

Transformative Climate Communities

Round 6 Draft Guidelines

Key Changes and Request for Input

September 29, 2025

Action

The California Strategic Growth Council requests input from the public on the Transformative Climate Communities Round 6 Draft Guidelines by January 2, 2026. You can share your feedback by completing our feedback form or attending a community input session.

Summary

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) invites public comment on the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 6 Draft Guidelines (“Draft Guidelines”). This Key Changes and Request for Input document contains a summary of the significant changes in Round 6 and identifies areas where TCC staff are especially requesting input. Comments will inform the Round 6 TCC Final Guidelines, which are expected to be released in spring/summer 2026. We are particularly seeking input from California Native American Tribes and disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Public comment period

The public comment period for the Draft Guidelines is **September 29, 2025 – January 2, 2026**.

How to submit comments and questions

You can share your comments using this [public comment form](#). Feedback can also be provided at TCC community input sessions and small focus groups. To register for these sessions, visit the TCC website at <https://sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/tcc/>. For updates on Round 6 of the TCC Program, register for the [TCC News & Update Announcement List](#). If you have questions about the TCC Program, email us at TCC@sgc.ca.gov.

Background

The SGC updates guidelines before each round of funding based on community input. These updates adapt the program to changes in legislation and current events, improve the program’s accessibility and inclusivity, and advance the program’s objectives. In preparation for TCC Round 6, staff have drafted the TCC Round 6 Draft Guidelines based on:

- Feedback from past TCC applicants and grantees
- Prior public engagement processes led by TCC and other SGC grant programs
- Lessons learned from five rounds of TCC implementation
- Policy research
- Recent legislation
- A Request for Input conducted in spring 2025 on a new, proposed application process for TCC Implementation Grants




We are now seeking input and public comment on the Draft Guidelines.

This document summarizes the most significant proposed changes to the TCC Guidelines, organized by section of the Guidelines. This information is also available in the [Detailed Changes Excel Sheet](#), which contains this information plus additional, less significant changes. Minor changes have been omitted from both documents.

Public comment is not limited to the following topics. We encourage you to comment on any content in the Draft Guidelines. All comments will be reviewed and considered by TCC staff but may not be reflected in the Round 6 Final Guidelines. The Round 6 Final Guidelines will be released ten days prior to their consideration by SGC at a public meeting in spring/summer 2026.

Detailed proposed changes

TCC staff propose the following changes to address the issues identified through prior public engagement processes. TCC staff may also make additional changes between the Draft and Final Guidelines that have not been proposed here.

For ease of navigation, some text is accompanied by one or more icons indicating which grant type(s) that section applies to ( for Planning Grants,  for Project Development Grants, or  for Implementation Grants).

California Native American Tribes (Section 2 and throughout guidelines)

Requested feedback:

- Are these changes helpful? Are there other areas where TCC should consider building in flexibility for Tribes?
- Do you have feedback on the definition of a Tribally led/owned nonprofit?
- Do you have any feedback on the Tribal Funding Goal or priority points, particularly on who is eligible for them?
- What forms of application technical assistance would you most benefit from?

Federally recognized and non-federally recognized California Native American Tribes are eligible Lead Applicants and Co-Applicants to the program and are encouraged to apply.

Beginning in Round 4, TCC has increased access for Tribes each round by making changes to the Guidelines, providing technical assistance, and conducting targeted outreach and engagement. In Round 4, TCC awarded four (out of seven) Planning Grants to Tribes. In Round 5, TCC awarded two (out of four) Project Development Grants to applications that included Tribes as Co-Applicants. TCC has not yet made an Implementation Grant award to a Tribe.

The SGC introduced the following changes in Rounds 4 or 5 and are proposing to **maintain** them in Round 6:

- All areas within federally recognized Tribal boundaries are automatically eligible TCC **Project Areas**. Tribes can request additional modifications to Project Area eligibility requirements for areas outside of federally recognized Tribal boundaries.
- Tribes may use their federally negotiated **indirect cost rate** instead of the TCC maximum rate. Tribes who do not have a federally negotiated rate can request a rate that exceeds the TCC maximum rate (15% in Round 6) if they provide justification.

