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Ontario Together

Transformative Climate Communities

ONTARIO TODAY

Downtown Ontario is a predominately Latino community that sits at the intersection a busy transportation corridor, an underutilized retail and commercial area, and several residential neighborhoods. The community currently faces many economic and health challenges, including high rates of poverty and housing insecurity as well as health concerns such as asthma and obesity. In spite of local collaboration to address these challenges through efforts such as the Healthy Ontario Initiative, the community continues to need more affordable housing and transit access, training and job opportunities, and safe spaces to walk, bike and play. These local needs, along with a strong history of community leadership, provide a prime opportunity for TCC investments to have a meaningful and long-lasting impact on the lives of local residents.

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program funds community-led development and infrastructure projects that achieve major environmental, health and economic benefits in California's most disadvantaged communities. Funded by California's Cap-and-Trade Program, TCC empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies and projects to enact transformational change – all with data-driven milestones and measurable outcomes. In its first year, and through a competitive process, the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) awarded grants to the City of Fresno, the Watts Neighborhood of Los Angeles and the City of Ontario. \$33 million was awarded for community-led transformation of Ontario.



ONTARIO TOGETHER

Ontario's TCC partners reflect a diverse representation of community members and organizations from variety of sectors including housing, environmental justice, public health, public transit, economic development, education, and small businesses. In 2007, a coalition of community residents, partners and the City of Ontario came together to improve the quality of life in their city by creating the Healthy Ontario Initiative. The strong relationships that the City of Ontario made with local stakeholders through this initiative laid the groundwork for the city's TCC proposal. A visioning process that had been carried out in 2012 – long before the inception of TCC – was the first step in developing the city's TCC plan.

In early 2017, the city analyzed data from this process to develop priorities and goals for TCC funding. To ensure that the city's Transformative Plan reflected the true priorities of the community, public workshops and meetings were held to select projects that would address health and economic disparities, food security, housing and transit, active transportation and other key issues.

“Having a range of projects designed to improve the quality of life for our residents is the kind of comprehensive approach we need to take to maximize our chances for success.”

—MAYOR PRO TEM ALAN D. WAPNER

101 AFFORDABLE NEW HOMES



OVER 
5 MILES 
OF BIKE LANES
AND
3 MILES OF SIDEWALK
CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENTS

TCC ONTARIO COMPONENT

- » 101 new affordable housing units
- » Increased frequency in bus service
- » Transit passes for local residents
- » Planting of 365 new trees
- » Installation of solar panels on affordable multi-family developments and single family homes
- » Over 5 miles of bike lanes and 3 miles of sidewalk construction and improvements
- » New small business incubator space
- » Creation of Ontario Carbon Farm, which will compost green waste from local restaurants and provide job training and fresh produce opportunities for the community

BY THE NUMBERS

- » Project area: 4.86 square miles
- » Partners engaged: 15
- » Emissions reductions: 19,700 tonnes of CO₂e
- » TCC grant: \$33 million
- » Leveraged funds: \$16.6 million