



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

To: California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Members
From: Erin Curtis, SGC Executive Director
Re: **Executive Director Report to the Council – April 29, 2026**

Staffing Updates

- No new staffing updates.

Tribal-Specific Initiatives

Tribal Housing Capacity Building Initiative

Staff: Amar Cid, Hoi-Fei Mok, Ena Lupine, Nancy Cheng, Marc Caswell, and Sareena Rai

- Staff released draft Program Guidelines for the Tribal Capacity Building Program and the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Program on Jan. 5, 2026, launching a Tribal consultation and public comment process. These guidelines incorporate feedback gathered through the 10 Key Informant Interviews which staff held in summer 2025. Staff organized nine in-person and virtual workshops in February and March and held nine tribal consultations with Tribal leadership to gather feedback on the draft guidelines in advance of the end of the Tribal consultation and public comment period on April 6, 2026. Staff plan to bring final guidelines for both programs to the April SGC Meeting for approval and subsequently launch the application process.

Tribal Capacity Building Program (Round 2)

Staff: Hoi-Fei Mok, Ena Lupine, and Nancy Cheng

- Staff received 11 submissions to its Request for Information (RFI) for the Tribal Capacity Building Program and is currently reviewing the proposals. The RFI was seeking responses from potential partners, including technical assistance (TA) providers and Tribal serving organizations, regarding TA for the Tribal Capacity Building Program's upcoming Round 2 and broad Tribal engagement across SGC programs.
- Staff continue to work closely with program technical assistance providers to support grantees' implementation of the first round of the Tribal Capacity Building Program and anticipate holding the next peer learning session on May 14, 2026. Staff anticipate spotlighting grantees in spring 2026 by releasing a blog post, grantee profiles, and regular grantee highlights on social media. Staff plan to complete the final grantee site visit on July 23, 2026, in Trinidad, CA.

Tribal Gap Analysis

Staff: Hoi-Fei Mok and Ena Lupine

- In partnership with the California Energy Commission, staff released the California Tribal Gap Analysis report on Feb. 13, 2026, which was prepared by a research team led by Prosper Sustainably LLC. The report offers extensive recommendations to strengthen

the state's relationships with Tribes and enhance Tribes' preparedness to achieve climate goals. The report recommendations are based on extensive Tribal outreach and research from July 2020 to April 2022 to help the State of California identify Tribal priorities, needs, and barriers in the areas of clean energy and climate change adaptation and resilience. The project team lead, Josh Simmons, of Prosper Sustainably, LLC presented the report findings and recommendations to the SGC Council on Feb. 25 and held a public webinar on March 26 to provide an in-depth overview of the report.

Investment Program Updates

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Marc Caswell, Lisette Anzoategui, Shep Wilbun, Justin DeWaele, Brianne Logasa, Ella Manashil, Mario Valadez, California Air Resources Board (CARB), and California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Staff

- The AHSC Program released its 2026 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on March 4, 2026, with approximately \$750 million available. Applications are due May 4, 2026 at 4 p.m., followed by the review period from May through November 2026. As part of the rollout, the AHSC team hosted Round 10 NOFA workshops in Sacramento (March 23, with a virtual option) and Altadena (March 25) to cover application requirements, scoring, and feasibility, and to connect with applicants.
- The AHSC Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Program provides zero cost, tailored support to potential applicants, especially those in disadvantaged, low income, and Tribal communities, helping them build capacity, navigate the robust application, and implement sustainable housing and transportation projects. Administered by the SGC, the program is currently supporting 27 projects through technical assistance in AHSC Round 10. At least eight of the projects are located in Disadvantaged Communities, and 24 of the 27 are led by mission-driven sponsors—nonprofit developers, local governments, and housing authorities—demonstrating that this assistance is overwhelmingly directed toward community-based organizations rather than market-rate developers. This round also includes one Tribal project and one homeownership project receiving technical assistance, further broadening the reach to underserved communities and pathways to ownership. The AHSC Technical Assistance team held three regional AHSC workshops to provide expert guidance, tools, and capacity-building resources to help applicants create competitive, high-quality project AHSC applications. The workshops were held in Marin on Jan. 14, Sacramento on Feb. 10, and Santa Ana on Feb. 18. The workshops drew in over 95 attendees combined.
- On March 25, SGC Executive Director Erin Curtis participated in a Grand Opening Ceremony for Nellie Hannon Gateway, a Round 6 AHSC project located in Emeryville which received a \$20 million award. Nellie Hannon is a 90-unit, mixed-use 100 percent affordable housing development. The seven-story project includes one story of commercial and community space, 45 permanent supportive units for formerly unhoused individuals, and free transit passes for residents for three years. A nonprofit that provides free meal and referral services to community members is located on the



