



Request for Input on Application Processes

Transformative Climate Communities Program & Community Resilience Centers Program



Overview

The **California Strategic Growth Council (SGC)** is known for its continual process and program improvements. The SGC Community Investments and Planning portfolio is seeking input on a proposal to simplify the application processes for the **Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC)** and the **Community Resilience Centers Program (CRC)**. Our goal is to make the application process simpler and increase access for under-resourced communities.

Background

Proposition 4 authorizes the state to borrow funding to support many programs across the state, including a few administered by the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) and SGC. Two of SGC's programs that are included in Proposition 4 are TCC and CRC. TCC and CRC anticipate that full program funding will be included in the June 2026 state budget and plan for applications to open in spring 2026.

Staff from SGC are updating the guidelines for the TCC and CRC Implementation Grants to simplify the application process. Applicants to state and federal programs have communicated

that they spend significant time, labor and resources developing detailed applications. They do this without any guarantee of receiving funding. This process is burdensome and costly, even for communities with extensive community-based planning and resources.

We are seeking input on this proposal from all interested parties, including:

- Eligible applicants
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants from prior rounds
- Members of the public

Proposed Changes

Goals

The goals of the proposed changes are to:

- Reduce the burden of applying and engaging in the competitive award process for Implementation Grants.
- Provide more support to grantees before and during implementation to foster future success.

The SGC will fund top-scoring applicants to do project development work and develop complete, implementation-ready project plans. If those plans meet SGC requirements, staff will recommend them for funding.

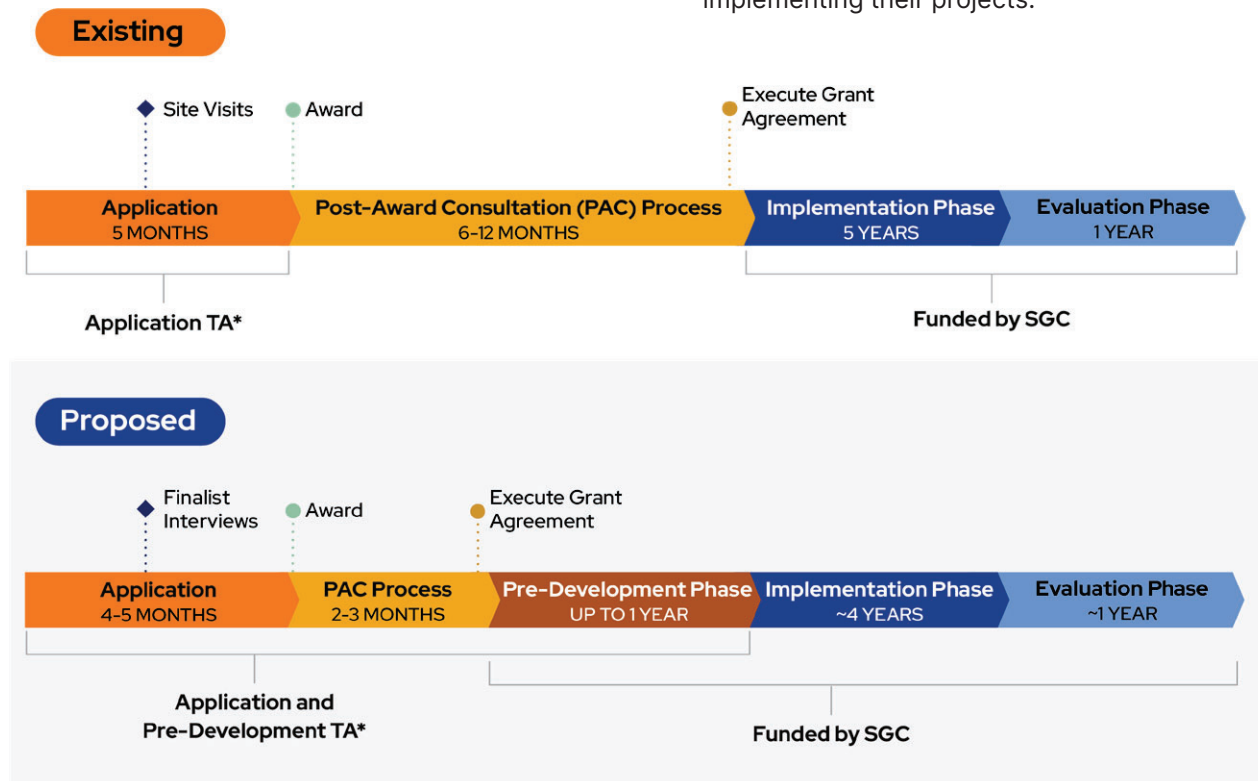
Changes to Requirements

Each program currently has a set of requirements that an application must meet, including:

- Detailed work plans and budgets
- Collaborative governance agreements
- Detailed supporting documentation

Now, SGC will break each requirement into two parts:

- 1. Application Requirements:** Requirements applicants must meet when they submit their applications.
- 2. Implementation Requirements:** Requirements applicants must meet before they begin implementing their projects.



*See Technical Assistance section on page 3 for more information on eligibility.

Awarded applicants will have up to one year to meet the Implementation Requirements. These requirements will be similar to application requirements from prior rounds. During this year (the Pre-Development Phase), grantees will have access to some of their grant funds to support:

- Staff time
- Pre-development work to achieve shovel-ready project plans
- Continued community engagement to refine project plans and prepare for the Implementation Phase

Only grantees who meet all Implementation Requirements will receive implementation funds. When a grantee meets all Implementation Requirements, they will enter the Implementation Phase.

Technical Assistance

The SGC will support priority applicants with application technical assistance (TA). Priority recipients will include disadvantaged unincorporated communities and California Native American Tribes. TA may also be available during the Pre-Development Phase.

Questions for Input

We invite feedback on this proposal. Consider the following questions:

1. What recommendations do you have for SGC?
2. What questions and concerns do you have for SGC?
3. Please share any programs SGC should look to that have accessible, low-barrier application processes.

TCC/CRC Application Process Feedback Form

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to fill out a short form for feedback on the application process revision:

[TCC/CRC Feedback Form](#)

