

# Regional Climate Collaboratives Program: Strategy Guidance

## Round 1 Applicant Resources

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Regional Climate Collaborative (RCC) Program Applicants must develop strategies that are tailored to the needs and opportunities of their selected Region and Communities of Focus while also aligning with RCC Program Objectives. Strategies should reflect and build upon the vision statement and may focus on specific climate issues, such as wildfire or urban heat, or may focus more broadly on climate resilience, partnership development, or raising awareness. Strategies may also vary in scope and scale, with some strategies concentrating on specific areas of focus, while others will apply to multiple Communities of Focus or the entire region. In developing their workplans, Applicants should propose tasks associated with each strategy to provide more detail on how the Collaborative plans to implement their proposed strategies. Single strategies are not required to address all the required activities in the RCC Guidelines at once, but the suite of strategies that a Collaborative proposes to carry out must **collectively** address all the required activities.

Applicants should develop the strategies for their Collaborative according to the priorities of Collaborative Partners and the needs and opportunities that are present in their Region and Communities of Focus. There are just two required strategies that all Applicants must include in their workplans, which are related to evaluation and peer-to-peer learning. These required strategies are listed in the Required Strategies Table below.

The Example Strategies Table provides some examples of strategies and tasks that could fulfill the required and optional activities specified in Section II of the RCC Program Guidelines. This table is NOT intended to be an exhaustive list of potential strategies or tasks for Applicants to choose from, but rather a sampling of ideas to help Applicants understand the breadth of strategies that would be eligible for funding through the RCC Program. Please note that the examples in this table provide less detail about each task and the partners involved than SGC would expect to be included in an Applicant's work plan.

Required Strategies Table

Required Strategy	Required Tasks	RCC Required Activities Addressed
Track progress and evaluate RCC grant outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Collaborative will work with SGC-funded TA providers to create an evaluation plan that is consistent with the statewide evaluation framework but tailored to the specific goals and activities of each Collaborative.</li> <li>The Collaborative will coordinate with SGC-funded TA providers to collect and organize data to track progress and report on grant activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Project Evaluation Plans</li> <li>Conduct data collection, tracking, and reporting associated with grant evaluation</li> </ul>
Engage in SGC-facilitated peer-to-peer learning sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborative Partners will participate in SGC-facilitated peer-to-peer learning across Collaboratives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in peer-to-peer learning</li> </ul>

Example Strategies Table

Example Strategies	Example Tasks	RCC Required & Optional Activities Addressed
Build cross-sector partnerships to coordinate and fund climate-related projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Collaborative will convene the organizations identified in the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure at the beginning of the grant term to develop the Action Plan. As part of this process, Partners will build in time for organizational one-on-ones and a facilitated process to come to consensus on group agreements, values, and communication structures.</li> <li>The Collaborative will hold regular Partner convenings to provide updates on the progress of grant activities and to share learnings and best practices.</li> <li>Tribes and a Tribal-serving nonprofit partner will deliver a training to other Collaborative members, with an emphasis on local and regional governmental partners, on Tribal sovereignty, consultation requirements, and best practices for building sustainable partnerships with Tribes in the region.</li> <li>Members of the Collaborative will connect partners within the region with colleagues engaged in similar work outside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate members of Collaboratives to build relationships across organizations and define shared values, vision, and principles of how to work together (required)</li> <li>Trainings and peer-to-peer learning sessions across members of the Collaborative (optional)</li> <li>Peer-to-peer learning and trainings between Collaboratives and other related regional collaboration efforts (optional)</li> </ul>

