



Regional Climate Collaboratives Program



The Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program is a new capacity building grant program for under-resourced communities in California. Administered by the Strategic Growth Council, RCC enables community-rooted and cross-sectoral partners to deepen their relationships and develop the processes, plans, and projects that will drive and sustain climate action. The goal of the program is to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise with a particular focus on increasing access to funding resources for project planning and implementation within under-resourced communities.

***RCC funds
community-led
capacity building
for sustained
climate action.***

WHAT DOES RCC FUND?

The program funds Collaboratives to conduct place-based capacity building activities, within a three-year grant term, that support under-resourced communities in accessing funding and resources to plan and implement climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency projects. These place-based activities will both align with and inform regional priorities and efforts. RCC does not fund built infrastructure. **Capacity building activities include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- » Conduct outreach and build awareness of competitive grant programs
- » Convene stakeholders to discuss community needs regarding potential climate change mitigation and adaptation projects
- » Develop community and project plans, demonstrating local needs and identifying multiple-benefit projects for implementation
- » Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and potential public and private funding sources
- » Provide policy, program, and technical advice to stakeholders and align multi-benefit projects with potential funding resources
- » Serve as an intermediary between community stakeholders and technical assistance programs within relevant agencies and coordinate scientific and technical support from outside experts
- » Coordinate and implement assistance and training to stakeholders in grant application development, project management, implementation, and monitoring
- » Assist in the development of local job training and anti-displacement programs and policies

WHAT IS THE AWARD AMOUNT?

SGC has \$8.35 million available for awards in Round 1. Because RCC was designed to serve both emerging and established Collaboratives across the state, applicants can tailor their proposals based on their size and context. Applicants have the flexibility to develop their scope of work within the funding range of \$500,000-\$1,750,000.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPY?

A diverse range of stakeholders must form a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure to develop a shared vision for their community. This may include, but is not limited to, the following resources to implement key projects.

- » California Native American Tribes
- » Community-based organizations
- » Foundations
- » Joint powers authorities
- » Local governments
- » Nonprofits
- » Small businesses
- » Other organizations with a history of providing community-based outreach and technical assistance

HOW IS UNDER-RESOURCED DEFINED?

Under-resourced communities are those identified as disadvantaged by the California Environmental Protection Agency, designated as low income per AB 1550, and/or communities with a median household income less than 80% of the statewide average.

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