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Transformative Climate Communities Round 3 Guidelines



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Agenda

- I. Welcome + Goals
- II. TCC Overview
- III. Draft Round III TCC Program Guidelines
- IV. Questions + Answers

California Climate Investments

- The TCC Program part of the **California Climate Investment Program (CCI Program)**
- Funded by the **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)**
- Administered in partnership with the **California Department of Conservation**



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California Climate Investments

CCI is made up of many diverse programs run by various California agencies and departments.



Background

TCC was established by **AB 2722** in 2016 to

1. Fund the development and implementation of neighborhood-level, transformative, climate community plans
2. With multiple, coordinated, GHG-reducing projects
3. That provide economic, environmental, and health benefits to the state's most disadvantaged communities





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Transformative Elements



- Community Engagement
- Workforce & Economic Opportunities
- Displacement Avoidance
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Leverage Funding
- Data Collection and Indicator Tracking

Implementation Grant Awards

- Round 1 - \$133 million
 - Fresno \$66.50 million
 - Ontario \$33.25 million
 - HACLA - Watts \$33.25 million
- Round 2 - \$46 million
 - CP – Pacoima \$23 million
 - Sacramento \$23 million



Planning Grant Awards

- Round 1 - \$1.6 million
 - 10 locations
 - \$170,000 each*
 - *One grant funded for \$93,960

- Round 2 - \$800,000
 - 5 locations
 - \$200,000 each





ROUND 3

FY 2019-2020



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Round 3 Funding Available

The FY 2019-2020 budget allocates \$60 million* for TCC

- **Implementation Grants**

2 awards for \$28.2 million each

- **Planning Grants**

3 awards for \$200,000 each

*5% of total funding will be allocated for program administration

Round 3 Proposed Timeline

DATE	ROUND III
Early August 2019	Guidelines released for public comment and review
August 2019	Public workshops hosted to gather feedback on Guidelines
October 2019	Guidelines adopted by the Strategic Growth Council
November 4th, 2019	Notice of Funding Availability posted
November 18th, 2019	Deadline for Implementation Application Technical Assistance
February 28th, 2020	Deadline for Application submissions
April 2020	Awardees selected by the Strategic Growth Council (tentative)



Proposed Changes to the Round 3 Guidelines

- Key proposed changes have been highlighted on each slide.

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IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS



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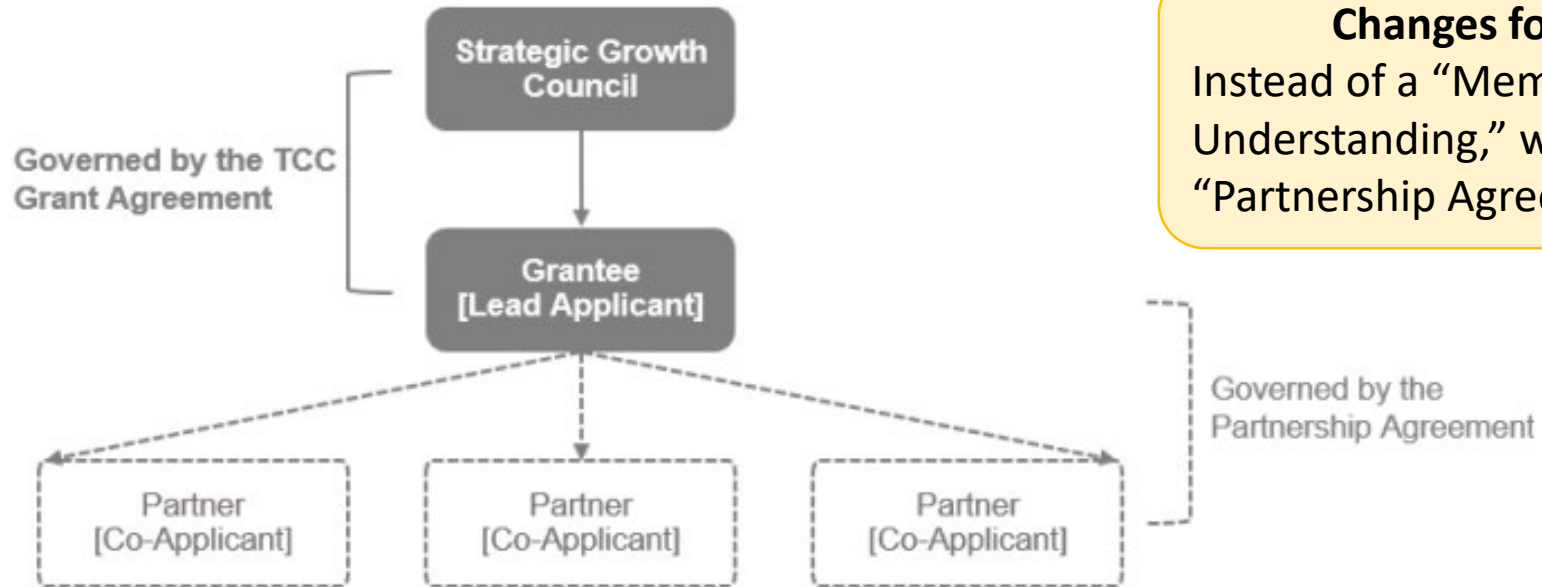
Applicant Eligibility

- Community-based organizations
- Local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- Philanthropic organizations and foundations
- Faith-based organizations
- Coalitions or associations of nonprofits
- Community development finance institutions
- Community development Corporations
- Joint powers authorities
- Tribal governments



Applicant Eligibility (Continued 1)

- Lead Applicants and Co-Applicants will develop a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure that includes residents and community-nominated members such as community-based organizations.