ground level. Transportation components of the project include bike and automobile parking, two new rail cars for BART, bikeways, a pedestrian path, urban greening, and transit stop canopies. The AHSC team also participated in a Grand Opening Ceremony for the Vista Terrace AHSC project in Los Angeles on April 9. This Round 6 project was awarded \$22 million. The project is a 102-unit affordable housing project located in Panorama City in the San Fernando Valley. The project included the purchase of new electric commuter busses for the area, sidewalk, crosswalk and curb repairs and extensions, a protected bike path and new streetlights. The AHSC award included discounted transit passes for each resident for three years.

Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Nicole Cartwright, Sarah Newsham, Jess Ison, Chynell Freeman, Noni Ifyefobi, Joyce Tse, Kiran Rao, Nathan Lee, and Department of Conservation (DOC) Staff

- The team worked on reviewing all the public comments and incorporating feedback for final guidelines. Final TCC Round 6 Guidelines are included in the Consent agenda items for today's meeting.
- Staff have attended several site visits and community events including:
 - TCC staff attended a community meeting held by the Karuk Tribe in Orleans, CA. The Karuk Tribe is a TCC Round 4 Planning grantee. This was their final community meeting as a part of their project *Panámnik, sákriiv nukyâavish! (Orleans, we are making it strong!)*. Staff also had the opportunity to meet with Karuk Tribe staff and partners for a site tour of current and future investments related to affordable housing, food security, resilient clean energy systems, indoor air quality, greening public spaces and creating community resilience through connection. Additionally, staff visited a traditional house that was recently constructed by Karuk Tribe and local middle school students.
 - TCC staff attended the grant completion celebration hosted by the City of Riverside for its Round 3 Implementation Grant. All their Partners attended to present on their outcomes. Many community members including Councilmember Clarissa Cervantes and youth leaders were in attendance. They shared how transformative the grant initiatives have been and how they look forward to sustaining the work.
 - TCC staff attended a farm tour hosted by Coalinga College Farm of the Future, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR), and Carbon Cycle Institute, partners of Tranquillity Resource Conservation District a TCC Round 5 Planning Grant. The farm tour took partners, TCC staff and community members to view the UCANR's Westside Research Extension Center and the Farm of the Future. The tour focused on innovation in agriculture technology, training opportunities, alternative agriculture career paths for local community members.
 - TCC staff attended the grand opening of Richmond Rising's 'The Hub.' TCC Round 4 Implementation Grant opened an office for TCC partners and community to convene and conduct TCC-related business. The new office is right outside of the



- Richmond BART and Amtrak station making it a highly visible space for residents to learn more about upcoming projects and opportunities.
- Leadership and TCC staff visited Pacoima City Hall in a follow up visit to address the Altadena fires of the year prior. Community Partners TCC Round 2 Implementation Grant (Pacoima) and TCC Round 5 Implementation Grant (South LA) convened with partners, TCC staff and Leadership to discuss recovery progress and community resilience.
 - TCC Staff attended a biochar kiln demonstration and installation workshop, hosted by Round 5 Project Development Grant recipients, the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District. Dr. Ken Carloni showcased his Carloni kilns as a method of converting excess biomass into biochar, which is used to fortify and improve the nutritional content of soil. Additionally, communities in the Russian River Valley are in a wildfire danger zone; the biochar kiln helps reduce the amount of flammable biomass on their land. The grantees held a series of workshops specifically for the tribal communities of Mendocino County and also held a final public-facing workshop.
 - TCC staff attended Round 5 Planning Grant Urban Collaborative Project 5th Annual Transportation Justice Expo an opportunity to learn about transportation justice and clean mobility, connect with community organizations who are shaping climate action and mobility in the San Diego region.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Karin Roux DOC, and DOC Staff

