



# Transformative Climate Communities

Community-led transformation for a sustainable California



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. TCC empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose the strategies and projects best suited to achieve their community vision and enact transformational change – all with data-driven milestones and measurable outcomes.

Since 2018, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has awarded over \$230 million in TCC implementation and planning grants to 26 communities in California through a competitive process. SGC has awarded TCC implementation grants between \$9 and \$66.5 million to the neighborhoods of South Stockton, East Oakland, Eastside Riverside, Sacramento's River District, Northeast San Fernando Valley (Los Angeles), Watts (Los Angeles),

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Downtown Ontario, and Fresno's Southwest, Downtown, and Chinatown neighborhoods. TCC also funds planning grants to help communities prepare for implementation.

SGC awards TCC grants and partners with the California Department of Conservation (DOC) to implement them. TCC is part of California Climate Investments – cap-and-trade dollars at work.

## WHAT DOES TCC FUND?

TCC's unique, place-based strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions is designed to catalyze collective impact through a combination of community-driven climate projects in a single neighborhood. Projects must reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly over time, leverage additional funding sources, and provide health, environmental and economic benefits to the community.

### **Project examples include, but are not limited to:**

- » Affordable and sustainable housing developments
- » Transit stations and facilities
- » Electric bicycle and car share programs
- » Solar installation and energy efficiency
- » Water-energy efficiency installations
- » Urban greening and green infrastructure
- » Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- » Recycling and waste management
- » Health and well-being projects

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

A diverse range of community, business and local government stakeholders must form a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure to develop a shared vision of transformation for their community. This may include:

- » Community-based organizations
- » Local governments
- » Nonprofit organizations
- » Philanthropic organizations and foundations
- » Faith-based organizations
- » Coalitions or associations of nonprofits
- » Community development finance institutions
- » Community development corporations
- » Joint powers authorities
- » California Native American Tribes

## HOW ARE OUTCOMES TRACKED AND MONITORED?

An evaluation team will monitor and report project greenhouse gas emissions reductions for awarded applicants using a quantification methodology certified by the California Air Resources Board. The evaluation team also will work with grantees to track co-benefit indicators based on the program's health, environmental, and economic goals.

## WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

The collaborative nature of the TCC process has already empowered community members to lead meaningful change in their own neighborhoods. Through their vision, the TCC program creates healthier and more sustainable California communities where residents have access to economic opportunity, healthy lives, and green spaces to thrive. SGC and DOC staff will continue to provide assistance every step of the way, ensuring that the impacts of TCC investments persist in these communities for generations to come.

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