



# Notice of Funding Availability Community Resilience Centers Program FY 2026-2027 Funding Round

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To: All Potential Applicants  
From: CRC Program Staff, California Strategic Growth Council  
Subject: Community Resilience Centers Program Notice of Funding Availability (Round 2)

## **Section 1. Funding availability**

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The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$55 million in funding from the *Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024* for Round 2 of the Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

SGC will award CRC grants through a competitive process.

- Approximately \$5 million is available for Planning Grant awards of up to \$500,000 each.
- Approximately \$50 million is available for Implementation Grant awards of up to \$10 million each.

SGC reserves the right to reallocate funds across the grant types based on the applications received.

To be considered for a CRC Implementation or Planning Grant, applicants must fill out an application through our online submission platform, Submittable.

- The application period for **Planning Grants** will begin on July 2, 2026, and close on Sept. 4, 2026. (9 weeks)
- The application period for **Implementation Grants** will begin on July 2, 2026, and close on Sept. 25, 2026. (11 weeks)

More detailed information about the application process is available in Section 4 below.

The [CRC Round 2 Guidelines](#) (“CRC Guidelines”) are the controlling document for these grants and describe in greater detail the nature of, restrictions to, and operation of these grant funds. These guidelines are made in adherence to Public Resource Code section 90000 et sec. They describe in greater detail certain conditions and required elements mentioned in this NOFA. For any questions, please refer to the linked CRC Guidelines or reach out to CRC staff.

## **Section 2. Program summary**

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The CRC Program funds the planning and construction or retrofits of community serving facilities that provide shelter and resources to mitigate the public health impacts of extreme heat and other emergency situations exacerbated by climate change, as well as year-round community programs and services.

See the [CRC Guidelines](#) for information on eligible activities for each grant type.

### **Funding goals, priority communities and priority points**

Consistent with existing state guidance and robust public input, eligible applicants from all communities may apply for CRC Program funds. However, the CRC Program will prioritize investments in the communities most burdened by environmental, socioeconomic, and health inequities. Priority communities, as defined in [Section 1.5: Investing in priority communities and populations](#), may be eligible for prioritization through the following mechanisms:

- **Tribal Funding Goal:** SGC intends to award at least one eligible Planning Grant, and one eligible Implementation Grant from California Native American Tribes or Tribally owned nonprofits. See [Section 2: California Native American Tribes and Tribal applicants](#) and [Section 8.4: Funding Priorities and Priority Points](#) for more information.
- **Priority points:** Eligible applications representing Tribal applicants, under-resourced rural and unincorporated communities, or previous SGC or LCI grantees will receive additional points if they meet certain requirements. See [Section 8.4: Funding goals and Priority Points](#) for a detailed breakdown of priority points per Lead Applicant type.

SGC will consider geographic diversity in final award decisions using the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Fire and Mutual Aid Regions. SGC aims to award one eligible Planning Grant in each Cal OES Fire and Mutual Aid Region.

### **Section 3. Eligible Applicants & Partnership Requirements**

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A Lead Applicant must be based in California and must be one of the following, as defined in CRC Guidelines [Appendix A: Term and definitions](#):

- California Native American Tribe
- Tribally owned nonprofit
- IRC 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization
- Public agency
- Local agency
- Special district
- Joint powers authority
- Public utility
- Local publicly owned utility
- Mutual water company

Lead Applicants may only apply to one CRC grant type. Only one application may be submitted for a proposed scope (i.e., the same set of organizations cannot apply to a second grant type with a similar Project Area but with a different organization serving as the Lead Applicant). Organizations may be Partners on multiple applications.

Private shareholder corporations are not eligible as Lead Applicants or funded Partners.

### **Partnership requirements**

Per Senate Bill (SB) 155, community-based organizations must be involved in all awarded Implementation Grant CRC Project Proposals. However, California Native American Tribes and Tribally owned nonprofits can apply without Partners in certain circumstances. Each grant type has distinct partner(s) requirements. See Section [3.1 Eligible Applicants](#) and [3.2 Collaborative Governance Structure](#) of the CRC Guidelines for additional information on Eligibility and Collaborative Governance.

