



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

To: California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Members
From: Erin Curtis, SGC Executive Director
Re: **Executive Director Report to the Council – Feb. 25, 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 are organizing a series of in-person and virtual workshops in February and March 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 posted a Request for Information (RFI) for the Tribal Capacity Building Program on Jan. 14 that will remain open for 30 days and close on Feb. 13. Staff hosted an informational webinar on Jan. 27 to discuss the contents of the RFI, followed by a Q&A. The RFI is 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, holding the most recent peer learning session on Feb. 10, 2026. Staff anticipate spotlighting grantees in spring 2026 by releasing a blog post, grantee profiles, and regular grantee highlights on social media.

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 will present the report findings and recommendations to the SGC Council on Feb. 25.

Investment Program Updates

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)

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

- On Dec. 18, the AHSC program posted the Round 10 draft guidelines for a 30-day public comment period. AHSC held two public workshops in January, with over 150 attendees combined. The program received over 40 public comment letters, with over 120 action items to consider. Round 10 guidelines will be on the SGC consent calendar for adoption of the Round 10 guidelines on Feb. 25, 2026.
- The AHSC Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Program provides zero-cost capacity building and direct technical assistance to potential AHSC applicants. From November 2025 to February 2026, the technical assistance team conducted 42 intake calls with potential applicants and determined 30 projects will be awarded capacity building services this round. There are multiple projects receiving capacity building in each geographic region of the state, including one tribal project.
- 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.
- Since December's Council Meeting, SGC and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) Leadership has participated in one ribbon cutting and one grand opening ceremony for AHSC-funded projects. Council Chair Sam Assefa spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cypress View Apartments in Watts, Los Angeles. This Round 6 project was awarded a total of \$13,959,887 to construct a 119-unit apartment with pedestrian upgrades and Class III bike route improvements as part of the third phase of the Jordan Downs project. Executive Director Erin Curtis attended the Tamien Station Apartments grand opening ceremony in San Jose on Jan. 23. Tamien Station is a 135-unit 100% affordable project awarded in Round 6, which included the construction of new Class IV bicycle lanes, bulb outs, enhanced visibility crosswalks, ADA ramps, wayfinding signage and a pedestrian transit plaza. Tamien Station was awarded a total of \$28,749,949.

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

- Staff hosted six Focus Groups in December and January to inform the Round 6 Program Guidelines in coordination with the Community Resilience Centers program. The public comment period was open until Jan. 2, 2026. The team is now working on reviewing all the comments and incorporating feedback for final guidelines.
- Staff have attended several site visits including:
 - TCC staff attended a Partners meeting with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District which included two site tours at Guidiville Rancheria and Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. TCC staff met with the Grantee to discuss administrative items including their Action Plan in response to the Non-Performance that was issued.
 - TCC staff attended San Diego Foundations Collaborative Stakeholder Meeting as well as site visits of various projects including Tierras Indigenous Community Land Trust mixed use housing, Project New Village community garden, and Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center. |

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Shanna Atherton-Bauer DOC, and DOC Staff

- The SALC team presented recommendations at the Dec. 10, 2025, SGC meeting to award approximately \$2,051,490 to support 14 capacity and project development projects. The recommended capacity grants span 25 counties, including one identified as statewide. The recommendations included nine Tier 1 projects and five Tier 2 projects; five of the recommended awards will support California Native American Tribes and one Tribal-serving non-profit.
- SALC Round 11 opened Oct. 15, 2025, accepting funding requests for Conservation Acquisition and Planning grants. 27 applications were submitted by the Jan. 15, 2026, deadline for consideration in Round 11, Cycle A Acquisition grants. SALC staff anticipate providing Round 11A recommendations at the April 2026 Council meeting. Recommendations for Round 11, Cycle B Conservation Acquisitions, and Conservation Planning grants, will be provided at the October 2026 SGC meeting. Of the funds available for competitive grants, up to 50% of funding will be made available for Round 11, Cycle A. The remaining amount will be made available in Round 11, Cycle B. Capacity and Project Development grants are not available in Round 11.
- Staff reported three conservation easements closing between Sept. 15, 2025, and Jan. 31, 2026. These projects conserved 1,195 acres all together. These included 260 acres of irrigated lands in Monterey County supporting artichokes and other produce crops grown year-round; a 588-acre cattle ranch in Santa Barbara County that also sustains a small vineyard, and a 348-acre dairy farm in Sonoma County that also grows feed crops for the dairy cattle in three counties.