- Tribes are not required to sign a **limited waiver of sovereign immunity** to receive payments on a reimbursement basis. The SGC may require a limited waiver of sovereign immunity before disbursing funds via advance pay.
- **Application Technical Assistance** is guaranteed for all Tribal applicants across all grant types.
- Applicants have **flexibility** in several other areas, including the Displacement Avoidance Plan and certain application requirements.

Draft changes: SGC is proposing to **add** the following changes in Round 6:

- **PDI** The Guidelines define **Tribally led/owned nonprofits** as “A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with a majority of board members belonging to a specific California Native American Tribe, that exists as an arm of that Tribal nation to represent and pursue the interests of the Tribe. The Tribally led/owned nonprofit will need to receive formal endorsement from the Tribal government to apply and receive the grant if awarded.”
- **I** *Sections 2.2 and 9.4 Tribal Funding Goal:* SGC intends to fund a minimum of one qualifying Implementation Grant application where the Lead Applicant is a California Native American Tribe or Tribally led/owned nonprofit.
- **PDI** *Sections 2.2 and 9.4 Priority points:* Applications led by a California Native American Tribe or Tribally led/owned nonprofit will receive priority points in all grant types. Applications led by a Tribal-serving nonprofit will receive a smaller number of priority points.
- **I** *Section 2.3 Leverage funding exemption:* California Native American Tribes and Tribally led/owned nonprofits are exempt from leverage funding requirements.
- **PDI** *Section 2.4 Special considerations:* Tribally led/owned nonprofits may request modifications on most items for which California Native American Tribes can request modifications.
- **PDI** *Section 2.5 and throughout Data sovereignty:* Strengthens language around protecting data sovereignty.
- **PDI** *Section 2.6 Tribal notification:* The SGC will notify California Native American Tribes on the Native American Heritage Commission contact list of applications received in their region.
- **PDI** *Section 3.2 Collaborative governance:* California Native American Tribes are not required to have Co-Applicants. Tribes without Co-Applicants have additional flexibility in how they meet the Collaborative Governance requirement.
- **PDI** *Section 3.3 Project Area eligibility:* California Native American Tribes and Tribally led/owned nonprofits can have Project Areas that are non-contiguous and can be any size. Tribes can still request additional modifications to Project Area eligibility requirements if needed.
- **PDI** *Section 7.3 and 7.4 Transformative Elements:* California Native American Tribes and Tribally led/owned nonprofits may request modifications to Displacement Avoidance Plan and Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities Plan requirements.
- **PDI** *Section 8.1 Eligible costs:* Ceremonial expenses are no longer listed as an ineligible cost.
- **PDI** *Section 8.3 Cost categories and caps:* Allows California Native American Tribes and Tribally led/owned nonprofits to allocate a greater percentage of their TCC award

(25%) to support projects that will connect residents to basic environmental infrastructure, including water and wastewater services.

Disadvantaged unincorporated communities (throughout guidelines)



External partners, including supporters for the creation of the TCC Program, have advocated for disadvantaged unincorporated communities' eligibility since the program's inception. Due to programmatic circumstances, feasibility, and SGC priorities, in Round 1 and 2, disadvantaged unincorporated communities were ineligible for Implementation Grant funding. Advocacy groups worked with the legislature to pass Senate Bill 351 (Hurtado, 2019) requiring SGC to expand the program to unincorporated areas.