Changes for Round 3:
Instead of a “Memorandum of Understanding,” we now require a “Partnership Agreement”

Applicant Eligibility (Continued 2)

- Support and Participation of Public Agencies
- Capacity to Implement
 - Management Ability
 - Financial Capacity

Changes for Round 3:

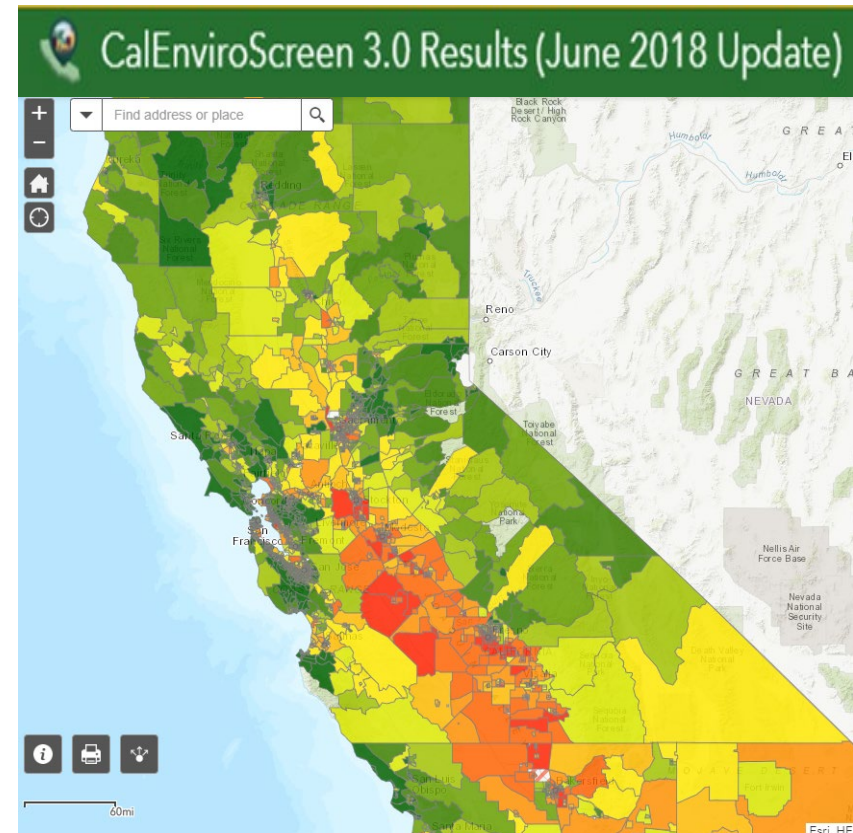
- Required documentation for Public Agency Support
- Documentation for Management and Financial Capacity is less burdensome

Project Area Requirements: Priority Populations

Changes for Round 3:

At least 51 percent (51%) of the Project Area must overlap with Census Tracts within the **top 10 percent (10%)** of CalEnviroScreen 3.0 (*Rounds 1 & 2 required top 5%*).

The remaining 49 percent (49%) or less of the Project Area must overlap either with a disadvantaged community in the top 25 percent (25%) of CalEnviroScreen 3.0 or a low-income community as defined by AB 1550.



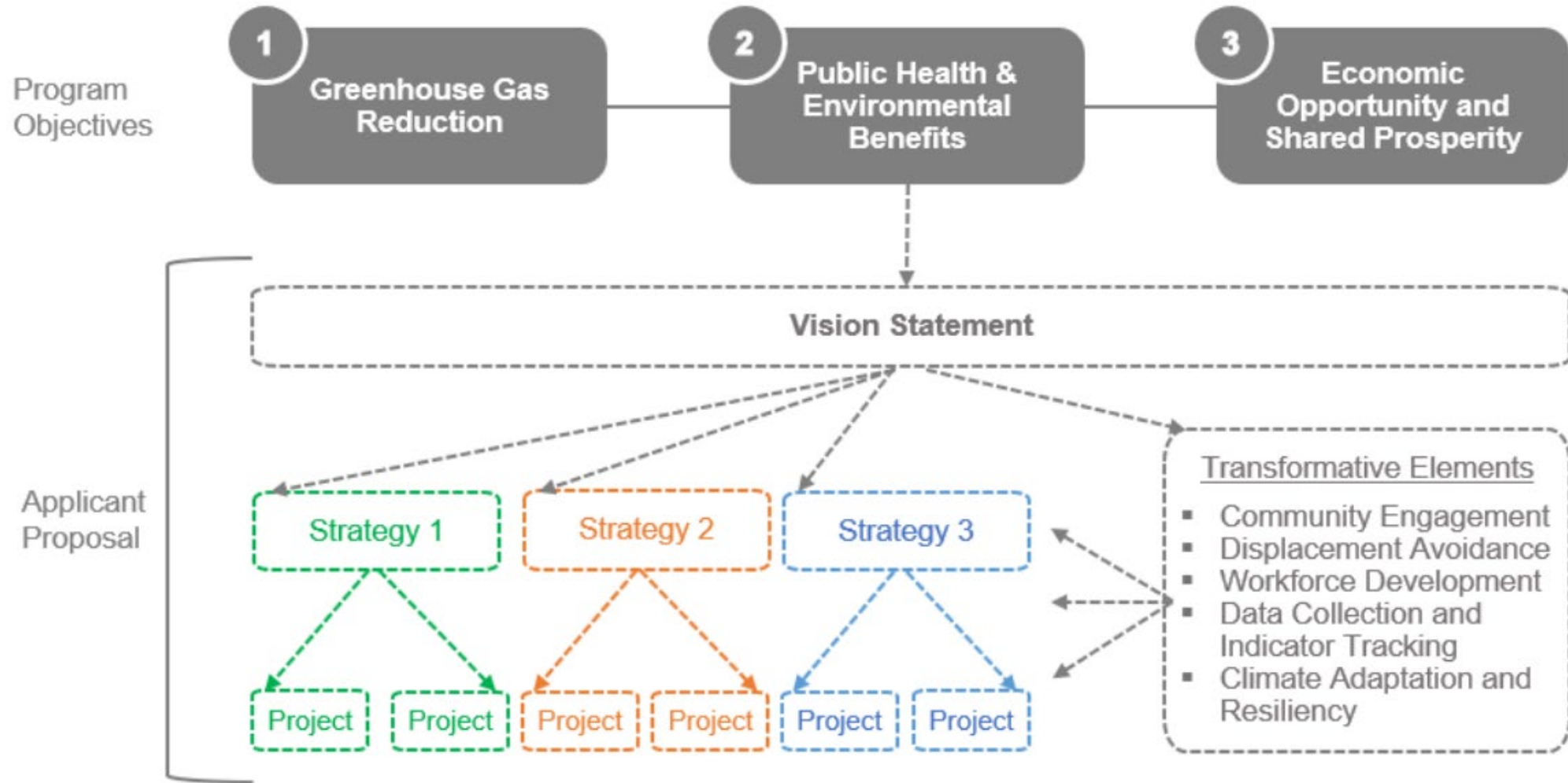
Project Area Requirements (continued)

