

Attachment A: Projects Recommended for Regional Climate Collaboratives Round 1 Funding

Award Recommendation 1: Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,750,000.00

Region: Los Angeles County

Managing Stakeholder: Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Co-Applicants:

- SELA Collaborative
- Tree People
- GRID Alternatives
- Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office

The Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative (GCRCC) will strengthen and formalize existing relationships among partners who, collectively, will leverage individual skills, knowledge, practices, and networks to ensure a community-driven response to climate change. The proposed communities of focus include historically underserved and under-resourced communities in Southeast Los Angeles, including: the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, South Gate and Vernon, and two unincorporated Los Angeles County communities, Florence/Firestone and Walnut Park. Most past attempts at investments or plans-of-action have occurred without adequately engaging community members in shaping the health and well-being of their own neighborhoods. The GCRCC Action Plan development process plans to change that by following the SELA Collaborative's model for deep and thoughtful community engagement. This process uplifts community voices while simultaneously educating community about issues being addressed, promoting informed and civically engaged members. The GCRCC is confident that this proven process will result in a Plan that residents consider to be equitable, facilitates Cities in creating their own aligned Climate Action Plans, results in increased capacity of all stakeholders to increase funding flowing into the communities of focus, and positions the GCRCC as a trusted entity, carrying its work well into the future.

The GCRCC brings together five community partners that have enjoyed trusting, working relationships for over five years and have worked on multiple joint projects designed to help increase the health, wealth, and sustainability of individuals, families, and neighborhoods in the communities of focus. The GCRCC will use the SELA Collaborative's successful 4-stage model for engaging community in planning: (1) data collection, research, analysis and establishment of baselines for the given topic; (2) community engagement designed to inform the community about the topic, identify and understand community concerns, and gain community input on crafting assessments and recommendations; (3) development of publicly available reports and plans; and (4) establishment of up to two Advisory Boards consisting of community members and experts in a given field related to the project. The GCRCC will also create a clean energy workforce development program to develop skills to secure living wage jobs by identifying potential partners at community colleges and trade schools in the region, trainee recruitment plan in

collaboration with Hub Cities (SELA Collaborative member organization), and a holistic workforce development program drawing upon new and existing regional community resources.

Overall, the GCRCC proposal represents a thoughtful and cohesive vision for the communities of focus, rooted in historic work they've done with community engagement and outreach. The proposal is complimented by the applicant and co-applicants' strong relationships and years of collaborative work together.

[Award Recommendation 2: Siskiyou Climate Collaborative Program](#)

Award Amount: \$1,500,000.00

Region: North State (Siskiyou County)

Managing Stakeholder: Siskiyou Economic Development Council

Co-Applicants:

- Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District
- UC Cooperative Extension, Siskiyou
- Siskiyou County SMART Workforce Center
- Nathan Johnston (Facilitator)
- Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance

The Siskiyou Climate Collaborative Program (SCCP) is focused on safeguarding natural and working landscapes, the center of community and economic life in Siskiyou County. Through development of the Climate Resiliency Plan, SCCP seeks to strengthen the region's ability to recover from and adapt to increased wildfires. The SCCP describes a phased approach to this work over the grant term. In year one, the Collaborative will focus on community outreach engagement. This engagement will lead to the development of a Climate Resiliency Plan in year two. In the third and final year of the grant term, SCCP will finalize the Climate Resiliency Plan and launch a technical assistance network to support with implementation of the plan, including pursuing additional funding for local climate projects. In addition to the countywide Climate Resiliency Plan, the SCCP will support the development of community-specific plans for many of the Communities of Focus, which include towns of Dorris, Dunsmuir, Etna, Fort Jones, Montague, Mount Shasta, Tulelake, Weed, and Yreka, and tribal lands for the Karuk and the Quartz Valley Tribes. The SCCP will also develop anti-displacement and workforce development strategies throughout the grant term.

As a backbone organization in Siskiyou County, the SCED will facilitate the Collaborative's efforts. SORA will leverage its position as the outdoor recreation hub of Siskiyou County to support community engagement and assist with developing and accessing funding for climate projects that help maintain the region's outdoor tourism sector. The UC Agriculture & Natural Resources Cooperative will continue supporting Siskiyou land managers adapt to climate change through drought mitigation and regenerative agriculture practices, sharing climate-smart agriculture research and resources. The Siskiyou SMART Business Center will help the Collaborative identify priorities for employee fire displacement, workforce housing and job training. Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District will help the Collaborative explore fuels management and watershed recharge strategies. Nathan Johnston is a non-profit and business consultant, with a history of working with project stakeholders and

philanthropies to improve Siskiyou's communities. The Karuk Tribe played an active role in developing the SCCP proposal and intends to join as a formal partner in the Collaborative early in the grant term and will serve a leading role in creating the Climate Resiliency Plan and Technical Assistance Network.

Overall, the SCCP proposal represents a thoughtful plan for building a cross-sectoral collaborative network, conducting inclusive community engagement, and launching climate resiliency initiatives. The SCCP is grounded in their connection and reliance on their natural resources and each other.