By Round 3, TCC expanded Implementation Grant eligibility to disadvantaged unincorporated communities that received a TCC planning grant in Round 1 or 2 and further expanded disadvantaged unincorporated communities' eligibility in Rounds 4 and 5. TCC's Round 4 Guidelines built out an investment framework for disadvantaged unincorporated communities in response to Senate Bill 351 (Hurtado, 2019). In Round 4, three out of seven Planning Grants were awarded to unincorporated communities and the rest were awarded to Tribal communities. In Round 5, all four Project Development Grants were awarded to Tribal and/or unincorporated applicants. TCC has not yet made an Implementation Grant award to a disadvantaged unincorporated community.

SGC introduced the following changes in Rounds 4 or 5 and are proposing to **maintain** them in Round 6:

- Expanded Project Area eligibility to disadvantaged unincorporated communities and provided several options for establishing the eligibility of a particular area. This included the development of a spatial analysis tool, as well as the option of submitting local data to establish Project Area eligibility for disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Allowed larger Project Areas for rural applicants.
- Prioritized disadvantaged unincorporated communities for technical assistance beginning in Round 4.
- Allowed disadvantaged unincorporated communities to allocate up to 10% of requested funds to support projects that will connect residents to basic environmental infrastructure, including water and wastewater services.
- Piloted the Project Development Grant type in Round 5. The new grant type bridges funding and support for communities who do not have shovel-ready projects. Predevelopment costs have been identified as a particular barrier for disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Draft changes: Round 6 builds upon this work by increasing the program's accessibility and utility for disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Proposed changes include:

-  *Section 3.3 Project Area eligibility:* Adds examples of **acceptable local data** to establish eligibility for disadvantaged unincorporated communities that use that eligibility pathway.
-  *Section 5 Project Development Grants:* Establishes the Project Development Grant type as permanent grant option.
- *Section 9.4 Funding goals and priority points:*

- **D** Creates the **Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community Funding Goal** to award at least one Project Development Grant award to a qualifying application from a disadvantaged unincorporated community.
- **PDI** Adds **priority points** for disadvantaged unincorporated communities for all grant types.
- **PDI** *Section 12.1 Application Technical Assistance*: Application **Technical Assistance** is guaranteed for all unincorporated applicants across all grant types.

Requested feedback:

- Currently, 50% leverage funding is still a requirement for Implementation Grant applicants, including disadvantaged unincorporated communities. However, this leverage funding can now be secured during the one-year Pre-Development Phase, which is funded through TCC. Leverage funding can come from any source and can include in-kind contributions. Is the 50% leverage funding feasible for disadvantaged unincorporated communities, or should TCC consider lowering this percentage for disadvantaged unincorporated communities?
- What forms of technical assistance would you most benefit from?
- Are there any areas of the Guidelines that currently feel inaccessible to disadvantaged unincorporated communities?

Application Process

Draft changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to the overall application process:

- **PDI** Transitions application from Microsoft SharePoint to the grants management platform called Submittable for improved applicant experience
- **PDI** Provide clarity around requirements for “early application components,” which include the Intent to Apply Form (required for all applicants) and Pre-Proposal (required for Implementation Grant applicants) and optional submittals such as the Other Climate Innovation proposals, local data submissions for disadvantaged unincorporated communities, and request for modifications from Tribal applicants.

I Implementation Grants only

Draft changes:

- Introduces a new, funded phase for Implementation Grants. This change is intended to make the application less burdensome and to fund the development of detailed work plans and budgets. The new proposed process and approximate timelines are:
 - Application period (4 months): Applicants complete applications on Submittable. Only applications that meet all Application Requirements will be considered for award. The Council will make awards based on application scores and TCC Funding Goals.
 - Post-Award Consultation (PAC) Process (2-3 months): Awardees and SGC staff will work to execute a grant agreement containing a detailed work plan and budget for the Pre-Development Phase.
 - Pre-Development Phase (up to 1 year): During the Pre-Development Phase, grantees will have access to a portion of their funds to support: staff time, pre-development work to achieve shovel-ready project plans, and continued community engagement to

