



# California Climate Investments Technical Assistance

Preparing Communities for Success



The California Climate Investments Technical Assistance Program supports communities in applying to the California Climate Investments (CCI) funding programs. Created in 2016, the program aims to level the playing field for applicants that may lack the capacity to successfully access these funds, particularly those in that live in the state's most disadvantaged communities. The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) works alongside a number of State agencies that implement CCI programs to provide application assistance, partnership development and capacity building activities to eligible applicants, enabling them to positively impact their communities.



## PROGRAM GOALS

- » **Direct Assistance** - Increase the number of successful applications from disadvantaged and low-income communities to CCI programs by providing direct assistance in preparing applications and quantifying greenhouse gas reductions.
- » **Capacity Building** - Strengthen the capacity of disadvantaged and low-income communities in identifying potential projects, creating cross-sector partnerships, and finding appropriate CCI programs to meet community needs.
- » **Integrating CCI Programs** - Align technical assistance efforts to facilitate an understanding of the full suite of programs available under the CCI umbrella, and provide the services necessary to create multi-faceted projects that integrate more than one CCI program.

## PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Each California Climate Investments program has its own set of goals and intended outcomes, meaning specific technical expertise is often required. In order to provide assistance that is tailored to each program, the SGC has divided resources amongst many of the agencies whose programs have funding cycles in Fiscal Year 2017-2018. In many cases, technical assistance is provided through a partnership between state agencies and outside organizations with expertise in each program's focus. A description of each of the participating CCI programs is listed below.

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### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

In 2016, the SGC launched a technical assistance pilot for applicants to its Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, providing assistance to 63 eligible applicants. A UC Davis evaluation of the program found that this assistance played "a unique and important role" in applicants' success. The SGC continues to provide direct application assistance to 57 AHSC applicants from low income and disadvantaged communities, in addition to 14 communities that have been selected to receive long-term capacity building. In spite of these successes, technical assistance providers have only been able to accommodate the needs of 60% of communities who applied to receive assistance, demonstrating the deep need for this program.

AGENCY	CCI PROGRAM
CalSTA	<b>Active Transportation Program (ATP)</b> Assists select disadvantaged communities in preparing ATP projects and developing partnerships with local jurisdictions
	<b>Transit &amp; Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)</b> Assists with key transit station access provisions that serve disadvantaged communities
	<b>Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP)</b> Hosts strategic discussion about transportation funding and how to foster community-driven transportation projects
CSD	<b>Community Solar</b> Organizes community engagement sessions focused on partnership development to prepare for future solar projects
CDFA	<b>State Water Efficiency &amp; Enhancement Program (SWEEP)</b> Conducts workshops on SWEEP applications to applicants who may not typically apply.
	<b>Healthy Soils Incentive Program (HSIP)</b> Conducts workshops and provides individualized technical expertise to assist applicants in preparing applications
	<b>Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)</b> Conducts workshops and provides individualized technical expertise to assist in preparing applications
	<b>Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)</b> Works with partners to provide project consultation for applicants to host application assistance workshops
SGC	<b>Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC)</b> Provides direct application assistance and capacity building to help communities prepare competitive applications
	<b>Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)</b> Provides project development and application preparation services to develop concept and full applications, as well as assistance with project implementation
CARB	<b>Low Carbon Transportation Investments (LCTI)</b> Coordinates community engagement and strategic convenings to build the partnerships necessary to build competitive applications