- SALC Round 11 opened Oct. 15, 2025, accepting funding requests for Conservation Acquisition and Land Use Planning grants. 27 acquisition applications were submitted by the Jan. 15, 2026, deadline for consideration in Round 11, Cycle A acquisition grants. SALC staff will present the Round 11A Acquisition recommendations today, at the April 2026 Council meeting. Nine planning pre-proposals were also submitted by the Jan. 15, 2026, deadline. Among the applicants were four California Native American Tribes, two nonprofit organizations, and three government agencies, whose proposed work collectively cover 12 different counties. Planning applications and Acquisition Round 11B applications are both due June 17, 2026. Recommendations for Round 11, Cycle B Conservation Acquisitions, and Land Use Planning grants, will be provided at the October 2026 Council meeting. Capacity and Project Development grants are not available in Round 11.
- Staff reported four conservation easements and one fee title acquisition closing between Feb. 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026. Together, these projects conserved 5,101 acres, including: three grazing operations more than 4,649 acres in the Sierra foothills; a veteran-owned and operated 255-acre almond and walnut orchard on the edges of the City of Chico; and a 191-acre farm located southeast of Sacramento on which teff and triticale are grown on a portion for hay and seed, and the remaining acreage provides

secure land tenure for farmers who are residents of a Priority Population and grow culturally important vegetables for the Hmong community.

- Between Feb. 1 and March 31, 2026, SALC staff submitted 32 invoices totaling \$3,898,904 to DOC Accounting for payment. This includes two acquisition invoices totaling \$3,365,000, with the remaining \$533,904 being payments for associated costs related to acquisition transactions, payments for capacity and project work, and payments for planning work.

Community Resilience Centers (CRC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Anna Jane Jones, Dora Monterroza, Jessica Cervantes, Tiffany Rivera, Samantha Stewart, and Natalie McDonald

- The team worked on reviewing all the public comments and incorporating feedback for final guidelines. Final CRC Round 2 Guidelines are included in the Consent agenda items for today's meeting.
- CRC staff presented at the California Extreme Heat & Community Resilience Regional Workshop hosted by University of California, San Francisco on March 19. The regional workshop is focused on advancing solutions to extreme heat and strengthening community resilience. The convening offered an opportunity to connect, share insights, and collaborate with partners across the region working to address California's heat challenges. The first half of the workshop featured local leaders and organizations sharing the impactful work already underway in communities across the region. The second half highlighted the State of California's commitment to this work, including remarks on future priorities and upcoming funding opportunities to support extreme heat and community resilience initiatives.
- CRC staff, along with TCC, presented to the California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) Community Energy Working Group on April 2. CEJA focuses on three main issue areas: climate justice, energy justice and equitable land use. Staff shared an overview of the of the CRC Program's core components and key dates for the upcoming application period. The working group was very interested in reading the Final CRC Round 2 Guidelines once they are officially released to learn more about the specific requirements.

Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)

