

December 17, 2024

Subject: Regional Climate Collaboratives Annual Reports
Reporting Period: June 2023 – June 2024
Staff Lead: Hoi-Fei Mok, Deputy Director of Equity and Government Transformation

Recommended Action

The Council is voting to Consent to the successful submission and publication of Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 1 Annual Reports to send to the policy and fiscal committees Legislature as required by SB 1072.

Summary

The Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE) team is pleased to present annual reports for the six grantees of Round 1 of the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program (RCC). The annual reports allow the Collaboratives to track, assess and evaluate their outcomes and efficacy of capacity-building in their region.

Background

About the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program

The Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program helps under-resourced communities build lasting structures that can facilitate the cross-sector partnerships and projects needed for meaningful and equitable climate action. To do this, Collaboratives foster local and regional policy environments that:

- a. Inform a steady stream of projects
- b. Direct funding and resources to specific community needs, and
- c. Support competitiveness for funding.

In the spring and summer of 2023, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) awarded more than \$8 million to six collaboratives to establish priorities, develop a pipeline of projects, and align projects with state, federal, and philanthropic funding opportunities through the RCC program.

Background on Year 1 of the RCC Program

In its first year, and Round 1 of funding, the RCC program enabled all six collaboratives to convene their partners, establish equitable governance procedures, engage with their local community on a variety of climate issues, and begin applying for critical funding that will uplift each respective region's capacity to respond to the climate crisis.

The six RCC grantees have:

- Applied to more than **70 individual grants** totaling more than **\$65 million** in grant funding to support local resiliency.

- Received, to date, more than **\$34 million** in grant funding to effectively implement projects.
- Held more than **130 internal meetings** to collaborate with partners, strengthen relationship-building, and build out program priorities.
- Facilitated more than **70 external meetings** to connect with like-minded institutions, gain a greater awareness of the climate landscape for the region, and identify shared interests.
- Provided **extensive technical assistance** to their collaborative partners and community members to support applications to state funding efforts and update critical planning documents.

Next Steps

Year two of the RCC program has already begun and the next RCC annual reports will be made available to the public in the fall of 2025.

Council Recommendation

Should the Council agree with Staff's recommendation, the following motion language is suggested:

"I move that the Council pass the consent calendar."

Attachments

Attachment A: Regional Climate Collaboratives Annual Reports