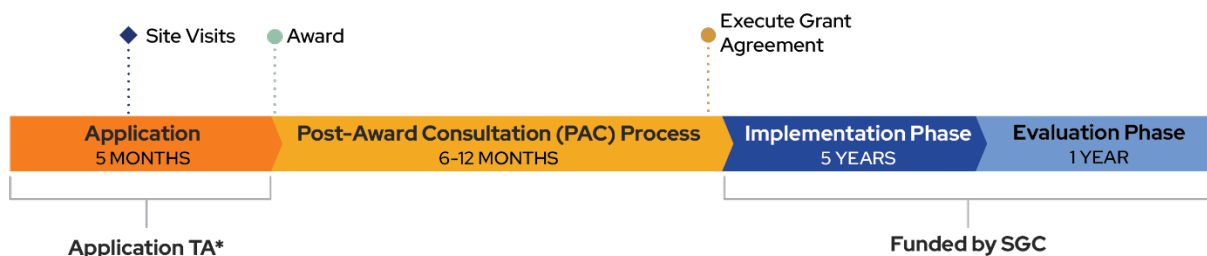
refine project plans and prepare for the Implementation Phase. Grantees can exit the Pre-Development Phase once they have met all Implementation Requirements and developed detailed work plans and budgets for all Implementation Phase work.

- Implementation Phase (4 years): Grantees will complete all Projects and Plans.
- Evaluation Phase (1 year): No project work can be completed during the Evaluation Phase. Grantees and evaluators can continue to access funds for evaluation and reporting.

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. See Sections 9 and 10 for more detail on the proposed changes.

- Remove the term "quantifiable" and removes greenhouse gas (GHG) quantification as part of the application process and scoring criteria. Instead, at least one Project must directly reduce GHGs, and all Projects must directly reduce GHGs or contribute to meaningful public health benefits. In the narrative questions, applicants will provide explanations of how the proposed Projects meet the requirements.

Existing



Proposed



Requested feedback:

- Are the stages of the new Implementation Grant process approach easy to understand? Is the process clear?

- Do you feel the Guidelines help you understand which grant type is the best fit for you?

Section 3: Eligibility

Draft changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to Section 3:

- **PDI** *Section 3.1 Eligible applicants:*
 - **I** Requires that Implementation Grants include a city, county, or Tribe as the public agency Co-Applicant.
 - Requires that Lead Applicants be eligible organizations per the Climate Bond. The Lead Applicant must be a public agency, local agency, nonprofit organization, special district, joint powers authority, Tribe, public utility, local publicly owned utility, or mutual water company. Private shareholder corporations are ineligible Lead Applicants and Co-Applicants.
- **PDI** *Section 3.3 Project Area eligibility:*
 - Clarifies rural vs urban designations; adds examples of acceptable local data to establish eligibility for disadvantaged unincorporated communities that use that eligibility pathway.
 - Requires Applicants who are using CalEnviroScreen (CES) to establish eligibility to use CES 4.0, not CES 3.0.
 - Clarifies that Project Areas may not overlap with any previously awarded Implementation Grant Project Areas.

Requested feedback:

- Is the distinction between rural and urban areas clear? Are there other definitions TCC should consider?
- Do you have enough information to determine whether your desired Project Area is eligible? (TCC will develop a free mapping tool to assist with visualizing these requirements which will be available during the application period).
- Do you have any concerns about the requirement that the public agency Co-Applicant for an Implementation Grant be a city, county, or Tribe?

Section 7: Transformative Elements

Draft changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to Section 7:

- **PDI** *Section 7.1 Grant Evaluation:* Requires a flat 3% be set aside for Grant Evaluation. Evaluation Partner does not need to be identified at the time of application.
- **PDI** *Section 7.2 Community Engagement:* Clarifies and expands eligible costs for Community Engagement Plan activities.
- **PDI** *Section 7.4 Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities:* Clarifies and expands eligible costs for Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities activities. Makes credential expenses an eligible cost.
- **I** *Section 7.6 Leverage Funding:* Changes leverage funding requirements due to the new Implementation Grant application process. Leverage funding will be identified at application and secured during the Pre-Development Phase.