[Award Recommendation 3: San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative](#)

Award Amount: \$1,750,000.00

Region: San Joaquin Valley (San Joaquin County)

Managing Stakeholder: San Joaquin Council of Governments

Co-Applicants:

- Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton
- GRID Alternatives North Valley
- Public Health Advocates
- Stockton Service Corps
- University of the Pacific Center for Business and Policy Research

Building upon existing climate resiliency work, the San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative seeks to expand and replicate successes in three Communities of Focus: Lodi, Stockton, and Tracy. To scale impact, the Collaborative developed a three-phased approach to engaging and building capacity at multiple scales, involving residents, community stakeholders, researchers, and local government. The first phase focuses on alignment by reviewing existing plans and projects, establishing a Community Advisory Board, and identifying priorities across Communities of Focus. This phase proposes to develop a clearinghouse of the region's research, plans, programs, and collaborators, a three-year action plan for the collaborative, as well as individual sustainable neighborhood plans for each Community of Focus. The second phase focuses on deep-diving capacity building, which of the project will include a series of community workshops and activities to increase knowledge and awareness about both climate risks and climate resilient strategies as well as a training series focused on providing information about state and federal grant programs available to communities seeking funding for their plans and projects. The third phase will entail more hands-on work with Communities of Focus to prepare for implementation of projects or plans prioritized in the community's respective sustainable neighborhood plan.

SJCOG will serve as the managing stakeholder by taking on grant administration responsibilities and play a key role in providing technical assistance across the region. Catholic Charities will be a leading partner for community engagement activities. GRID Alternatives North Valley will support the development of key deliverables in the work plan including plan development, educational workshops, and technical assistance. Stockton Service Corps will be the lead partner for building cross-sector partnership. Public Health Advocates will be the lead partner for supporting equitable planning, programming and policy development. UOP CBPR will be the lead partner on developing and implementing evaluation plans and data collection. All partners will collaborate on development of grant deliverables and resources produced throughout the grant term. Additional partnerships and relationships will be pursued during

the grant term to expand representation and impact specifically in the Communities of Focus. Local stakeholders from each Community of Focus will be invited to join the Community Advisory Board.

Overall, this proposal demonstrates a thoughtful approach to using existing momentum to catalyze ongoing capacity building and access greater investment. The San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative will take lessons learned and successes from prior efforts, such as the Transformative Climate Communities program, to scale impact in other under-invested communities with high climate burdens.

Award Recommendation 4: Southern California Tribal Regional Climate Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,749,910.87

Region: Coastal SoCal & Inland SoCal (San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino Counties)

Managing Stakeholder: Pala Band of Mission Indians

Co-Applicants:

- Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
- Prosper Sustainably, LLC
- Barona Band of Mission Indians
- Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians
- Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
- Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
- Inaja-Cosmit Band of Indians
- Jamul Indian Village
- La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- La Posta Band of Mission Indians
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians
- Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
- San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
- Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
- Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

The Southern California Tribal Regional Climate Collaborative (SCT RCC) will systematically advance the climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience goals of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Member Tribes, individually and collectively. The SCT RCC will identify the climate related needs and priorities of each Tribe, match their needs to available funding, and provide technical assistance to secure funding, resulting in a continuous stream of successfully completed tribal climate change plans and projects. The SCT RCC will be a magnet for funding, partnerships, and resources; a hub to centralize and share all available resources; a forum to exchange ideas, lessons learned, and expertise among partners; and a powerful training and capacity building engine for Tribes to increase their internal climate-related capabilities. The SCT RCC will advance tribal climate change priorities in ways that address all other important community needs, including each Tribe's sovereignty, culture, health, and economy. Climate change-related economic development and workforce development will be emphasized areas that create greater community resilience through a growing Native American climate change workforce and increased climate-related businesses and revenue streams. The SCT RCC will

generate substantial benefits beyond the communities and lands of SCTCA Tribes through collaborative initiatives with regional, state, federal, and out-of-state partners, which will include making training, tools, and capacity building opportunities available to all California Tribes.

The SCT RCC will leverage the long-standing and trusting relationships that SCTCA Tribes already have between Tribes, within each Tribe's community, and with other stakeholders, including neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, CBOs, and more. The SCT RCC will also leverage SCTCA's existing infrastructure and governance while continuously evaluating its governance and decision-making processes, making adjustments as needed. The SCT RCC will only conduct community engagement within individual tribal communities with the authorization of and in partnership with each Tribe, and primarily seek to support leaders and designated representatives of Tribes in conducting outreach and engagement within their respective communities. The project will seek to advance climate change projects and plans for all California Tribes and communities through a website—developed and managed by SCT RCC—that includes: a Capacity Building Toolbox (trainings, templates, tools, datasets, resources, meetings); grant writing, outreach, and climate project planning guides and toolkits; a database of climate funding assistance opportunities; a climate services provider directory; and a Community Climate Solutions Inventory. The SCT RCC will also develop and conduct three 12–16-week grant writing training/ technical assistance programs with weekly modules, assignments, and group Q&A sessions, and convert this into an online, self-paced training program.