Staff: Hoi-Fei Mok, Ena Lupine, Blanca Escobedo, Markie Price, and Nancy Cheng

- **Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program:** Staff continues to support RCC grantees through the implementation of their third year of the grant and intend to organize a breakfast networking event at the California Climate Energy Collaborative (CCEC) Forum to highlight the outcomes of their work during the 3-year grant, highlight their plans to continue the work moving forward, and reflect on the best practices and lessons learned they are taking away from the experience. Staff released the second RCC Annual Report in January 2026, highlighting the accomplishments of RCC grantees during the grant term. For example, the six grantees in RCC Round 1 have applied for an

additional \$170 million in funding to support local resiliency, receiving \$64 million in grant funding to effectively implement projects. They also held 250 community meetings and engaged 6,300 community members. Staff also began hosting SGC-led peer learning sessions in January, which will continue monthly until the end of the grant term. The topics of these peer learning sessions include sharing of successes and lessons learned, presentations about state climate tools and resources, and work sessions on grant deliverables. Staff will be hosting a networking breakfast for RCC grantees at the California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC) Forum on June 25, 2026. At the breakfast 1 – 2 representatives from each collaborative will have the opportunity to engage with other SGC grantees and CCEC Forum attendees about their work.

- **BOOST:** Following the Imperial Valley Civic Ecosystem Initiative (IVCEI) funder call that SGC and Freedman Consulting LLC hosted on Feb. 24, staff have been following up with funders to provide one-on-one briefings on the program and to allow funders more opportunities to engage in dialogue with our implementation partner, the Institute for Local Government on the day-to-day operations and impact of the BOOST Imperial Valley initiative. SGC released its third quarterly newsletter “Imperial Impact: Interagency & Partnership Highlights” in April, which provides updates on state initiatives and their impact on the Imperial Valley and the broader Salton Sea region.
- **Interagency Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Work Group:** The CACE team facilitates a regular interagency work group to share best practices across agencies related to offering technical assistance and capacity building support to California communities. The most recent bimonthly work group meeting was on April 16, 2026, and featured a presentation from Josh Simmons, Co-Director of the Tribal Climate and Energy Collaboration, which is partially funded by SGC’s Regional Climate Collaboratives Program.

Collaborative Policy Initiatives

Health and Equity Program (HEP)

Staff: Hoi-Fei Mok, Fabián Pérez-Gove, Michael Jimenez, and Mahima Ali

Health in All Policies (HiAP)

Staff: SGC partners with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to staff the HiAP Task Force. The Task Force brings together over 30 agencies, departments, and commissions to integrate health into programs and policies that advance state priorities.

- **HiAP Task Force hosted quarterly interagency convening.** HEP and CDPH hosted the first HiAP Quarterly Convening meeting of the year on March 4, 2026. The agenda included guest speakers from the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation who discussed the SB54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.
- **HiAP Resource Hub:** HEP launched a SharePoint site to house meeting agendas, action plans, reports, a member roster, and additional resources for the HiAP Task Force and workgroups. This site is internal to the HiAP Task Force and serves as a centralized

resource hub that makes resources more accessible and encourages collaboration across state departments.

- **HiAP Grant and Contract Evaluation Tool Website and Beta Testing:** HiAP is developing a new tool named the HiAP Grant & Contract Evaluation Tool that will be available on SGC’s website. The tool aims to support state staff when providing funding opportunities to the public and ensure the internal processes are beneficial to all Californians. It is designed for state staff to evaluate and improve grants and contracts practices to ensure healthy outcomes for all Californians. The HEP team built a website to host the tool and began beta testing with state partners before publishing the site and tool for all to access.
- **Development of the HiAP Steering Committee:** HEP and CDPH developed a Steering Committee for HiAP with membership from SGC and CDPH Office of Health Equity Leadership. This committee will make high-level and strategic decisions for HiAP initiatives in 2026. This committee will meet monthly and goals for the year include refining the HiAP Partnership agreement and developing engagement strategies to increase membership.
- **HiAP Shares 15-Year Milestone with ASTHO:** On April 14, HiAP staff joined a meeting of the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials to share about the HiAP Task Force. Specifically, HEP staff presented on [Advancing Collaborative Governance: A 15-Year Retrospective on the California Health in All Policies Task Force](#), a comprehensive report on HiAP milestones from 2010 to 2025 published in December 2025. HEP joined former HiAP Partners at State of Equity in this conversation.