Requested feedback:

- Do the expanded eligible costs adequately reflect your needs?

Section 8: Program costs

Draft changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to Section 8:

- **PDI** *Section 8.1 Eligible Costs:*
 - Adds Peer-to-Peer learning as a strongly recommended eligible cost.
 - Raises maximum indirect cost rate to 15% of direct costs excluding equipment purchase with a per unit cost of \$5,000 or more and subcontracts after the first \$50,000 of a subcontract.
 - **I** Strongly recommends the following costs for Implementation Grants:
 - Community resource center or shared space
 - Annual Collaborative Governance strategic planning day

Requested feedback:

- Are there additional items that should be added as eligible costs?

Section 9: Application

Draft changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to Section 9:

- **PDI** *Section 9.1 Funding availability and award amount:* Clarifies that applicants may only apply to one grant type in Round 6.
- **I** *Section 9.3 Application review process:* Removes site visits from the Implementation Grant application process. Instead, finalists will participate in virtual interviews.
- *Section 9.4 Funding goals and priority points:*
 - **I** Creates a Tribal Funding Goal to award at least one Implementation Grant to a qualifying application from a California Native American Tribe or a Tribally led/owned nonprofit.
 - **D** Creates a Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community Funding Goal to award at least one Project Development Grant to a qualifying application with a Project Area in an unincorporated community.
 - **PDI** Adds priority points for qualifying applications representing Tribal communities, disadvantaged unincorporated communities, or previous SGC or the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation grantees.
- **PDI** *Section 9.8 Close scores protocol:* Creates a Close Scores Protocol to use when raw scores are within 0.5 points of each other for Planning and Project Development Grants or 1 point of each other for Implementation Grants.
 - For Planning and Project Development Grants, preference will be given to applications with higher Objectives and Visions scores.
 - For Implementation Grants, preference will be given to applications with higher Community Engagement scores.
- **PDI** *Sections 9.5-9.7 Scoring criteria:*
 - Updates scoring criteria and point totals.
 - Evaluates Financial capacity as a threshold item rather than as part of the scoring criteria.

- Implementation Grants: Moves scoring of prior community engagement to “Objectives and Vision” section. Community Engagement remains a Transformative Element with updated point totals.

Requested feedback

- Do the revised scoring criteria feel clear, appropriate, and aligned with TCC Objectives?
- Do you support the addition of the Close Scores Protocol?

Section 10: Application Requirements

See “Application Process” section above for more context for these changes.

Draft changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to Section 10:

- **PDI** *Section 10.2 Summary of application components and throughout:* Lists out Application Requirements (due at time of application) and Implementation Requirements (developed during Pre-Development Phase and required before Implementation Phase). For Planning and Project Development Grants, all items are due at time of application. Staff reduced several Application Requirements.
- **PDI** *Section 10.3 and 10.4 Intent to Apply and Pre-Proposal:* Describes the Pre-Proposal process and other submissions that are due prior to the application deadline, if applicable.
- **PDI** *Section 10.6 Project Area:* Requires Planning and Project Development applicants to submit the final Project Area boundary by the application deadline. Implementation Grantees must submit a draft Project Area boundary and then may refine it during the Pre-Development Phase.
- *Section 10.7 Prior Community Engagement:*
 - **D** Project Development Grants: Requires prior community engagement
 - **I** Implementation Grants: Requires applicants to complete a prior community engagement worksheet to document the previous engagement.
- *Section 10.8 Financial Capacity:*
 - **P** Planning Grants: Requires Lead Applicants to answer narrative questions related to financial capacity. No additional documentation is required.
 - **DI** Project Development and Implementation Grants: Only requires Lead Applicants to submit financial capacity documentation.
- *Section 10.9 Management Capacity:*
 - **P** Planning Grants: Requires Lead Applicants to answer narrative questions related to financial capacity. No additional documentation is required.
 - **D** Project Development Grants: Requires only Lead Applicants to submit management capacity documentation. Co-Applicants will have to answer narrative questions.
 - **I** Implementation Grants: Requires both Lead Applicants and Co-Applicants to submit management capacity documentation and answer narrative questions.
- *Section 10.10 Collaborative Governance:*
 - **PDI** Clarifies that for all grant types, all Lead and Co-Applicants must submit Letters of Commitment at time of application. (Also, in Section 10.5)