Overall, the SCT RCC presents a strong vision for the SCTCA Tribes and all California Tribes, rooted in long-standing relationships among Tribes and historic work completed within the SCTCA. The vision is complimented by the SCT RCC's deep understanding of Tribal engagement and governance structures.

[Award Recommendation 5: 2030 Resilient Networks Collaborative](#)

Award Amount: \$799,993.75

Region: Los Angeles County

Managing Stakeholder: Fernandño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Co-Applicants:

- Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxha Conservancy
- Perez-Pacheco Consulting, Inc.
- Climate Resolve
- Council for Watershed Health
- UCLA Native Nations Law & Policy Center

The 2030 Resilient Networks Collaborative (2030 RNC) is a Tribally-led collaborative that intends to make significant contributions to the understanding of the climate impacts of Native American Tribes, procurement of resources to combat impacts, and capacity building of Tribes and Tribally-led organizations in partnership with environmental experts in the region. By creating a methodology that outlines best practices for developing and conducting projects with Tribes, a result of the grant would include Tribes, organizations, and government agencies operating within Los Angeles County and the State having a greater understanding of how to authentically engage with Tribes, and the proper and sustainable resources and knowledge that Tribes can bring to climate discussions. More importantly,

this project is designed to create knowledge on how Tribes can increase the amount of climate projects of which they are the principal or lead on. The vision of the project is to create a blueprint for Federal and State-recognized Tribes in California to match the capacity of large, corporate organizations with experience in climate-related projects and become primary contenders for future climate-resilience funding.

The proposed communities of focus include disadvantaged communities within the greater Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians' ancestral homeland and tribal territory and traditional Tongva region. The 2030 RNC will conduct research and outreach to Tribes, government entities, and non-governmental organizations in the region of LA County to discover technical assistance services that are being offered to Tribes, existing needs of tribes, and how to reframe services based on the cultural and climatic needs of tribes. From this outreach, the 2030 RNC will develop a Tribal Capacity Building Toolbox that includes: codes of effective communication between Tribal and non-tribal entities; climate-related state and federal grant opportunities; worksheets and best practices for GIS mapping and climate tool application components; climate data to understand key climate risks facing the region; data on community priorities identified for local tribes; and information about community-led processes used to develop climate-related plans and projects. The partners believe this Toolbox will provide a valuable informational resource to Tribal communities throughout the State of California to increase their understanding and capacity. The 2030 RNC will put the Toolbox into practice to procure a County, State or Federal or private climate-resilience infrastructure funded project for the region by the end of the grant term.

Overall, the 2030 RNC presents a strong vision for all Tribes to have the capacity and resources to lead their own climate projects. This vision is complimented by the project's diverse stakeholder structure and their ability to leverage the different strengths of each Tribal and non-tribal partner.

[Award Recommendation 6: Marin Climate Justice Collaborative](#)

Award Amount: \$996,390.00

Region: Bay Area (Marin County)

Managing Stakeholder: Canal Alliance

Co-Applicants:

- Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice
- Multicultural Center of Marin
- Play Marin
- Marin City Community Services District
- San Rafael City School District
- Marin Audubon Society
- Community Action Marin
- Greenbelt Alliance
- Marin County
- City of San Rafael

The Marin Climate Justice Collaborative is an emerging collaborative that builds upon existing social infrastructure and seeks to formalize longstanding partnerships to bolster climate resiliency in the Canal District of San Rafael and unincorporated Marin City. These Communities of Focus share a history of redlining and disinvestment, which has resulted in a disproportionate risk to flooding and sea level rise in the Bay Area. The Marin Climate Justice Collaborative seeks to address this dynamic and protect the Communities of Focus from displacement through this deep investment in capacity building.

The proposal centers leadership development and placemaking. Through establishing a unity of purpose, the Marin Climate Justice Collaborative seeks to strengthen relationships with local government partners, and following an intergenerational approach, seeks to provide new partners that may not have been focused on climate change issues previously opportunities to learn and lead on these efforts, as they intersect with housing, public safety, and education. The partners plan to conduct resident surveys and community trainings on placemaking and environmental justice and convene Community Placemaking Forums to explore and co-create planning visions. Throughout these efforts, the Marin Climate Justice Collaborative will deploy participatory decision-making processes and meaningfully involve youth and students in planning and resilience activities, and offer anti-displacement and workforce training support for low-income renters. The community engagement will result in the development of Healthy Community Plans, Healthy Community Maps, and Green Development Zones for both Communities of Focus. These plans will highlight existing assets and needed infrastructure and investment, including housing, access to parks and facilities, flood prevention infrastructure, and other adaptation projects.

The Marin Climate Justice Collaborative is anchored in the environmental justice principles of fair treatment, meaningful involvement, and self-determination. The approach seeks to build bridges and shift dynamics, enabling the co-creation of new decision-making processes that give Canal District and Marin City residents the ability to meaningfully contribute to local climate resilience projects.