- Contiguous
- Approximately 5 square miles
- Must fall within the jurisdiction of a single city

Unless:

Grantees or Partners from **Round 1 or 2 TCC Planning Grants** whose Planning Areas include **unincorporated areas** that still meet the TCC Priority Population requirements are also eligible (*Rounds 1 & 2 required incorporated cities only*).

The TCC Program Framework



Strategies

Equitable Housing
and Neighborhood
Development

Affordable Housing
Land Acquisition

Transit Access and
Mobility

Solar Installation &
Energy Efficiency

Water Efficiency

Recycling & Waste
Management

Urban Greening and
Green
Infrastructure

Land Conservation

Health and Well-
Being

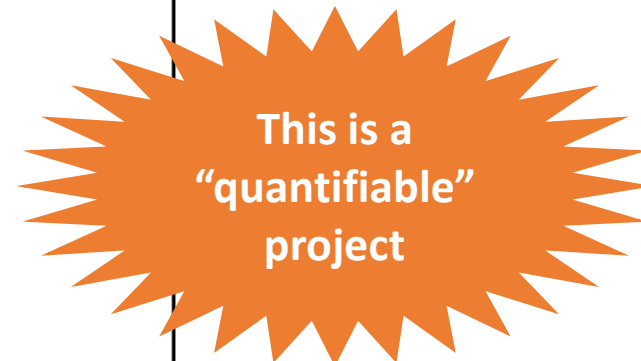
1. Strategy

2. Categories

3. Elements

3.1. Active Transportation	
Eligible Categories	TCC Fundable Elements
Construction of new bike paths or lanes (Class I, Class II, or Class IV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New or expanded context sensitive bike paths or lanes (Class I, Class II, or Class IV)^{15*}• Non-motorized urban trails that provide safe routes for travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers, and schools• Bicycle carrying structures on public transit
Construction of new pedestrian facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New walkways that improve mobility/access of pedestrians*• Non-capacity increasing streetscape improvements, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Installation of lighting○ Installation of signage and way-finding markers○ Other related amenities for pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders• Installation of new/improved pedestrian crossings or over-crossings• Benches or “street furniture”• Street crossing enhancements including accessible pedestrian signals• Traffic calming projects, including development of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Curb extensions○ Roundabouts○ Median islands / road diets○ Lane narrowing projects
Purchase of bicycles and/or purchase and installation of infrastructure in support of new or expanded bike share	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New or expanded bike share program*• Publicly accessible bicycle parking• Bicycle repair kiosks• Bicycle carrying structures on public transit

Quantifiable



Non-quantifiable

Readiness Requirements

- ✓ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):
 - Consult with the public agency
 - Demonstrate Project is CEQA compliant
 - Environmental review not required to be completed at application submittal
 - Must report on CEQA status
 - Complete environmental review within first year of the grant term
 - Projects are subject to statutes of limitations
- ✓ Site Control
 - Must be demonstrated for most projects prior to implementation
- ✓ Permits
 - Demonstrate at the time of application that the permit(s) can be obtained and project implemented within the grant term

Eligible Projects

- **At least three (3) Projects** must be both “**quantifiable**” AND “**ready**” at the time of application submittal.
- Projects that are both quantifiable and ready must account for **at least fifty percent (50%)** of the requested grant funds.
- All Projects must meet readiness requirements within the first year of the grant term.
- All Projects must be completed within the five (5) year Project Completion period, but shorter timelines are also acceptable.

Transformative Elements

1. Data Collection and Indicator Tracking
2. Community Engagement
3. Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities
4. Displacement Avoidance
5. Climate Adaptation and Resiliency
6. Leverage Funding

1. Data Collection & Indicator Tracking

Grantees track 2 main categories of indicators:

- California Air Resources Board – GHG and co-benefit indicators
- TCC Program – Additional program-specific indicators

Grantees estimate GHG reductions during the following phases:

- Application Phase – initial estimate
- Project Implementation – Annually, project operation, close-out

2. Community Engagement

Applicants must develop a Community Engagement Plan with 2 main sections:

1. Description of Community Engagement during Proposal Development
 2. Description of Future Community Engagement
- Appendix C describes:
 - Methods to facilitate community engagement
 - Criteria for eligible costs



3. Workforce Development & Economic Opportunities

Applicants must develop a Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities Plan with 2 major components:

1. Workforce development and education training programs
2. Explanation of how TCC investment will create high-quality jobs



4. Displacement Avoidance

Applicants must develop a Displacement Avoidance Plan with 4 major components:

1. Describe displacement vulnerability for residents and small businesses
2. Current policies, plans, ordinances, or programs
3. Identify additional policies and programs to be pursued*, and entities responsible for implementation
4. Provide a relocation plan pursuant to CA Relocation law if necessary for activities with potential for displacement