## Section 4. Application Process

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### Application timeline

The application period for Planning Grants and Implementation Grants will begin on **July 2, 2026**. However, there will be different due dates for final application submission by grant type.

#### Key Dates:

- Applications for Planning and Implementation Grants *open* on **July 2, 2026**.
- Technical Assistance Request Form
  - Opened on April 29, 2026, and responses are due no later than **July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time** for priority consideration. See [Section 10: Technical Assistance](#) of the CRC Guidelines for more information.
- Application Due Dates
  - Planning Grants:
    - Final applications are due **Sept. 4, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time**.
  - Implementation Grants:
    - Final applications due **Sept. 25, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time**.
    - Finalist interviews will take place early **2027**.

SGC will not accept late applications after the application due date or time.

Applicants that are missing required documentation may be notified by CRC staff. Applicants will have a brief window to submit missing documentation. Please see Section 5, Scoring, below for more details on the application review process.

### Application Materials and Submission Process

All applications must be submitted via the online application platform, Submittable. No hard copies, facsimiles, electronic transmissions via email, hand-delivered copies, or any other method of submitting complete applications will be accepted.

Application materials will be available in Submittable on July 2, 2026. The link to the Submittable application will be located on the [CRC Round 2 webpage](#). For certain application components, applicants must also download templates from the [CRC Round 2 webpage](#) to complete and submit along with the rest of their application in Submittable.

### Corrections, Clarifications, and Questions

All clarifications or corrections to application materials or to this Notice of Funding Availability will be posted to the CRC application webpage. Applicants who have initiated their application in Submittable will be notified about significant updates via email.

Applicants may submit questions to SGC during the application period by following the instructions on the [CRC Round 2 webpage](#). SGC will publicly post the answers to questions with general applicability on the [CRC Round 2 webpage](#).

## Section 5. Scoring

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SGC intends to prioritize Tribal applicants and applications from under-resourced and unincorporated or rural communities across the state, while ensuring geographic diversity in alignment with statutory requirements. See [Section 8.4: Funding Priorities and Priority Points](#) of the CRC Guidelines for more information on the funding priorities and priority points.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated using a three-part scoring process:

1. All applications are reviewed to ensure they are complete and meet program thresholds. If any required documentation is missing, applicants will be notified by CRC staff. Applicants will have three (3) business days from that notification, to submit missing documentation. After this period, applications that are deemed incomplete or ineligible, will not be scored or considered for funding. SGC will notify applicants who are deemed ineligible or fail program threshold review. Please see [Section 8.5: Planning Grant Program Thresholds and Scoring Criteria](#) and [Section 8.6: Implementation Grant Program Thresholds and Scoring Criteria](#) of the CRC Guidelines for Planning and Implementation Grants respectively.
2. All applications that successfully pass program thresholds will be reviewed and scored by SGC staff and an Interagency Review Panel in accordance with [Section 8: Application and Scoring](#).
3. The top-scoring Planning Grant applications will be scored on Project Feasibility. Top-scoring Implementation Grant applications will be scored on Project Feasibility and invited for a required virtual interview. See [Section 8.6: Implementation Grant Program Thresholds and Scoring Criteria](#) of the CRC Guidelines for more information on the interview process.

Reviewers' scores will be averaged to determine final application scores, which will be rounded to two decimal places and ranked. If scores are close, SGC will use a tiebreaker process as described in [Section 8.7: Close Scores Protocol](#) of the CRC Guidelines. Top-scoring applicants will be recommended to the California Strategic Growth Council to receive CRC Implementation and Planning Grant awards. SGC reserves the right to make partial awards.

## Section 6. Application Technical Assistance and resources

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### Application Technical Assistance

Eligible applicants may request free Application Technical Assistance (TA) for all grant types by completing the Technical Assistance Request Form which is available on the [CRC Round 2 Technical Assistance](#) webpage. Application TA will be provided by a third-party TA provider through a contract with SGC.

The Application Technical Assistance Request Form is now open. Resources are limited and requests will be prioritized for the following applicants:

- California Native American Tribes
- California Native American Tribally owned nonprofits (also referred to as a Tribally owned nonprofits) as defined by the CRC Guidelines

If available, remaining TA resources will be provided to the organizations in the following order and on a first-come, first-served basis:

- Lead Applicants that are nonprofits whose missions primarily focus on serving Tribal communities and whose grant activities are primarily focused on serving Tribal communities.