- Between Sept. 15, 2025, and Jan. 31, 2026, SALC staff submitted 63 invoices totaling \$11,857,230 to DOC Accounting for payment. This includes five acquisition invoices totaling \$10,761,062, with the remaining \$1,096,168 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, Jayla Lundstrom, Samantha Stewart, and Natalie McDonald

- Staff hosted four Focus Groups in December and January to inform the Round 2 Program Guidelines in coordination with the Transformative Climate Communities program. Public comment was open until Jan. 2, 2026. The joint focus groups were focused on the new implementation grant process, tribal applicants, and rural and disadvantaged unincorporated areas (DUC). The CRC-specific focus group focused on a network approach for CRCs, also known as the hub and spokes model, and the geographic boundary for multiple CRC facilities. The team is now working on reviewing all the comments and incorporating feedback for final guidelines.
- On Jan. 31, 2026, Natalie McDonald, Amar Cid, and Kalin Kipling-Mojaddedi attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Ceres Community Project's Center for Food, Youth & Community in Santa Rosa. This is the first Round 1 implementation project to complete construction. Staff toured the facility, including a community garden space, all-electric kitchen, and solar powered micro-grid system.

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 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.
- **BOOST:** SGC and Freedman Consulting LLC hosted an Imperial Valley Civic Ecosystem Initiative (IVCEI) funder call on Feb. 24 to update philanthropic funders who are active in the Imperial Valley about the IVCEI's work thus far. During the call, City of Calipatria City Manager Laura Gutierrez shared her vision for the future of the city, the barriers she sees to accomplishing those goals, and the ways that the BOOST Imperial Valley initiative has supported her progress. SGC continues to coordinate regularly with the ICVEI partners and philanthropic funders focused on the Imperial Valley region. SGC will release its third quarterly newsletter "Imperial Impact: Interagency & Partnership



Highlights” in March, 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. Staff are preparing for the next bimonthly work group meeting on April 16, 2026.

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 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. SGC partners with the CDPH and the State of Equity to staff the HiAP Task Force.

- **HiAP Task Force will host quarterly interagency convening.** HEP and CDPH will host the first HiAP Quarterly Convening meeting of the year on March 4, 2026. The agenda will include guest speakers from the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation to discuss the SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act and where there may be overlap with HiAP priorities.
- **HiAP Resource Hub:** HEP created 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 a centralized resource hub that will make resources more accessible and encourage collaboration across state departments. The HiAP Resource Hub will go live in March 2026.
- **HiAP Action Plans:** HEP, CDPH, and the Equity and Wellness Institute (EqWI) are updating Task Force action plans, following the close-out of prior 2022-25 action plans for Grants/Contracts and Data/Information. HEP is facilitating the effort and using data collected from the 2025 HiAP Membership Survey to inform the new priorities. The updated action plans are expected to be launched in 2027.
- **HiAP Grant Evaluation Tool:** HEP and EqWI are finalizing a grant evaluation tool. The tool aims to support state staff when providing funding opportunities to the public and ensure the internal processes are beneficial to all Californians. The HEP team is currently building a website to host the tool and will begin to focus test the tool with state partners before launching it later this year.

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 met on Dec. 11, 2025, in Sacramento to finalize its recommendations and approve its report for submission by the Jan. 1 deadline.
- The Task Force submitted its final report to the Governor and Legislature in December 2025. The report is publicly available on SGC's website.
- The thirteenth and final California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force meeting occurred Feb. 24 in Sacramento. Task Force members reflected on their work together and discussed ways to continue advancing agricultural land equity into the future.

Connecting Communities

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. Events are currently scheduled for the Central Coast region in March and the San Joaquin region in late April. 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 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

- The Final Guidelines for SGC’s FBH Program Round 3 Regional Pilot Program were approved by SGC on Dec. 10 and are now publicly accessible on the website
- The program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was posted on Feb. 5 and is available on the [SGC website](#).
- Applications for both grant types opened on Feb. 13. Technical assistance offerings for applicants during the application period and for grantees during the implementation period begin Feb. 17.
- Staff is completing a collection of supplemental materials to help first time applicants to the program prepare for application, including but not limited to: About the Program, FBH Primer, Eligible Activities Guides, and Use-Cases and is simultaneously finalizing its outreach and engagement plan/materials for when both the applications and NOFA become public.
- Staff has attended several site visits, including the One Year After the Fires reflection event in Altadena, hosted by Steve Gibson, a resident who lost his home but has since rebuilt it with factory-built housing in January.