Natural and Working Lands

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

Staff: Sean Kennedy, Camille Frazier, Tessa Salzman, and Caleb Swanson

- The California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force presented its final report to the Strategic Growth Council on Feb. 25, 2026. Following the presentation, the Council passed a resolution thanking the Task Force members for their service and concluding and withdrawing members’ appointments following the submission of the Task Force’s report by the statutory deadline.

Connecting Communities

Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund (PPMF) Development

Staff: Adrienne Moretz

- PPMF is a vital component of California’s Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54). It represents a fundamental shift in how California addresses the environmental and health impacts of plastic waste, moving the responsibility for pollution cleanup from the public to producers of single-use plastic materials.

- Beginning in July 2027, California will receive \$500 million annually over ten years from plastic producers. This \$5 billion total investment will be dedicated to repairing ecosystems and protecting the health of all Californians.
- The law requires that funding is allocated to ensure those most affected by pollution see the greatest benefit from the fund. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, 60% of the funding must be directed toward monitoring and reducing the historical and current environmental justice and public health impacts of plastics, of which 75% must directly and primarily benefit disadvantaged or low-income communities or rural areas. SGC is named as an implementing agency in this portion of the fund, along with the Department of Justice and SGC Council agencies California Environmental Protection Agency and California Natural Resources Agency.
- The interagency PPMF team is conducting outreach throughout the summer to inform the development of the Fund.
 - Recent Outreach and Engagement Opportunities
 - Thursday, March 26, 2026 – Formal Tribal Consultation Opens (through June 26)
 - Thursday, March 26, 2026, 12 to 1 p.m. – Kickoff Webinar
 - Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Tribal Kickoff Webinar
 - Upcoming Outreach and Engagement Opportunities
 - Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Tribal Roundtable hosted by the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians
 - Northern and Southern California Community Roundtables
 - Southern California Tribal Roundtable
 - Other ways to engage
 - Online survey, FAQ, and email distribution list:
<https://calepa.ca.gov/programs/sb54ppmf/>

Technical Assistance

Staff: Adrienne Moretz

- Connecting Communities is supporting previous SGC grant applicants and awardees to apply to and receive federal grants. The team is supporting communities with executed federal agreements to maintain grant compliance and is sharing available resources more broadly to communities who have submitted federal applications.

Regional Convenings

Staff: Adrienne Moretz

- SGC Connecting Communities team, with LCI, are planning for additional Catalyst Convenings across the state in the coming months. The Central Coast Catalyst Convening took place on March 17 with 130 participants, 15 state-led roundtable discussions, four case study presentations, and 12 Resource Fair participants.
- Additional events are currently scheduled for the San Joaquin Valley on April 28 and the Sacramento Valley region in mid-June.

- The Convenings are a continuation of the commitments made at the 2023 and 2024 Catalyst Conferences and are planned in coordination with UC Berkeley’s Possibility Lab and the California Climate and Energy Collaborative.
- The goals of the Convenings are to:
 - Exchange knowledge, best practices, and successes about community-driven climate, energy, and land use efforts
 - Connect directly with state representatives and regional assistance providers to learn about and better leverage available resources, upcoming grant programs, technical assistance and capacity building programs, active engagement opportunities, and more
 - Understand the region’s priorities and co-create a set of regional and state focused policy actions, to guide SGC’s strategic planning and work

Participant generated policy actions and next steps will be shared with SGC at the conclusion of all Convenings.