*Outlined in Appendix C

5. Climate Adaptation & Resiliency

- Identify climate change risks in Project Area, such as:
 - Additional days of extreme heat or precipitation
 - Flooding
 - Sea level rise
 - Drought
- Discuss anticipated impacts to vulnerable populations
- Describe how proposed projects will reduce risk and promote resiliency

6. Leverage Funding

- Applicants must leverage additional funding sources that equal a minimum of 50 percent (50%) of the total requested grant funds.
- Committed at the time of application submittal
- Funds must be spent in the TCC Project Area
- Appendix C includes examples of eligible sources of leverage

Changes for Round 3:

The chart below illustrates how the 50 percent (50%) leverage funding requirement may be met:

Eligible Projects or Plans	Percentage of Leverage	Total Dollar Amount
Leverage funding for Grant-funded projects or Transformative Plans	At least 40%	\$11,280,000
Stand-alone leverage projects	Up to 10%	\$2,820,000
Total	50%	\$14,100,000



Summary of Funding Limits for Transformative Elements

Changes for Round 3
The percentages have changed since Rounds 1 & 2.

Transformative Elements	Percent of TCC Grant Award
Data Collection and Indicator Tracking	5% required
Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displacement Avoidance 	Up to 8% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 3% of the total 8% of community engagement funds can be used for displacement avoidance activities
Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities	Up to 5%
TOTAL	Up to 18%
<i>Climate Adaptation and Resiliency</i>	<i>No grant funds may be allocated, but applicants must incorporate adaptation measures into their proposed infrastructure projects</i>
<i>Leverage Funding</i>	<i>None – Grantee must <u>leverage additional funding sources</u> that equate to least 50% of the total grant award</i>

Policy Priority: High-Speed Rail Connectivity

- “Silicon Valley to Central Valley Line”
- Applies to: Bakersfield, Fresno, Hanford, Madera and Merced
- Benefits to neighborhoods surrounding HSR Station Area
- Ensure affordable and mixed-income housing close near/accessible to HSR



Policy Priority: Pro-housing

- The TCC program will incentivize applications from jurisdictions that have adopted pro-housing policies that would facilitate sustainable housing production. Below are some examples of policies that would apply as pro-housing. Reference Appendix D, Page D-1 in the TCC Guidelines for the full list.
 - Implemented programs over the last five years that finance infrastructure with accompanying increased housing capacity or local financial incentives for housing, including, but not limited to, a local housing trust fund or fee waivers.
 - Adopted a Nondiscretionary Local Approval Process for residential and mixed-use development in all zones permitting multifamily housing, established workforce housing opportunity zones, as defined in Gov. Code Section 65620, or housing sustainability districts, as defined in Gov. Code Section 66200.
 - Zoning more sites for residential development or zoning sites at higher densities than is required to accommodate 150 percent of the minimum regional housing needs allocation for the low income allocation in the current housing element cycle.
 - Adopted accessory dwelling unit ordinances or other mechanisms that reduce barriers for property owners to create accessory dwelling units beyond the requirements outlined in Gov. Code Section 65852.2

Application Components

- Online Submittal
- Documentation that application meets all program thresholds, including project maps, leverage funding commitment letters, etc.
- Narrative Questions
- Detailed Budgets and Work Plans for all Projects and Plans
- Readiness Documentation for all quantifiable Projects
- Quantification Documentation and GHG Emissions Reductions
- Priority Population Benefit Criteria Tables

Scoring Criteria

SCORING CRITERIA SUMMARY	
Vision for Transformation	40 Points
Capacity	30 Points
Transformative Elements	75 Points
Projects	50 Points
Pro-housing Policy Incentive	5 Points
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>200 POINTS</u>

Changes for Round 3:
The Scoring Criteria has been updated for Round 3.