Energy Investments

Staff: Sean Kennedy and Mel Moyce

- Energy Policy Specialist Mel Moyce attended the “Overcoming the Barriers to Affordable Energy Abundance” convening Jan. 7–9 in Park City, Utah. Hosted by the Conveners Network, a national collaborative dedicated to supporting state civil service, this event brought together state government representatives from across the country to address practical challenges related to energy policy. Participation in this convening strengthened relationships with peer state agencies and provided insight into how other states are addressing shared challenges around energy affordability and infrastructure deployment, which can inform SGC’s ongoing work to support state and local governments in delivering resilient, affordable, and equitable energy systems for California communities.

News Media Clips

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- [“Westmorland Awarded \\$3.83M for a New Emergency Operations Hub”](#) (Calexico Chronicle, Feb. 10, 2026) BOOST is a public-private partnership between ILG, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and community-based organizations to foster infrastructure and community investments in Imperial Valley.
- [“City of Westmorland awarded \\$2.73 Million USDA Grant and \\$1.1 Million”](#) (The Desert Review, Feb. 9, 2026) BOOST is a public-private partnership between ILG, the California



Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and community-based organizations to foster infrastructure and community investments in Imperial Valley.

- [“California launches new funding to accelerate factory-built housing for wildfire survivors”](#) (California Construction News, Feb. 9, 2026) Erin Curtis, executive director of the California Strategic Growth Council, said the program helps shorten construction timelines, reduce costs and support resilient communities.
- [“LA County Launches Round 2 of Rent Relief Program for Tenants, Landlords”](#) (LA Sentinel, Feb. 9, 2026) The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) – a state committee formed by the legislature to advance local community revitalization efforts – has awarded \$15 million in new grants for affordable housing projects in L.A.
- [“Newsom announces funding for LA fire survivors to access pre-built housing”](#) (Hey Social, Feb. 6, 2026) “Factory-built housing helps communities move from loss to stability faster,” Erin Curtis, executive director of the California Strategic Growth Council, said in a statement. “By shortening construction timelines and reducing costs, it can help get families back into their homes and neighborhoods sooner and give wildfire-impacted communities a real chance to recover and rebuild early — when support matters most.”
- [“LA County loans \\$44M for affordable housing construction from Venice to Whittier”](#) (The Real Deal, Feb. 5, 2026) The latest funding comes after the California Strategic Growth Council approved \$866 million in grant funding for affordable housing across the state late last year.
- [“Gradient Launches Nexus, Intelligent Energy-Control Software for Multifamily Housing Owners and Operators; Hardware-native platform turns distributed heat pumps into a coordinated, software-defined system; beta customer achieves 25% energy reduction”](#) (Business Wire, Feb. 3, 2026) In addition to venture funding, the company has secured non-dilutive funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, California Energy Commission, California Strategic Growth Council, and others.
- [“LA ranks among top US cities building affordable housing: RentCafe”](#) (The Real Deal, Feb. 2, 2026) Last month, the California Strategic Growth Council approved \$866 million in grant funding for affordable housing projects across the state, including more than \$182 million for efforts in the Los Angeles area.
- [“How off-shore drilling, data centers and cross-border sewage will alter California in 2026”](#) (iNewsSource, Jan. 11, 2026) In one local case, the California Strategic Growth Council, a state agency that funds climate infrastructure, stepped in last month after the National City-based advocacy group Environmental Health Coalition and the philanthropy-focused San Diego Foundation had to pause work on clean air and climate resilience initiatives in several underserved San Diego neighborhoods.
- [“What's happening in Tulare County”](#) (Visalia Times-Delta, Jan. 4, 2026) The Wukchumni Tribe of Tulare County is among the 14 organizations receiving grants from the California Strategic Growth Council. The tribe, one of the bands of Yokuts indigenous to the San Joaquin Valley, will receive \$100,000.
- [“MidPen Housing Secures \\$132.8M in Grants for Three Central California Affordable Housing Developments”](#) (REBusiness and other related publications, Dec. 22, 2025) The



California Strategic Growth Council has awarded funding to existing MidPen Housing developments in San Jose, Alameda and Watsonville that include a total of 362 affordable units.