	<p>of the regional boundaries to encourage knowledge sharing and collaboration.</p>	
<p>Support equitable planning and policy development across Communities of Focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Collaborative will work alongside city planning departments and community partners to support the development of plans for each Community of Focus within the region, identifying specific projects to be prioritized for funding and implementation. As a part of this task, Collaborative members will organize a robust community engagement process, review available data on projected climate impacts, and review the State’s climate policy priorities to support the development of these specific plans.</li> <li>• Community-based organizations within the Collaborative will work with the local government in a Community of Focus to co-organize and conduct outreach for workshops to inform the development of the Environmental Justice element of the General Plan, compensating residents for their time and contributions to the planning process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct community engagement within under-resourced communities (required)</li> <li>• Develop and align community and project plans that benefit under-resourced communities, including climate action plans, that demonstrate local needs and identify multiple-benefit projects for implementation (required)</li> <li>• Convene stakeholders to discuss community needs regarding potential climate change mitigation and adaptation projects eligible for statewide or other grant programs with specific allocations for under-resourced communities (required)</li> </ul>
<p>Develop and implement anti-displacement strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the Collaborative, including the City planning department, the local university, and a community-based organization, will collect data on displacement patterns and carry out a community engagement process to inform appropriate anti-displacement measures for the region.</li> <li>• A Community Development Corporation within the Collaborative will support the development of tenant legal counseling clinics in each Community of Focus</li> <li>• A non-profit within the Collaborative will work with a community college and the local workforce development board to develop a solar installation training program that provides a career pathway for residents in the region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in the development of local job training and anti-displacement policies and programs (required)</li> <li>• Conduct data collection and analysis that helps identify existing conditions, identify community priorities, and identify impact of possible projects (optional)</li> <li>• Conduct community engagement within under-resourced communities (required)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Collaborative will participate in a training from the regional Community Economic Resilience Fund table in their region on how to strengthen or expand their workforce development initiatives.</li> </ul>	
Build capacity and identify resources to improve active transportation infrastructure within one Community of Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnering with the City through an active transportation planning process, the Collaborative will organize a series of community walk audits, charettes, and pop-ups to identify needs and opportunities to improve the built environment, such as a need for sidewalks, shade trees, bike lanes, etc.</li> <li>Organizations within the Collaborative will carry out a community engagement and data collection process to identify key intersections with a high rate of pedestrian accidents.</li> <li>The Collaborative will identify State and Federal funding sources that would improve pedestrian safety and meet other community needs.</li> <li>The Collaborative will convene residents and stakeholders to discuss project options that would both address the identified needs and lead to a competitive application.</li> <li>The Collaborative will serve as a convener to support the development of a Sustainable Transportation Equity Project grant application, helping to explain community context and needs to the TA providers, and ensure applicants understand opportunities to maximize GHG reductions, in order to develop a competitive proposal that meets community needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and align community and project plans that benefit under-resourced communities, including climate action plans, that demonstrate local needs and identify multiple-benefit projects for implementation (required)</li> <li>Conduct community engagement within under-resourced communities (required)</li> <li>Convene stakeholders to discuss community needs regarding potential climate change mitigation and adaptation projects eligible for statewide or other grant programs with specific allocations for under-resourced communities (required)</li> <li>Serve as an intermediary between stakeholders and technical expertise from agencies/outside experts (required)</li> </ul>
Support the development of grant applications to implement community priorities across Communities of Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responding to community concern about a series of recent heat waves and poor air quality caused by wildfire smoke in preceding years, the Collaborative will convene residents and stakeholders to begin the project development process for a Community Resilience Center, with the goal of applying for a planning grant through SGC's Community Resilience Center program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct outreach and build awareness of competitive grant programs (required)</li> <li>Conduct data collection and analysis that helps identify existing conditions, identify community</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Resource Conservation District and Fire Safe Council that are members of the Collaborative will work with the County to support development of a forest health grant from the State.</li> <li>• A local university will partner with a Tribe to develop a crowd-sourced data tool for people to submit information on traffic accidents that occur on the Tribe’s lands, allowing them to capture accident data that is required to qualify for a Federal transportation grant.</li> </ul>	<p>priorities, and identify impact of possible projects (optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide policy, program, and technical assistance advice to develop and align multi-benefit projects with potential funding supports (required)</li> <li>• Serve as an intermediary between stakeholders and technical expertise from agencies/outside experts (required)</li> </ul>
<p>Build awareness of funding opportunities and resources to support a variety of climate priorities within the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative members will coordinate a funding fair that provides a forum for state government and other funders to share information on relevant funding programs with stakeholders within the region.</li> <li>• An urban greening nonprofit within the Collaborative will meet with the public works departments from the County and multiple cities within the region to let them know about State and Federal funding opportunities for which they are eligible</li> <li>• A resource conservation district within the Collaborative will develop an outreach campaign to spread information to farmers and ranchers within the region about Climate Smart Agriculture programs they can apply to that will help them reduce their costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct outreach and build awareness of competitive grant programs (required)</li> <li>• Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and public, private, and philanthropic funding sources (required)</li> </ul>
<p>Increase youth engagement and involvement in local and regional climate action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Collaborative regularly convenes a youth-led steering committee that is part of the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure and participates in discussions on community priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct community engagement within under-resourced communities (required)</li> <li>• Convene stakeholders to discuss community needs regarding potential climate change mitigation and</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners within the Collaborative develop a paid summer internship program for high school students to get hands-on experience on climate-related projects.</li><li>• The Collaborative organizes a series of service-learning events in partnership with local elementary schools to introduce the importance of community involvement and environmental stewardship.</li></ul>	<p>adaptation projects eligible for statewide or other grant programs with specific allocations for under-resourced communities (required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assist in the development of local job training and anti-displacement policies and programs (required)</li><li>• Peer-to-peer learning and trainings between Collaboratives and other related regional collaboration efforts (optional)</li></ul>
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