Technical Assistance

- Phase 1: Application
- Phase 2: Implementation

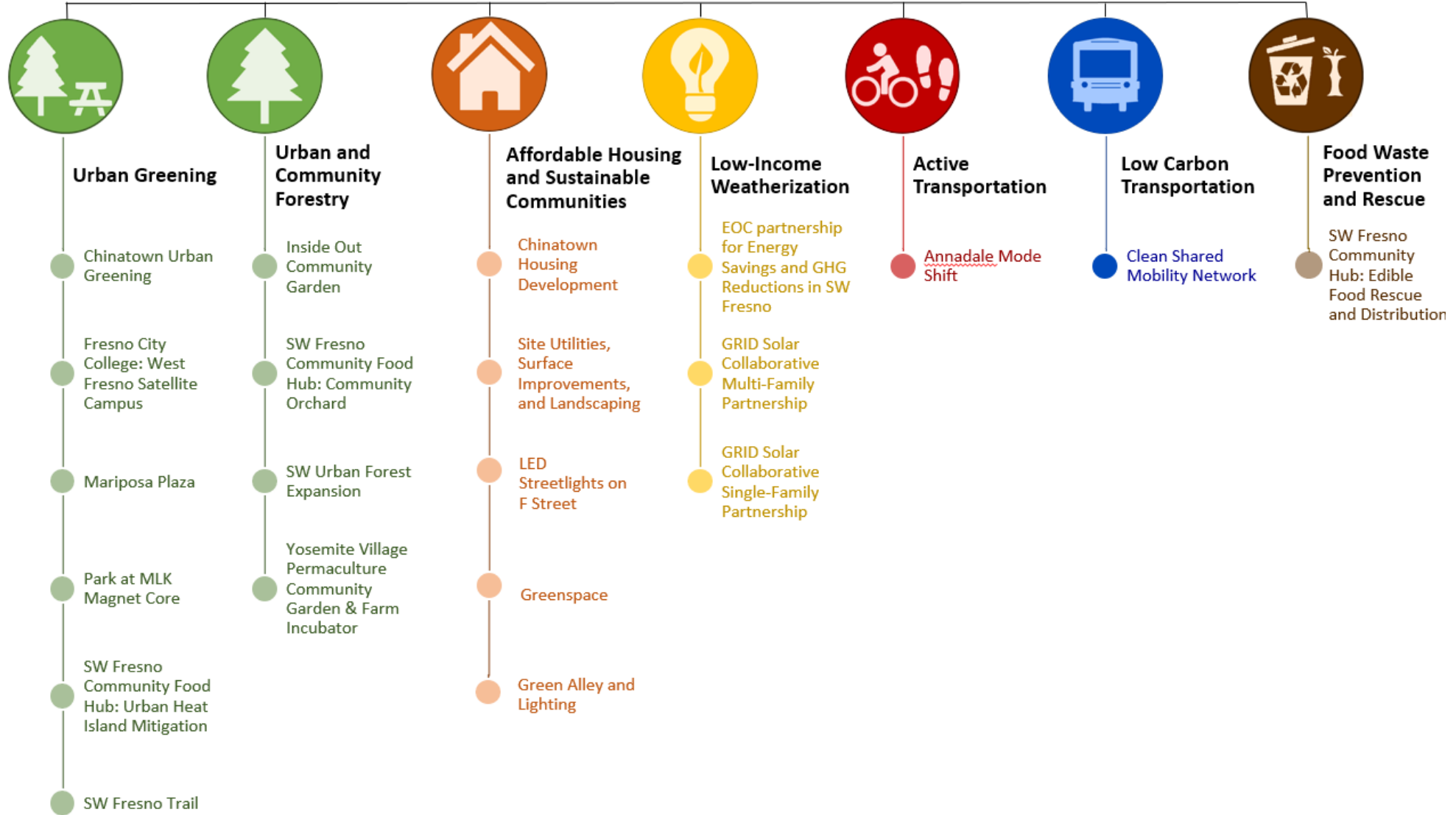


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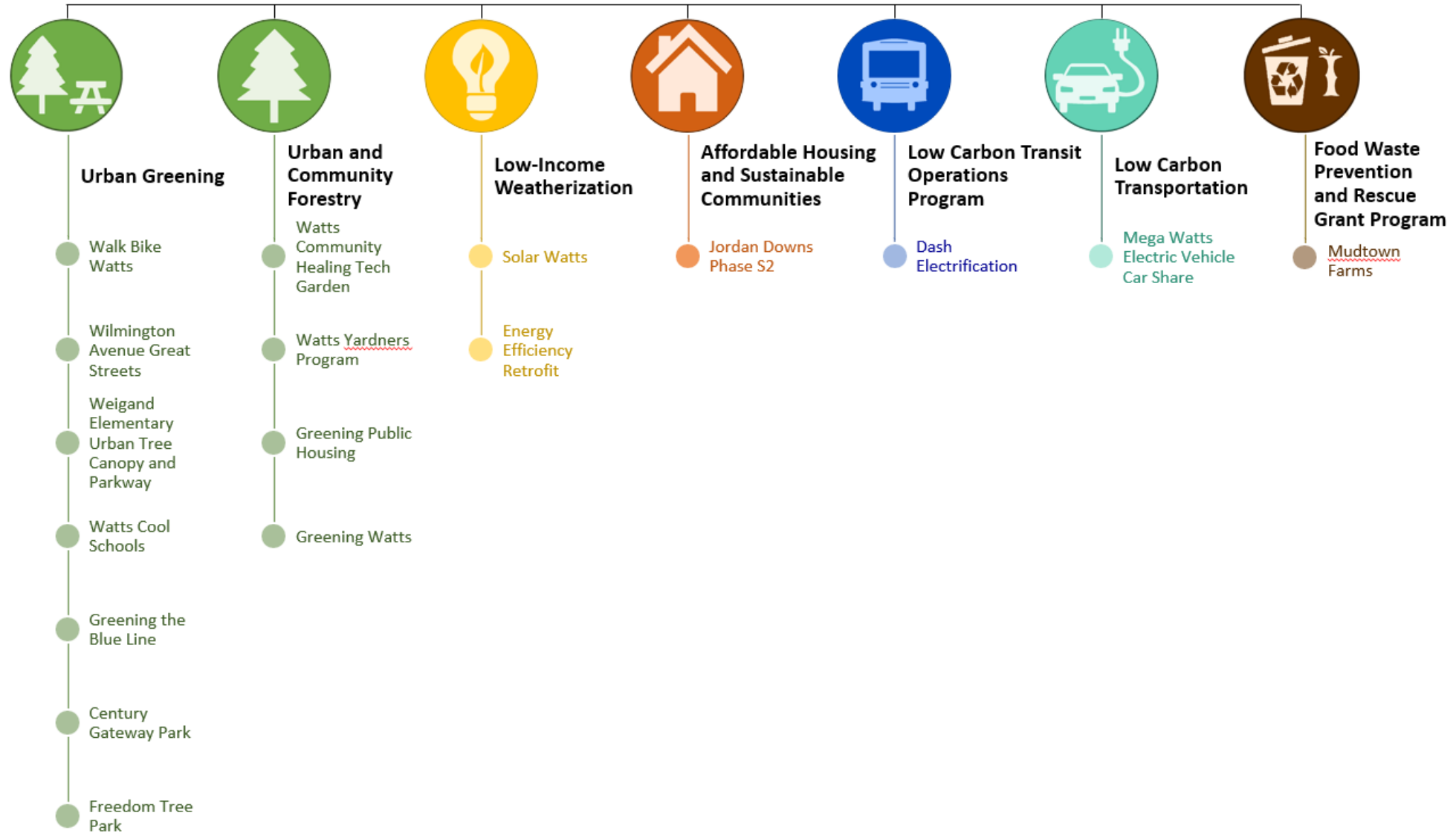
- Mandatory Threshold review
- Direct Application Assistance
- Capacity Building
- Assistance with:
 - Developing an overall vision
 - Partnerships
 - Selecting application components
 - Greenhouse Gas calculations