Energy Investments

Factory-Built Housing (FBH) Regional Pilot Program

Staff: Sean Kennedy, Jin Zhang, and Alex Kroll

- On April 7, Deputy Director of Energy Investments, Sean Kennedy, participated in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regional Pilots Summit at the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) in Washington, DC. The Summit convened HUD, NIBS, MOD X, and regional pilot partners to share progress, stress-test emerging strategies, and extract transferable lessons from regional efforts to accelerate offsite construction for housing, including SGC’s Regional Factory Built Housing Pilot Program. The Summit was designed as a working session grounded in real regional conditions to align near-term implementation with longer-term pathways for scaling adoption nationally.
- Applications for the Regional FBH Pilot Program Catalyst and Planning Grants opened on Feb. 13. FBH Staff amended its original Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and posted the amended version on its website in March of 2026. The amended version modifies the threshold review process so that applicants receive threshold review feedback earlier and ultimately receive more time to modify their final application, if needed.
- Staff and technical assistance contractor, Civix, are conducting various technical assistance offerings for applicants during the application period, including individualized conversations with staff, weekly office hours, email correspondence, targeted threshold review feedback, and contractors’ assistance in developing applications and workbook/budget requirements. Staff has completed and published a collection of supplemental materials to help first time applicants to the program prepare for application, including but not limited to: About the Program, Frequently Asked Questions, FBH Primer, Eligible Activities Guides, and Use-Cases.

- Staff is developing a Scope of Work with UC Berkeley’s Turner Center for Housing Innovation and Turner Labs to finalize an Implementation Contract for Grantees during Program Implementation phase.
- Staff has attended several site visits to advertise the Program during its open application period:
 - Salinas Catalyst Meeting (March)
 - Housing California (March)
 - Manufactured Housing Conference (March)
 - National Institute of Building Sciences Modular Housing Conference (April)

Energy Investments

Staff: Sean Kennedy and Mel Moyce

- On April 14, Deputy Director of Energy Investments Sean Kennedy moderated a panel titled 'Financing the Western Grid: Investment Strategies' at the California Clean Energy Summit in San Diego. The discussion explored the investment and capital-formation challenges associated with large-scale transmission expansion, including how projects are financed, how risk and return are structured, and how costs are distributed among utilities, investors, ratepayers, and taxpayers.
- On April 22, Deputy Director of Energy Investments Sean Kennedy participated in a panel on mass timber construction hosted by Amazon during San Francisco Climate Week. The session aimed to spur practical steps to accelerate the mass timber market in California. The discussion focused on policy strategies to strengthen the mass timber supply chain and included participants from demand-side companies, industry organizations, and state agencies that are advancing interest in mass timber buildings.

News Media Clips

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- [“LA County’s Affordable Housing Trust dishes out for developers”](#) (The Real Deal, March 23, 2026) Late last year, the California Strategic Growth Council approved \$866 million in grant funding, including more than \$182 million for four different developments in Los Angeles County.
- [“SF LGBTQ senior housing development funds transit projects”](#) (Bay Area Reporter, March 17, 2026) In December, the California Strategic Growth Council awarded a \$47.6 million grant to the new project to be constructed on a triangular lot at the intersection of Market Street and Duboce Avenue.
- [“Focus turns to seeing new SF development houses LGBTQ seniors”](#) (Bay Area Reporter, March 11, 2026) The hearing’s agendized focus was on seeing the board accept a \$47.6 million grant awarded in December to the project by the California Strategic Growth Council.
- [“State of the City Highlights Safety Gains, Housing Challenge, Climate Progress”](#) (Alameda Post, March 10, 2026) Finally, the City and MidPen Housing received a \$44.5 million grant through the California Strategic Growth Council’s Affordable Housing and

Sustainability program, most of which will support Stardust Gardens at Alameda Point, an 80-unit, trauma-informed affordable housing development designed for formerly homeless households.

- [“First phase of 743-unit El Cerrito Plaza BART housing underway”](#) (Richmond Standard, March 6, 2026) Major support and funding were provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the California Strategic Growth Council, J.P. Morgan Chase and Enterprise Community Partners.
- [“Things to do in Richmond”](#) (Richmondside, March 5, 2026) Richmond Rising is a nonprofit that is part of the California Strategic Growth Council project. Its primary task is to develop neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans.