- [“Openhouse ED grateful for support 3 months in”](#) (Bay Area Reporter, Dec. 18, 2025) Most recently, after the interview was conducted, Openhouse received word that the California Strategic Growth Council awarded nearly \$47.6 million toward its project with Mercy Housing that aims to construct 187 units on a prominent triangular lot at the corner of Market Street and Duboce Avenue, as the Bay Area Reporter noted.
- [“California provides \\$865M for green housing and infrastructure”](#) (Builder Media, Dec. 16, 2025) “These community-driven solutions prove that California leads on climate and leaves no one behind,” said California Secretary for Environmental Protection Yana Garcia, who is a member of the California Strategic Growth Council.
- [“State awards \\$182M for L.A. County affordable housing developments”](#) (Urbanize LA, Dec. 15, 2025) Last week, the California Strategic Growth Council approved \$866 million in grant funding for affordable housing and transportation infrastructure projects across the state.
- [“Affordable housing in Bishop?”](#) (The Sheet, Dec. 13, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council approved \$26.46 million in grant funding to Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc. (VHB) and the City of Bishop for the Silver Peaks housing development this week.
- [“California Approves \\$865M in Climate Funds for Housing, Transit and Wildfires”](#) (Santa Monica Mirror, Dec. 13, 2025) The awards were approved by the California Strategic Growth Council, which oversees distribution of the funds.
- [“Daily Digest”](#) (San Francisco Business Times, Dec. 11, 2025) At its Dec. 10 meeting, the California Strategic Growth Council signed off on the award for the 187-unit building to be constructed by Mercy Housing California.

AHSC

- [“Allen Avenue Pedestrian Safety Work Underway Through June”](#) (Pasadena Now, Feb. 7, 2026) Funded primarily through California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program—a state initiative that uses cap-and-trade auction proceeds to support transit access as a climate strategy—the project exemplifies how greenhouse gas reduction funding translates into local infrastructure changes.
- [“Tamien Station Lot Turned Into 135 Lifeline Homes in San Jose”](#) (Hoodline, Feb. 5, 2026) The state put up \$31.7 million to get the building over the finish line, with \$28.7 million from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program and another \$3 million from the Infill Infrastructure Grant program.
- [“County Housing Element and Rezoning approved by State”](#) (BenitoLink, Feb. 5, 2026) Compliance also positions the County to compete for funding through programs such as the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, Pro-housing Incentive Program, and Permanent Local Housing Allocation.
- [“Demolition makes way for housing at former Napa County Health and Human Services campus”](#) (Press Democrat, Feb. 3, 2026) But funding for the project stalled out over the



following years, with three unsuccessful bids by the city and developer to qualify for California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant program.

- [“Why Rancho Cordova wants to move ahead on new 60-unit affordable housing complex”](#) (The Sacramento Bee, Jan. 30, 2026) 2026 is likely the last year the project can compete for the state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funding before the program is restructured in 2027.
- [“\\$7 Million from MacArthur Foundation and Whittier Trust Ignites Matching Challenge for Robert K. Ross Center for Hope and Healing in Downtown Los Angeles”](#) (Ironton Tribune, Jan. 28, 2026) Just last month, the Robert K. Ross Center for Hope and Healing community received a major award from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program, including a \$24.1-million loan and \$14.1-million grant.
- [“Philanthropic Grant Boosts Housing Initiatives in Downtown LA”](#) (Investors Hangout, Jan. 28, 2026) This considerable financial backing builds on the momentum generated by a recent award from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program.
- [“New \\$7 Million Investment Sparks Housing Development in Downtown Los Angeles”](#) (Third News, Jan. 28, 2026) With the aid of a substantial \$24.1 million loan and a \$14.1 million grant from California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, the Robert K. Ross Center is on a promising path.
- [“Eureka’s affordable housing projects come to fruition as 2027 end of housing cycle approaches”](#) (Eureka Times Standard, Jan. 21, 2026) The Sunset Heights project, located on 4.18 acres between West Henderson and West Harris Streets, on a bluff east and upslope of Broadway, is taking shape after the Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC) secured \$1 million in funding from the Redwood Coast Regional Center in 2024 and a \$21.7 million Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant and loan from the California Strategic Growth Council in December.
- [“Shelter pass, commissions and El Dorado beach: City Council updates”](#) (Tahoe Daily Tribune, Jan. 21, 2026) NDC Lake Tahoe, LP is currently negotiating with the Housing and Community Development department (HCD) to get more funding through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Act. This would also include transit and sidewalk improvements.
- [“California Officials Tout Budget Proposal To Bolster ZEVs, Climate Fight”](#) (California Energy & Climate Report, Jan. 18, 2026) In addition, the governor is proposing to spend up to \$560 million annually from the auction proceeds "for affordable housing administered by the Housing Development and Finance Committee as part of the Administration's modernization of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program." Also ran in Carbon Control News, EnergyWashington Week, Inside EPA.
- [“Governor’s Budget Proposal Includes Funding for Healthy Soils, Equipment-sharing, Farm-to-School, and Farmworker Housing Energy Efficiency Upgrades”](#) (CalCAN, Jan. 16, 2026) The budget included a proposed change to the distribution of funding for the

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) which could affect the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC).

