced communities in California. RCC enables community-rooted and cross-sectoral partners to deepen their relationships and develop the processes, plans, and projects that will drive and sustain climate action. The goal of the program is to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise with a focus on developing and accessing funding for local and regional climate projects.

## The RCC Program Objectives are to:

-  Create actionable plans and projects
-  Build social infrastructure
-  Center community engagement and decision-making
-  Develop equity-centered processes

## WHAT DOES RCC FUND?

Regional Climate Collaboratives conduct a suite of capacity building activities within under-resourced communities to advance regional priorities. The RCC program does not fund built infrastructure. Capacity building activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

### REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- » Building relationships, identifying priorities, and developing plans, policies, and projects
- » Serving as a local technical assistance provider/hub
- » Evaluation
- » Peer learning

### OPTIONAL

- » Data collection and analysis
- » Education and training

Eligible costs include staffing; consultants; travel; tools, subscriptions and software; engagement, outreach, education, and training; peer learning; and evaluation.

## WHAT IS THE AWARD AMOUNT?

SGC has \$8.5 million available to award through the RCC program's second round of grants. RCC aims to support both emerging and established Collaboratives of varying sizes and scales. Applicants have the flexibility to develop their scope of work within the program's two funding tracks:

- » **Small Grants:** \$500,000-\$999,999
- » **Large Grants:** \$1,000,000-\$1,750,000
- » SGC is committed to funding at least two Collaboratives from each funding track.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

A minimum of four diverse partners must come together to form a Regional Climate Collaborative. Eligible entities include the following:

- » California Native American Tribes
- » Community-based organizations and nonprofits
- » Local government agencies
- » Small businesses
- » Other organizations with a history of providing community-based outreach and technical assistance

All Regional Climate Collaboratives must serve under-resourced communities. Learn how to confirm this aspect of your eligibility in the Eligible Project Area section of the [RCC program's Guidelines](#).

All applicants interested in applying for the program will need to submit a pre-proposal application before submitting a full proposal application.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ROUND 1 GRANTEES

SGC awarded grants to six Collaboratives in the first round of funding. Collectively, the awarded Collaboratives span seven counties and include 58 organizations. Visit the [RCC Grantee Profiles](#) on our website to learn more about how RCC is helping under-resourced communities across California invest in community-led capacity building for sustained climate action.

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