AHSC

- [“Sutter Health invests \\$1.5 million in Woodland neighborhood transformation”](#) (Daily Democrat, March 26, 2026) The Tupelo Affordable Housing Development is the first project of a broader neighborhood transformation in the Armfield Lemen area, supported by California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program and a HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.
- [“Sutter Health Invests \\$1.5 Million to Advance Woodland Affordable Housing and Community Services Hub”](#) (Davis Vanguard, March 26, 2026) The Tupelo Affordable Housing Development is the first project of a broader neighborhood transformation in the Armfield Lemen area, supported by California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program and a HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.
- [“Sutter Health invests \\$1.5 Million in Woodland neighborhood transformation”](#) (The Davis Enterprise, March 25, 2026) The Tupelo Affordable Housing Development is the first project of a broader neighborhood transformation in the Armfield Lemen area, supported by California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program and a HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.
- [“On the City Council Meeting Agenda”](#) (The Fullerton Observer, March 17, 2026) Compliance with the housing element is becoming critical for eligibility in various federal and state funding programs, including grants from CalTrans and the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program.
- [“How San Luis Obispo County's 'prohousing' designation could help accelerate housing production”](#) (KSBY, March 9, 2026) It also gives the county priority for several funding programs, including Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities, Infill Infrastructure Grant, Transformative Climate Communities, Solutions for Congested Corridors, Local Partnership Program, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program.
- [“Housing Element for San Juan Bautista accepted by the state”](#) (Benito Link, March 4, 2026) According to the notice sent to the city, several federal, state and regional funding programs consider Housing Element compliance as being required for eligibility. Programs listed as examples include: Sustainable Communities grant; Strategic Growth Council and HCD’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; HCD’s

Prohousing Designation Program; HCD’s Prohousing Incentive Program; HCD’s Permanent Local Housing Allocation program.

- [“West Sacramento developer files plans for 370-unit affordable project in North Highlands”](#) (Sacramento Business Journal, March 1, 2026) The project will be submitted in May for funding from the state of California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, he said. It could also apply for low-income tax credits.
- [“Four stories of low-cost apartments begin rising near depot where Modesto was born”](#) (The Modesto Bee, Feb. 27, 2026) A \$32.3 million grant in 2023 from the state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program. It favors projects that cut down on driving and its climate impact.
- [“New affordable homes open at Corazón Del Valle”](#) (NewsBreak, Feb. 26, 2026) A family has moved into a new affordable home at Corazón Del Valle, a housing community supported by the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program.
- [“Affordable Housing Meets the Public Library”](#) (Housing Finance, Feb. 24, 2026) The development is utilizing multiple funding sources, including low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs), tax-exempt bonds, state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program funds, and Measure S, a \$67 million bond measure approved in 2016 to upgrade local libraries.

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- [“Action Needed to Protect Existing Farmland Conservation Funding”](#) (CalCAN, March 25, 2026) The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program, created in 2014, was the first program in the country to invest in farmland conservation as a climate strategy. CalCAN advocated alongside a coalition of land trusts and conservation organizations for its creation.

TCC

- [“A New Home, A New Chapter: Bakersfield Opens Senior Affordable Housing in the Southeast”](#) (Observer Group of Newspapers Southern California, April 7, 2026) The Fourth Street Apartments, located adjacent to the Bakersfield Senior Center, represent the first completed housing project under the City’s Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Initiative – a state-backed program through California’s Strategic Growth Council that targets historically underserved neighborhoods for comprehensive revitalization.
- [“City of Bakersfield seeks approval for proposed SE Bakersfield community garden”](#) (KGET, March 17, 2026) The Southeast Strong initiative, which prioritizes getting affordable housing, urban greening and more to the disadvantaged area of southeast Bakersfield, was awarded \$22,125,000 through the Transformative Climate Communities grant from the California Strategic Growth Council.
- [“How San Luis Obispo County’s ‘prohousing’ designation could help accelerate housing production”](#) (95.3 The Beach, March 9, 2026) It also gives the county priority for several funding programs, including Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities, Infill Infrastructure Grant, Transformative Climate Communities, Solutions for Congested



Corridors, Local Partnership Program, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, and Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program.

- [“Community Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Chester Town Plaza Project Plans”](#) (Sierra Daily News, March 6, 2026) Organizers say potential funding sources for the project may include the California Strategic Growth Council and the Transformative Climate Communities Program, along with possible partnerships with nonprofit organizations.