- [“Wait-and-see budget falls short on Californians’ biggest priorities: housing and homelessness, climate change, and public safety”](#) (Sonoma Valley Sun via League of California Cities, Jan. 15, 2026) Modernizing the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program: The Governor is proposing changes to modernize this critical program, which local governments have relied on to promote affordable housing development.
- [“Bishop City Briefing: ADU Changes, Fire Deputy Approved & More”](#) (Sierra Wave, Jan. 12, 2026) Standout: \$26.46 million secured for Silver Peaks Apartments—a 60-unit affordable project (59 income-restricted for ≤60% area median income) via the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program.
- [“Ontario secures \\$30M state funding for housing, transit improvements along Holt Boulevard”](#) (California Construction News, Jan. 12, 2026) The funding comes from California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, which supports projects that combine housing development with transit and infrastructure investments. The award builds on the city’s earlier Transformative Climate Communities initiative focused on coordinated housing and neighborhood improvements.
- [“Governor Newsom announces proposed budget that refills the state’s Rainy Day Fund, protects previous accomplishments, and makes historic investments in education”](#) (Multiple publications, Jan. 10-11, 2026) Affordable housing: Proposes new affordable housing through Cap-and-Invest auction proceeds, administered by the Housing Development and Finance Committee as part of the Administration’s modernization of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program.
- [“Yolo County Housing celebrates 75 years”](#) (Davis Enterprise, Jan. 8, 2026) YCH concluded its 75th year by winning an almost \$28 million-dollar Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities award, in partnership with the city of Woodland and Yolo County Transportation District. This award will support the first housing project in the Yolano Donnelly neighborhood, along with transit and transportation infrastructure.
- [“Yolo County Housing Celebrates 75 Years with Major Awards and New Investments”](#) (Davis Vanguard, Jan. 8, 2026) The agency concluded the year by securing an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities award of nearly \$28 million in partnership with the city of Woodland and the Yolo County Transportation District.
- [“San Francisco Secures Funding for Landmark 15-Story Housing Tower for LGBTQ+ Seniors”](#) (Edge Media Network entities nationwide, Jan. 5, 2026) The project has secured approximately \$47.6 million from the California Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, emphasizing sustainability and proximity to transit at the Market and Duboce location.
- [“Stanislaus County may sell old Salvation Army center for more Modesto apartments”](#) (The Modesto Bee, Jan. 6, 2026) The project budget is \$68.8 million, which is largely funded by a \$32.3 million state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program grant and \$31.2 million in federal tax credits for investors.

- [“California housing department closes 2025 by announcing \\$281M for affordable housing and community projects”](#) (California Construction News, Jan. 4, 2026) \$835.3 million from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program for 2,393 new rental homes and related infrastructure.
- [“San Francisco To Develop 15-Story Affordable Housing Campus For LGBTQ+ Seniors”](#) (GO Magazine, Jan. 2, 2026) Funders include the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, which integrates affordable housing with transit and focuses on low-income families, seniors, and job access through mixed-income housing and community amenities. Earlier this month, the California Strategic Growth Council awarded nearly \$47.6 million toward the project.
- [“Affordable housing in Oakland's Chinatown, a decade in the making, earns key funding”](#) (San Francisco Business Times, Jan. 2, 2026) The state funds, which came from the state's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, will also go toward major transportation infrastructure improvements in Oakland, like the Martin Luther King Jr. Way Streetscape, 7th Street Connection and Broadway streetscape improvements. The AHSC funding is supported by proceeds from California's cap-and-trade program.
- [“New 15-storey development to support LGBTQ+ seniors in San Francisco”](#) (Scene Mag, Dec. 30, 2025) The project has secured approximately \$47.6 million in funding from the California Strategic Growth Council through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programme, reflecting its commitment to sustainability and transit-oriented living.
- [“Housing, transit project near Holt Boulevard in Ontario gets \\$30 million boost”](#) (Multiple Southern California News Group publications, Dec. 25, 2025) National CORE and the city will use the funding from the California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, including \$20.9 million for a 144-unit affordable housing complex at 905 East Holt Blvd., and \$9.8 million for neighborhood improvements.
- [“Santa Monica Awarded Nearly \\$50 Million for Housing and Transportation Projects”](#) (Santa Monica Daily Press, Dec. 23, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council approved a \$49.9 million grant for Santa Monica, with \$35M funding the 1318 4th Street affordable housing development and \$14.3M supporting sustainable transportation projects including electric buses and protected bike lanes.
- [“Safer Streets: Local representative launches pedestrian infrastructure project”](#) (LA Downtown News, Dec. 22, 2025) Funded through the California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, the project pairs affordable housing with investments in safe streets, accessibility and climate-forward infrastructure — prioritizing pedestrians, students, seniors and transit riders in one of Los Angeles' most densely populated neighborhoods on the border of Downtown.
- [“West Sacramento Wins \\$43.35 Million State Grant for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Transit”](#) (Hoodline, Dec. 20, 2025) The City of West Sacramento is on the receiving end of a hefty \$43.35 million grant from the State of California's Affordable

Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program, officials announced earlier this month.