- **DI** Project Development and Implementation Grants: Requires applicants to complete the Collaborative Governance Worksheet as an Application Requirement. Awarded applicants will turn the Collaborative Governance Worksheet into a formal Collaborative Governance Agreement and sign it during the Post-Award Consultation phase.
- **PDI** Requires applications with Project Area that crosses jurisdictional boundaries to have the support of a relevant public agency for each portion of the Project Area, demonstrated by a Letter of Support.
- *Section 10.11 Work plan and budget:*
 - **I** For Implementation Grants only, lessens detail is required at time of application for each Project and Plan. The Lead Grantee and Partners will build out the following during the Pre-Development Phase:
 - Detailed budgets with expenses itemized (quantity and cost per unit):
 - Project schedules with anticipated completion timelines at the month-level
 - Work plans with discrete tasks and subtasks
 - Clear and specific deliverables and milestones
 - **PDI** Planning and Project Development Grants: Allows an optional contingency up to 10% of the total budget.
 - **I** Implementation Grants: Requires 5-10% of each Project/Plan budget be allocated for contingency.
- **I** *Section 10.12 Additional requirements:* Revises Application Requirements and Implementation Requirements for each Strategy. These requirements are listed in Appendix B. This is only applicable to Implementation Grants.
- **I** *Section 10.13 Leverage funding:* For Implementation Grants, requires that applicants identify potential sources and submit a leverage funding worksheet by the application deadline and secure leverage funding by the end of the Pre-Development Phase.
- **DI** *Section 10.14 Site control:* Clarifies how and when applicants must demonstrate that they have site control. Requires site control for basic environmental infrastructure and pilot projects for Project Development Grants.
- **DI** *Section 10.15 California Environmental Quality Act:* Clarifies requirements around California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation.
- **DI** *Section 10.16 Permits:* Clarifies that for Project Development and Implementation Grants, applicants must identify all permits required to implement the Projects and the timelines for obtaining them. However, they do not need to have them at time of application.
- *Section 10.17 Operations and Maintenance Plan Requirements:*
 - **D** Project Development Grants: Requires applicants to submit Operations and Maintenance Plans at application.
 - **I** Implementation Grants: Full Operations and Maintenance plans are not required at application, but applicants should identify an initial plan and party responsible. Applicants that have full Operations and Maintenance plans should submit them to increase their feasibility score.
- **PDI** *Section 10.18 Long-term use and ownership:* At the time of application, requires Implementation Grant applicants to identify the responsible party for long-term

operations, maintenance, and ownership of all the components of the grant that will extend beyond the TCC grant term.

- **I** *Section 10.19 Interviews*: Describes the scheduling, format, and scoring for interviews, which will be required for the top-scoring Implementation Grant applicants.
- **I** *Section 10.20 Program policy priorities*: Requires Implementation Grant applicants from cities with planned High-Speed Rail stations to submit a map of existing and proposed connectivity to the station and include tasks in the Community Engagement Plan that support the station area design and implementation. If awarded, the final Project Area map must demonstrate connectivity to the station.

