WHO WE ARE

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) was established in 2008 to coordinate state agency activities in supporting the planning and development of sustainable communities. The SGC also administers a suite of grant programs funded through the California Climate Investments - a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions while providing a variety of other impactful benefits - particularly in disadvantaged communities. To date, the SGC has invested over $775 million in projects that strengthen the economy, ensure social equity, and enhance environmental stewardship across the state.

“SGC is working with communities to support equitable climate solutions that directly benefit people, communities, and the future for all Californians.”

—Louise Bedsworth, Executive Director
OUR PROGRAMS

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities
The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) builds healthier communities and protects the environment by increasing the supply of affordable places to live near jobs, stores, transit, and other daily needs.

Transformative Climate Communities
The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation
The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program protects agricultural lands on the outskirts of cities and near residential neighborhoods from development.

Climate Change Research
The Climate Change Research Program invests in cross-cutting research investments that build community resilience, integrate land use and development considerations, and facilitate the transformation of California communities.

Technical Assistance
The California Climate Investments Technical Assistance Program creates a more equitable playing field by helping under-resourced applicants access the funds to transition to climate-smart communities.

Health in All Policies
The Health in All Policies (HiAP) Program works with more than 20 state agencies and departments to develop innovative solutions that create healthy places to live, work, learn, and play.

We advance California's collaborative efforts to shape how and where we grow, working to achieve equitable and resilient communities and landscapes for all Californians.

More than $551 million invested to benefit disadvantaged communities which have reduced 1.78 million tonnes of CO₂E equivalent to 381,156 fewer cars on the road.

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