- [“Chinatown Jackpot: Oakland Snags \\$35.9M for Housing and Transit Fixes”](#) (Hoodline, Dec. 19, 2025) The money comes through the state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, which uses revenue from California’s Cap-and-Trade system to link new housing with low-carbon transportation projects.
- [“\\$50M Funding Secured for Santa Monica Pickleball Site to Become Affordable Housing”](#) (Westside Current, Dec. 19, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council last week unanimously approved a \$49.9 million grant through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program to support redevelopment of the former Parking Structure 3 site, which has hosted public pickleball courts since the beginning of this year, as well as related sustainable transportation infrastructure projects, the city said.
- [“Openhouse and Mercy Housing California Awarded New Funding for LGBTQ+ Senior Housing Project”](#) (SF Bay Times, Dec. 18, 2025) Mercy Housing California and Openhouse on December 11, 2025, announced that the 1939 Market Senior Housing community has been awarded funding through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program, administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- [“Santa Monica Receives Nearly \\$50 Million Grant”](#) (Dec. 18, 2025) Last week, the California Strategic Growth approved the city of Santa Monica to receive a grant of \$49.9 million that will be used to fund city projects. These funds are part of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program.
- [“West Sacramento plans to develop new 'Grand Gateway District' with affordable housing”](#) (KCRA, Dec. 17, 2025) On Tuesday, the city announced the grant was awarded through California's affordable housing and sustainable communities grant program.
- [“Santa Monica Secures Nearly \\$50 Million Grant for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Transit”](#) (Hoodline, Dec. 17, 2025) Santa Monica's efforts to boost affordable housing and eco-friendly transit just got a major push, thanks to a nearly \$50 million grant courtesy of the California Strategic Growth Council. Last week, the SGC gave the nod to release \$49.9 million earmarked for the city's projects, including a new housing development and various transportation enhancements. The funds are part of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program and indicate significant progress for the city's plans.
- [“Santa Monica Awarded Nearly \\$50 Million For Affordable Housing, Transit”](#) (Patch, Dec. 17, 2025) The council unanimously approved the \$49.9 million grant last week under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, officials said.
- [“SacRT Secures \\$126M, Advancing Transit Goals”](#) (RTS, Dec. 17, 2025) Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) was awarded three grants totaling \$25.8 million through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 9 program.
- [“Santa Monica Secures Nearly \\$50M for Affordable Housing, Electric Buses and Bike Infrastructure”](#) (Philanthropy News Digest, Dec. 16, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council approved a \$49.9 million grant last week for the city’s 1318 4th Street



project through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, part of a record \$835 million distributed to 21 projects statewide.

- [“Watsonville gets \\$39 million state grant for new housing project”](#) (Lookout Santa Cruz, Dec. 17, 2025) The state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program selected the Watsonville Metro Project to receive \$39 million in funding.
- [“City Receives \\$50 Million for Housing, Transit”](#) (Santa Monica Lookout, Dec. 17, 2025) Of the total \$49.9 million from the California Strategic Growth Council's (SGC) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program, \$35 million will go toward the construction of a 122-unit EAH Housing project at the former site of Parking Structure 3 behind the Promenade.
- [“Officials Celebrate \\$5M Pedestrian Safety Project in Pico Union”](#) (My News LA, Dec. 16, 2025) Funded by the California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, the project is expected to upgrade 33 crosswalks, add six curb extensions, 11 new street lights, seven ADA-compliant access ramps, and repair more than 9,000 linear feet of sidewalks.
- [“State Grants \\$44.5 Million for Supportive Housing at Alameda Point”](#) (Alameda Post, Dec. 16, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has awarded a \$44.5 million grant to MidPen Housing Corporation and the City of Alameda through its highly competitive Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.
- [“Yolo County partnership awarded grant for affordable housing community”](#) (Daily Democrat, Dec. 16, 2025) A Yolo County partnership has been awarded a \$27,999,100 grant from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program to transform a 2.4-acre underutilized site in Woodland into a vibrant mid-rise affordable housing community with 73 units across a diverse mix of unit sizes.
- [“Watsonville awarded \\$39 million grant for new METRO transit center”](#) (The Pajaronian, Dec. 16, 2025) The funding, awarded through the state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program, will support the Watsonville Metro Project, which will redevelop the Watsonville Transit Center at 475 Rodriguez St. into a multi-story, mixed-use development that combines housing, transit and commercial space.
- [“Funding Secured for Silver Peaks Project”](#) (Inyo Register, Dec. 15, 2025) The City of Bishop and Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc. announced this week that \$26.46 million in Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funding was granted toward the Silver Peaks community from the California Strategic Growth Council.
- [“City receives \\$39 million grant to redevelop Watsonville Transit Center”](#) (Santa Cruz Sentinel, Dec. 15, 2025) The city of Watsonville recently received a \$39 million grant from the state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program to redevelop the transit center into a mixed-use housing development that still offers transportation.
- [“2029 opening expected for new SF LGBTQ senior housing”](#) (Bay Area Reporter, Dec. 15, 2025) It was one of 47 applicants in 2025 that had sought a portion of the \$835,318,208 to be distributed to selected projects across the state; that figure represents the largest to date for the growth council’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program to disburse in a calendar year.



