

# Climate Resilience Funding for Tribal Communities

Transformative Climate Communities



## WHAT IS TCC?

Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) is a grant program administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). TCC funds transformative, innovative, and flexible projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and air pollution in while achieving achieve major environmental, health, and economic benefits. TCC empowers the communities most impacted by pollution and climate change to choose the strategies and projects best suited to achieve their community vision and enact transformational change

Tribal communities are encouraged to apply and will receive individualized technical assistance.

## TYPES OF GRANTS

TCC funds two types of grants:

### PLANNING GRANT

- » Up to \$300,000 per grant
- » Funds various planning activities to prepare communities for project implementation
- » 2-year grant terms

### IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

- » Up to \$35 million per grant
- » Funds multiple coordinated, community-level infrastructure projects
- » Requires detailed project proposals supported by transformative community-led plans
- » 5-year grant terms

## WHAT PROJECTS CAN TCC FUND?

TCC funds planning activities and infrastructure projects with major environmental, health, and economic benefits. Projects must involve meaningful community engagement during all project phases. Key features of TCC projects include:

- » Tribal Community Vision
- » Integrated Infrastructure
- » Lasting Partnerships
- » Transformative Investment

## EXAMPLES

Project Examples include, but are not limited to:

- » Affordable and sustainable housing developments
- » Tribal weatherization and solar projects
- » Tribal greening projects
- » Water and energy efficiency installations Food waste rescue and prevention
- » Health and wellness
- » Tribal transit stations and facilities
- » Tribal Community microgrids
- » Tribal indoor air filtration
- » Tribal brownfield redevelopment
- » Electric buses, vanpools, car share, and bicycle share programs
- » Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- » Bicycle and pedestrian facilities

## PRE-APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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In preparation for the Round 5 TCC application period in early 2023, Pre-Application Technical Assistance will be made available to support potential applicants through:

- » Workshops
- » Resources & Tools
- » Expert Guidance

To access pre-application technical assistance, please complete this brief [Intake Survey](#).

### TIMELINE

- » **Pre-Application Technical Assistance:** Available now through the release of Round 5 Applications in early 2023.
- » **Round 5 Draft Guidelines:** SGC will release draft Round 5 Guidelines in November 2022 for a 30-day public comment period, accompanied by public workshops.
- » **Round 5 Workshops:** SGC and Technical Assistance providers will host interactive applicant workshops in January 2023.
- » **Application Period in 2023:** SGC will release final Round 5 Guidelines, the Round 5 Notice of Funding Availability, and the Round 5 Application in early 2023.
- » **Technical Assistance:** SGC-funded technical assistance providers will offer individualized support to all Implementation Grant applicants, and to Planning Grant applicants from eligible Tribal, unincorporated, and rural communities beginning in early 2023. For more information on SGC Technical Assistance, go to [sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/resources/technical\\_assistance.html](https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/resources/technical_assistance.html).

## NEXT STEPS

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1. **Complete the Intake Survey** for Pre-Application Technical Assistance
2. **Identify Project Strategies:** Planning activities and infrastructure projects should aim to improve public health, community well-being, and environmental quality.
3. **Think about Partners:** Applicant teams should include at least one public agency and one community-based organization.
4. **Define your Project or Planning Area:** Projects and planning activities should be within, and benefit residents of, a defined geographic area
5. **Reach out to the TA Team** with questions

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS CONTACTS

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## RESOURCES

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If you are interested in applying, you can find TCC Program Information, Program Guidelines, Current Application Materials, TCC Grant Awards, TCC Project Maps, and Technical Assistance on the SGC TCC website at [sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/resources/](https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/resources/).