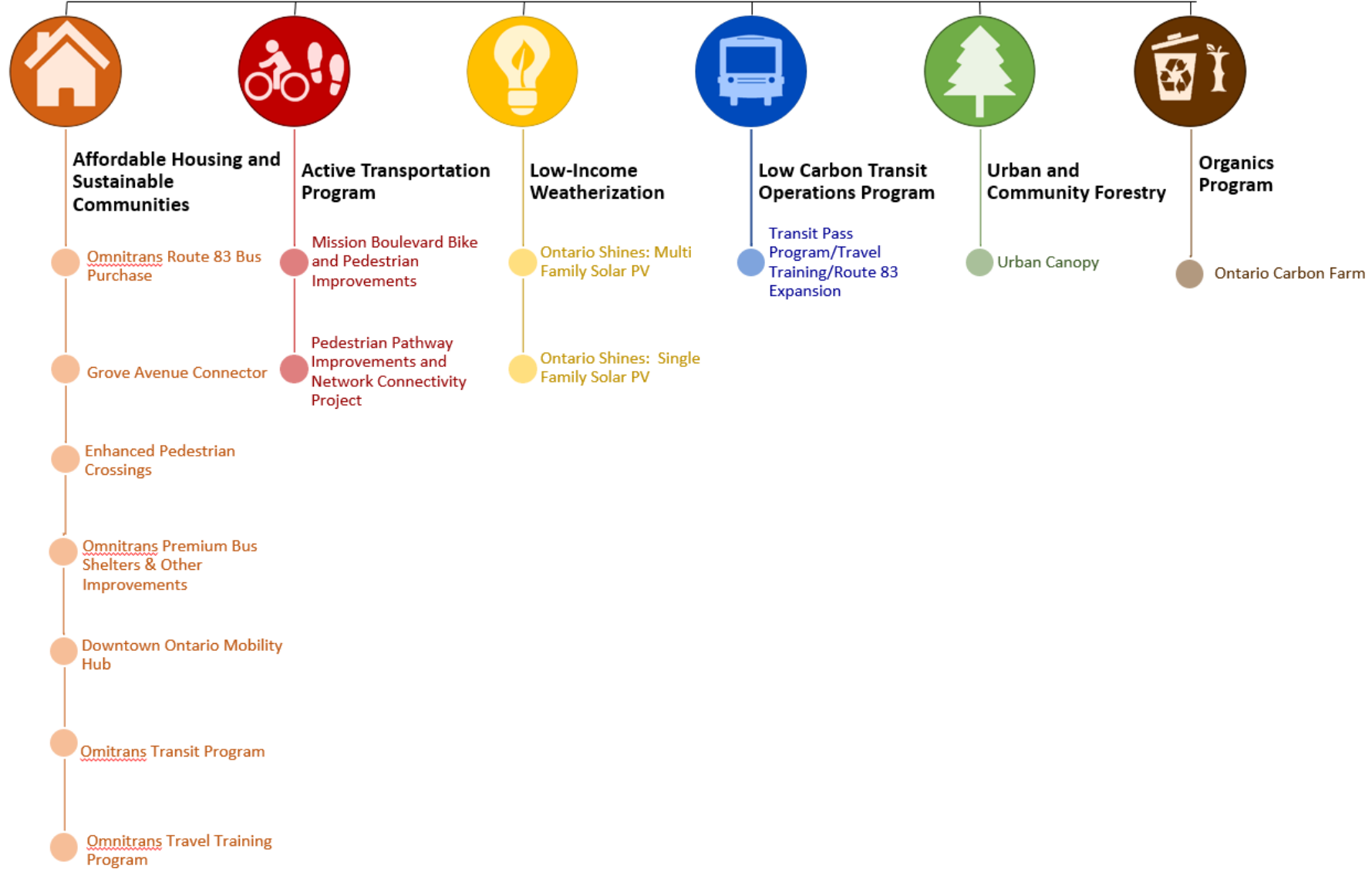
Past Awards: Fresno Example



Past Awards: HACLA Example



Past Awards: Ontario Example





PLANNING GRANTS



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Planning Grants Overview

- Smaller grants of \$200,000 each
- Support planning activities in disadvantaged communities
- Prepare communities for future TCC grants or other CCI Programs
- Planning process must address one or more of the TCC Transformative Elements
- 2 year grant term

Change for Round 3:
Planning Grants are now 2-year grant terms

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Capacity building among staff and departments, as well as among external stakeholders
- Evaluating, updating and streamlining various policies and codes enforced by the Planning Department
- Completion of fiscal analyses and studies to understand long-term costs
- Preparation of climate action and adaptation plans
- Community engagement that results in innovative and meaningful programs and practices

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible Lead Applicants are the same as Implementation Grants:

- Community-based organizations
- Local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- Philanthropic organizations and foundations
- Faith-based organizations
- Coalitions or associations of nonprofits
- Community development finance institutions
- Community development Corporations
- Joint powers authorities
- Tribal governments

Change for Round 3:

Eligible applicants for Planning Grants are now the same as Implementation Grants.



Applicant Eligibility (Cont.)