- [“Big polluter' dollars used for housing and transit projects”](#) (The Center Square, Dec. 13, 2025) Lindsay Buckley, the communications director for the California Air Resources Board, said the money comes from the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which is financed by the state's cap-and-trade program. The program is more than a decade old and has generated more than \$33 billion that have been re-invested into climate-related projects, like affordable housing and sustainable communities.
- [“Sacramento Snags \\$25.8M Transit Windfall For Affordable Housing Push”](#) (Hoodline, Dec. 12, 2025) According to SacRT, the \$25.8 million comes through three grants under Round 9 of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program and is part of more than \$126 million secured by SacRT and local partners from the same funding round.
- [“Bay Area Secures \\$272 Million for Affordable Housing and Transit Upgrades Benefiting Local Communities”](#) (Newsbreak, Dec. 12, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council has allocated more than \$272 million to the Bay Area for affordable housing and transportation projects. The announcement was made on November 25, 2025. The funding comes from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.
- [“Major Grant Brings Affordable Housing and Transit Improvements to Downtown Watsonville”](#) (Newsbreak, Dec. 12, 2025) The City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz METRO, and MidPen Housing have received a \$39 million grant from California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program.
- [“SacRT lands \\$25.8M in state grants for transit upgrades and affordable housing”](#) (ABC 10, Dec. 12, 2025) The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has secured three new grants totaling \$25.8 million through the state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 9 program, the agency announced.
- [“State Awards Nearly \\$1 Billion for Affordable Housing and Transportation; Local Communities to Benefit from Climate Investment Funds”](#) (News Break, Dec. 11, 2025) The new funding includes over \$866 million in grants for 39 projects through three programs: the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, the Transformative Climate Communities Program, and the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program.
- [“Major Grant Brings New Affordable Housing and Transit Improvements to Central Woodland”](#) (Newsbreak, Dec. 11, 2025) A partnership in Yolo County has received a \$27,999,100 grant from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program.
- [“\\$44.5 Million State Grant Secured for Supportive Housing Project”](#) (Newsbreak, Dec. 11, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has awarded a \$44.5 million grant through its highly competitive Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program to MidPen Housing Corporation and the City of Alameda.
- [“Arvin to get 50 new affordable homes through \\$22 million state grant”](#) (ABC 23, Dec. 11, 2025) The Walnut and 4th Street Apartments project is being led by the Cesar Chavez Foundation and made possible through a \$22.36 million grant from the state of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program.