Requested feedback:

- The Planning and Project Development Grant application process does not currently include a Pre-Proposal stage. Would you like SGC to add this required stage?
- For Implementation Grant applicants, do these Application Requirements seem more feasible and less burdensome to obtain? Can applicants gather the supporting documentation and fill out the application with ease (not requiring as much money, staff capacity, and unfunded time as in prior rounds)? Which Application Requirements will be the most challenging to complete?
- Interviews are new to Round 6, in place of site visits. Does the scheduling, format, and scoring seem reasonable?

Section 11: Grant Administration and Program Expectations

Draft Changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes Section 11:

- **PDI** *Section 11.2 Lead Grantee, Partners, and Subcontractors*: Specifies that SGC strongly recommends that the Lead Grantee enter into contractual and legally-binding sub-agreements, in addition to the Collaborative Governance Agreement to help govern the relationship between the Partners (Co-Applicants) and Lead Grantee (Lead Applicant).
- **PDI** *Section 11.5 Disbursement and accounting of funds*: Updates LCI's Advance Pay Policies. Adds "disbursement process" section explaining the Prompt Payment Act.

Section 12: Technical Assistance

Draft Changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to Section 12: Technical Assistance

- *Section 12.1 Application Technical Assistance*:
 - **PDI** Makes Application Technical Assistance available to all Tribal and unincorporated applicants for all grant types.
 - **I** No longer guarantees Application Technical Assistance for all Implementation Grant applicants. Application Technical Assistance services may be available for additional applicants on a case-by-case basis based on TA provider capacity.
- **I** *Section 12.2 Pre-Development Phase Technical Assistance*: Adds technical assistance during the Pre-Development Phase for Implementation Grant grantees for support in setting up grant management systems and procedures, refining detailed work plans and budgets for all Projects and Plans, and meeting all other Implementation Requirements.

Requested feedback:

- What forms of technical assistance would you most benefit from?

I Appendix B: TCC-Funded Projects by Strategy

Draft Changes: TCC staff have proposed the following changes to Appendix B: TCC-Funded Projects by Strategy.

- Outlines Strategy-specific Application and Implementation Requirements, which should be used in conjunction with Section 10.
- *Eligible Application Requirements:* Formalizes acceptance of projects with multiple strategies.
- *Strategy 4 Solar Installation, Energy Efficiency, and Appliance Electrification*
 - Classifies cool roofs as a project type 1, “Installation of energy efficiency measures and solar photovoltaic systems.” Updated Savings to Ratio (SIR) calculation.
 - Adds a new section on tenant protections and cost effectiveness for energy efficient and appliance electrification projects. For solar photovoltaic installations, the individual who meets the low-income designation must be the property owner, not the tenant.
- *Strategy 8 Health Equity and Well-Being:*
 - Clarifies community resource centers and food hubs as eligible projects.
 - Adds Extreme Heat Mitigation & Resilience as an eligible project type.
- *Strategy 12 Community Resilience Centers:* Adds a new Strategy, Community Resilience Centers.
- *Strategy 13 Other Climate Innovation:* Adds a new Strategy, Other Climate Innovation, where applicants can propose projects that do fall under current approved Strategies. Other Climate Innovation project proposals will be submitted ahead of the Pre-Proposal due date and are subject to SGC approval.

Requested feedback:

- For solar photovoltaic (PV) installation projects is the SIR calculation still the industry standard for evaluating cost effectiveness?
- Do you have any questions or concerns about the Other Climate Innovation option?

PDI Appendix E: Award-to-Agreement Process and Policies

Draft Changes: TCC staff have added a new appendix, Appendix E: Award-to-Agreement Process and Policies, which describes the steps that happen after the SGC makes an award and before grant-funded work can begin:

- *Appendix E-1 and E-2:* Outlines policies post-award and how a project may be returned to Council for action, including:
 - If the awardee fails to sign the Grant Agreement
 - If the awardee fails to meet Implementation Requirements (Implementation Grants only)
 - If the final work plans and budgets are extremely different from what was proposed in the original application
- Explains the role of work plan and budgets in Exhibit B conversion.