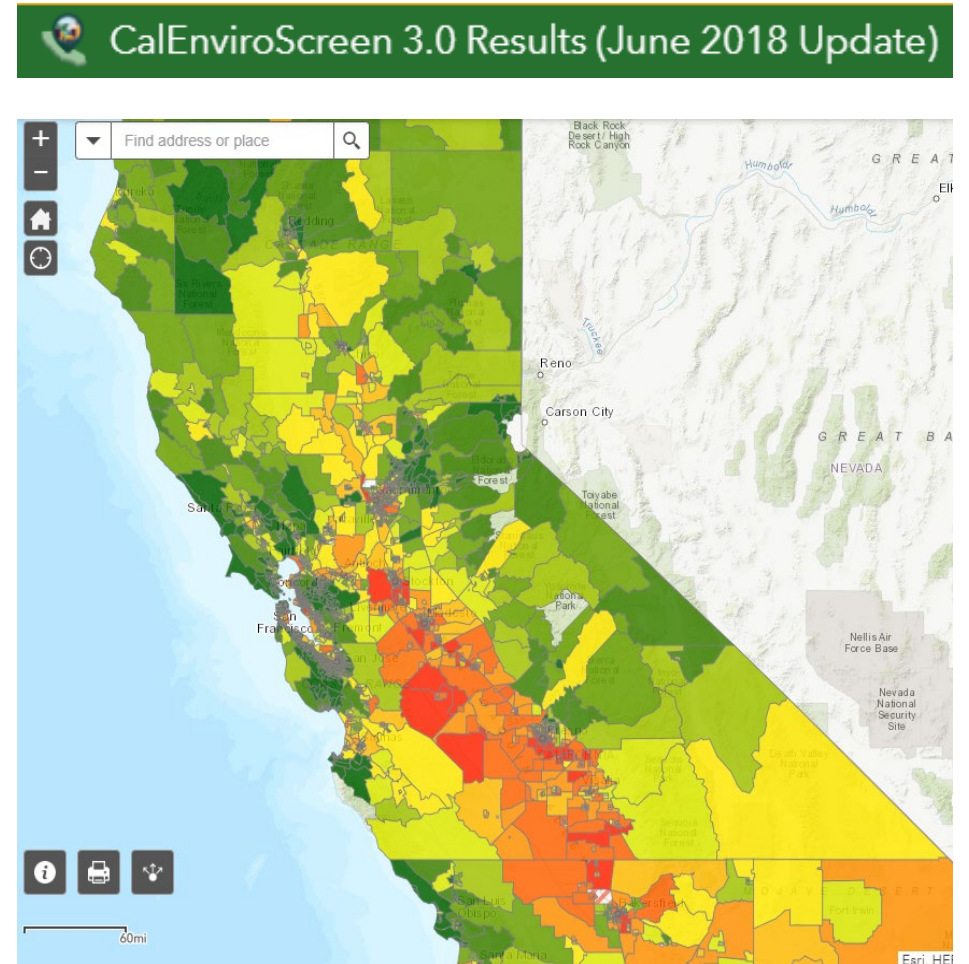
- Must be a minimum of two (2) Co-Applicants
- Priority in scoring for applications that are able to demonstrate strong and diverse partnerships with CBOs and other stakeholder groups
- Either the Lead Applicant or one of the Co-Applicants must be a public agency.

Proposed Change for Round 3:

Now that the eligible lead applicants have changed, we require that at least one of the entities is a public agency.

Planning Area Requirements

- Contiguous
- All census tracts must be in top 25% disadvantaged communities (CES 3.0)



Application Components

- Online Submittal
- Documentation that application meets all eligibility requirements, such as planning area map, letters of support, etc.
- Narrative Questions
- Detailed Budget and Work Plan
- Priority Population Benefit Criteria Tables

Scoring Criteria

SCORING CRITERIA SUMMARY	
Vision and Program Objectives	30 Points
Transformative Requirements and Project Identification	50 Points
Organizational Capacity	20 Points
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>100 POINTS</u>

Proposed Changes for Round 3:
There have been some slight updates to the Scoring Criteria for Round 3.

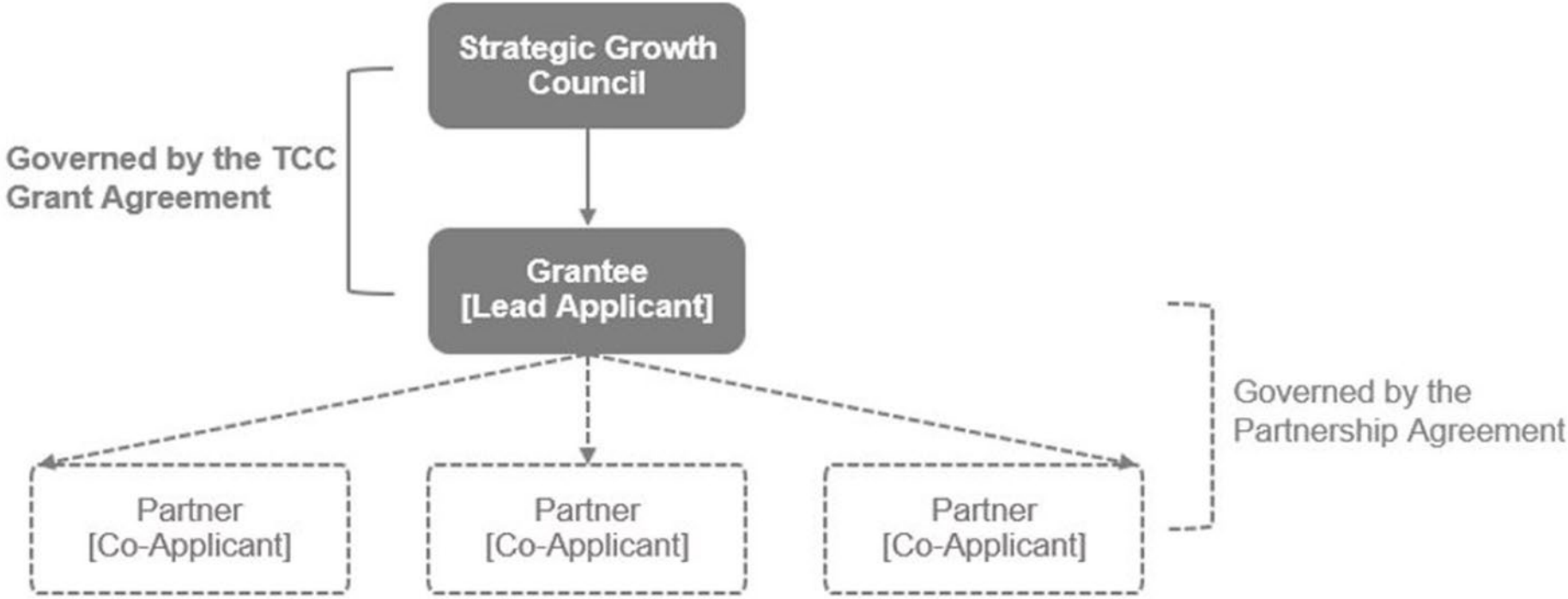


GRANT ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS



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Implementation Grantee and Partner Relationship