- [“Bay Area Gets Millions From State for Affordable Housing, Transportation Improvements”](#) (Metro Transportation Commission, Dec. 11, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council yesterday awarded more than \$272 million through its Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program to fund six new affordable housing developments that will add 846 new units as well as associated transportation improvements in San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, Mountain View and Alameda.
- [“State Cap-and-Invest Auction Brings \\$844 Million for California Climate Programs, Possible Budget Adjustments Ahead”](#) (Newsbreak, Dec. 10, 2025) If more funds are available, they will go to programs such as Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital, and Community Air Protection.
- [“Sacramento, partners receive \\$126M boost for transit improvements, affordable housing”](#) (Fox 40, Dec. 11, 2025) On its own, SacRT received roughly \$25.8 million from the latest round of California’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program.
- [“Newsom Announces \\$865M for Affordable Housing and Climate Projects”](#) (Davis Vanguard, Dec. 11, 2025) The Strategic Growth Council approved more than \$866 million for 39 projects across three major programs. The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program received \$835,318,208 for 21 housing and transportation projects.
- [“California Governor Gavin Newsom Announces Over \\$865 Million In New Investments — Funded Entirely By Big Polluters — To Build Affordable Housing, Expand Transit, and Protect Communities From Climate Change”](#) (Sierra Sun Times, Dec. 11, 2025) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program – \$835,318,208 for 21 affordable housing and green transportation projects in 17 jurisdictions through Round 9 grants
- [“Governor Newsom creates new housing and transportation using nearly \\$1 billion paid by big polluters”](#) (Global Environment Watch, Dec. 10, 2025) This round of Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities will build healthier communities and protect the environment by supporting the creation of 2,393 new rent-restricted homes, with almost two-thirds of those units dedicated to extremely or very low-income households.

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- [“California Strategic Growth Council Launches Notice of Funding Availability for Round 3 of the Factory-Built Housing Pilot Program”](#) (SGC blog, Feb. 6, 2026) Today, the Governor is announcing \$10 million in funding available in the next round of the California Strategic Growth Council’s (SGC) competitive Factory-Built Housing Regional Pilot Program, creating more opportunities for housing providers and governments.
- [“Governor Newsom announces funding for LA fire survivors to access pre-built housing to further speed recovery and maintain neighborhood character”](#) (Governor’s Office press release, Feb. 6, 2026) Governor Gavin Newsom today announced the availability of more funding to help survivors access factory-built housing solutions that help speed rebuilding.



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- [“Governor’s Budget Proposal Includes Funding for Healthy Soils, Equipment-sharing, Farm-to-School, and Farmworker Housing Energy Efficiency Upgrades”](#) (CalCAN, Jan. 16, 2026) Second, the budget included a proposed change to the distribution of funding for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) which could affect the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC).
- [“State awards funding to local conservation groups”](#) (Foothills Sun-Gazette, Dec. 17, 2025) The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) voted on Dec. 10 to award 14 grants, totaling more than \$2 million, in Round 10 of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC).
- [“Calif. Gov. Newsom Creates New Housing and Transportation Using Nearly \\$1 Billion Paid by Big Polluters”](#) (Various Syndicated News Services, Dec. 10, 2025) Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program --- \$2,051,490 for 14 capacity-building projects in 25 counties through Round 10 grants.

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- [“Volunteers help plant new trees at Stockton parks”](#) (Stockton Record, Jan. 24, 2026) The volunteer event, a part of a project to replace storm-damaged trees at city parks, is supported but the California Strategic Growth Council’s Transformative Climate Communities Program in partnership with the California Department of Conservation.
- [“City of Coachella Launches First Residential Solar Project Under Coachella Prospera Initiative”](#) (Newsbreak, Jan. 13, 2026) The community-based project is funded by California’s Transformative Climate Communities Program and is designed to lower energy costs, improve air quality, and strengthen neighborhood resilience in Coachella.
- [“Governor Newsom’s January Budget Proposal: In the Face of an Affordability Crisis, Investing in Equity Is Still the Answer”](#) (Greenlining, Jan. 12, 2026) Lawmakers now have a clear responsibility to invest taxpayer dollars through proven programs like Transformative Climate Communities and Community Resilience Centers that deliver affordability and resilience where it is needed most.
- [“Coachella to Host Solar Showcase Installation”](#) (My News LA, Jan. 9, 2026) The city secured \$22 million from the California Strategic Growth Council through the state’s Transformative Climate Communities Program.
- [“City of Coachella to host solar showcase installation”](#) (KESQ-TV, Jan. 9, 2026) The city secured \$22 million from the California Strategic Growth Council through the state's Transformative Climate Communities Program.
- [“California Restores \\$7.3M for Climate Projects in San Diego’s Historic Barrios After EPA Cuts”](#) (San Diego Foundation, Dec. 18, 2025) The Dec. 10 decision restores the Rooted in Comunidad, Cultivating Equity (RICCE) initiative — a Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant — to its originally proposed \$29.5 million funding level, ensuring that all community-identified improvement projects can proceed as planned.
- [“Calif. Gov. Newsom Creates New Housing and Transportation Using Nearly \\$1 Billion Paid by Big Polluters”](#) (Various Syndicated News Services, Dec. 10, 2025) Transformative



Climate Communities Program \$29,484,224 from the anticipated fiscal year 2026-2027 Proposition 4 (Climate Bond) to fully fund four Round 5 grants.