- Lead Applicants that are nonprofits in rural communities or unincorporated communities that meet the definition of an under-resourced community.

SGC will connect applicants to the Application Technical Assistance Provider on a rolling basis. SGC will have discretion to make final decisions on which applicants receive Application TA. Completion of the Technical Assistance Request Form does not guarantee that an applicant will receive TA.

### **Resources for All Applicants**

SGC staff will provide general Application Technical Assistance to all applicants. Application TA may include application office hours, recorded videos, sample applications, or other written materials. These resources will be available on the [CRC Round 2 webpage](#).

## **Section 7. Appeals**

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### **Basis of Appeals**

1. Upon receipt of a notice, using contact information provided with the application, that an application has been determined to be ineligible or failed threshold review, applicants under this NOFA may appeal such decision(s) to SGC pursuant to this section.
2. No applicant shall have the right to appeal a decision of SGC relating to another applicant's eligibility, point score, award, denial of award, or any other matter related thereto.
3. The appeal process provided herein applies solely to the decision of SGC made in this program NOFA and does not apply to any decisions made with respect to any previously issued NOFAs or decisions to be made pursuant to future program NOFAs.

### **Appeal Process and Deadlines**

1. Process: To file an appeal, applicants must submit to SGC, by the deadline set forth below (see filing deadline), a written appeal, which states all relevant facts, arguments, and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Furthermore, the applicant must provide a detailed reference to the area or areas of the application that provide clarification and substantiation for the basis of the appeal. No new or additional information will be considered if this information would result in a competitive advantage to an applicant. Once the written appeal is submitted to SGC, no information of materials will be accepted or considered thereafter. Appeals shall be submitted to SGC at [crc@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:crc@sgc.ca.gov).
2. Filing deadline: Appeals must be received by SGC no later than five business days from the date of SGC's notice that an application has been determined to be ineligible or failed threshold review.

### **Appeal Decision**

Any request to appeal to SGC's decision regarding an application shall be reviewed for compliance with the CRC Guidelines and this NOFA. These appeal decisions are made at the sole discretion of SGC. All decisions rendered shall be final, binding, and conclusive, and shall constitute the final action of SGC.

## **Section 8. Other Terms and Conditions**

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### **State Prevailing Wages**

Program funds awarded under this NOFA are subject to state prevailing wage law, as set forth in Labor Code Section 1720 et seq., and require the payment of prevailing wages unless the project

meets one of the exceptions of Labor Code 1720 (c) as determined by the Department of Industrial Relations. Applicants are urged to seek professional advice as to how to comply with state prevailing wage law.

### **Disclosure Application of Information**

Information provided in the submitted application will become a public record available for review pursuant to the Public Records Act. As such, any materials provided will be disclosable to any person making a public records request. Applicants should use discretion in providing information that is not specifically requested, including, but not limited to bank account numbers, personal phone numbers and home addresses. By providing this information in an application, the applicant waives any claim of confidentiality and consents to the public disclosure of all submitted material.

### **Right to Modify or Suspend**

SGC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, amend, or modify the provisions of this NOFA at any time, including without limitation, the amount of funds available hereunder. If such an action occurs, CRC Program staff will post the revisions to the CRC Program website.

### **Conflict**

In the event of any conflict between the terms of this NOFA and either applicable state or federal law or regulation, the terms of the applicable state or federal law or regulation shall control. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this NOFA and the CRC Round 2 Guidelines, Guideline terms shall control.

Applicants may apply for multiple funding programs to accomplish the same scope of work. However, awarded applicants will only be able to receive full funding from the one award. If selected for more than one award, SGC will work with applicants to modify the scope of work to eliminate duplication of funding.

## **Section 9. Resources and Questions**

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Information about the CRC Program, including the CRC Guidelines, application resources, technical assistance, and other resources can be found at the following website: <https://sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/crc/>. Questions may be directed to the CRC Program by email at [crc@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:crc@sgc.ca.gov).