Disbursement and Accounting of Funds

- No reimbursement of work completed before grant execution
- Grantee requests reimbursement from SGC on a bi-monthly basis (every 2 months)
- Grantee is responsible for dispersing payment to their Partners
- Last five percent (5%) of each project budget will be retained until all the grant terms have been fulfilled

Eligible Costs

Eligible Cost Type	Percent of Grant Award
Direct Implementation Costs <i>(Defined for each Strategy in Appendix B)</i>	At least 62%
Pre-Development Costs	Up to 5% <i>(10% of an individual Project)</i>
Indirect Costs	Up to 10%
Transformative Elements <i>(Defined in Appendix C)</i>	Up to 18%

Ineligible costs for each Strategy and Transformative Plan are described in Appendices B and C.

Reporting Requirements

Report Type	Frequency
Progress Reports	Bi-monthly & Annual
Budget Reports	Leveraged Funds (Annual & Final) Equipment (Annual & Final) Detailed Work Plans & Budgets (Annual)
Data Collection and Indicator Tracking	Section II.E of Guidelines
Close-Out Reports	Individual Project Completion Overall Project Completion

Sample Grant Agreement

Appendix I:

- Prevailing Wage Requirements
- Ownership
- Publicity Requirements
- Audits and Record Retention
- Performance

Appendix F:

- Post-Award Consultation Process

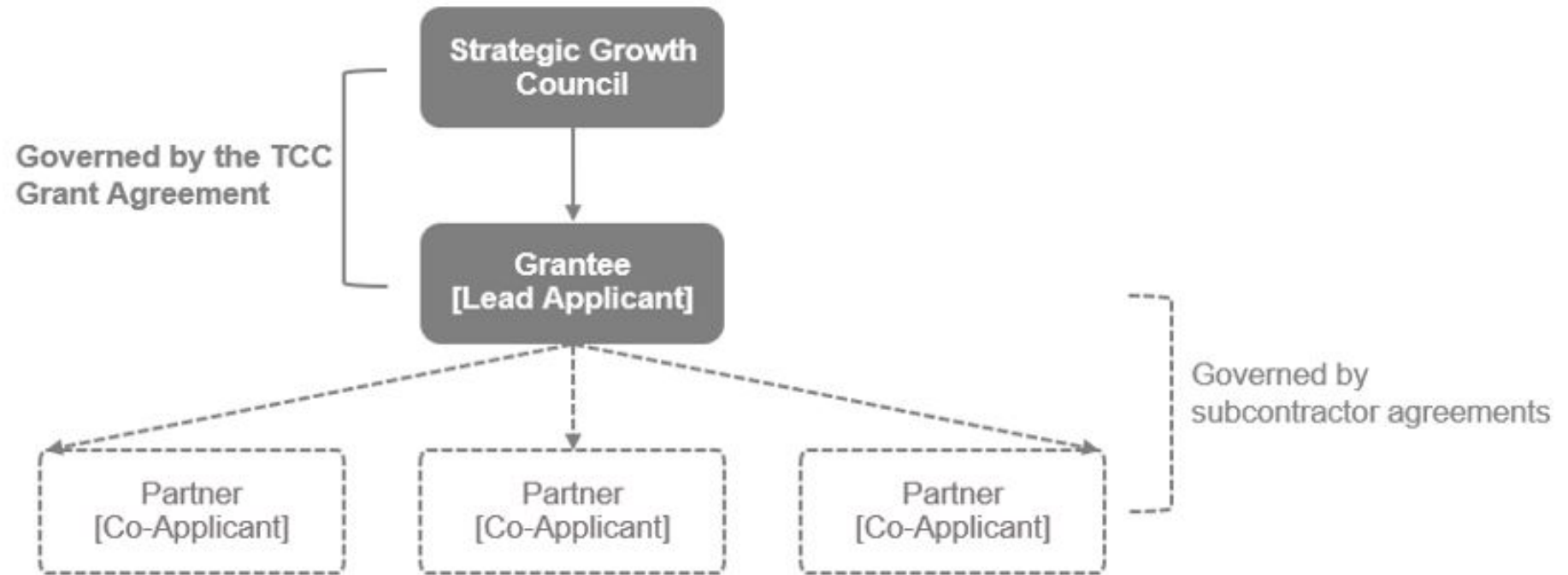


GRANT ADMINISTRATION PLANNING GRANTS



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Planning Grantee and Partner Relationship



Disbursement and Accounting of Funds

- No reimbursement of work completed before grant execution
- Grantee requests reimbursement from SGC on a quarterly basis (every 3 months)
- Grantee is responsible for dispersing payment to their Partners
- Last five percent (5%) of the grant will be retained until all the grant terms have been fulfilled

Planning Grant Reporting Requirements

Report Type	Frequency
Progress Reports	Quarterly & Final
CARB Planning Reporting Template	Final



Eligible & Ineligible Costs

Eligible Costs	
Indirect/Overhead	Up to 10% of awarded funds
Direct Costs	Remaining awarded funds

Ineligible Costs	
Indirect/Overhead	Over 10% of awarded funds
Community Engagement Costs	Childcare Related Costs Food and Refreshments Participant Incentives Meetings not related to TCC

Questions?

Contact: TCCpubliccomments@SGC.CA.GOV



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