



Notice of Funding Availability

Transformative Climate Communities Program

FY 2025-2026 Funding Round 6

Date: May 29, 2026

To: All Potential Applicants

From: TCC Program Staff, California Strategic Growth Council

Subject: Transformative Climate Communities Program Notice of Funding Availability (Round 6)

Section 1. Funding Availability

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) along with its partner agency, the Department of Conservation (DOC), is pleased to announce the availability of approximately **\$98.4 million** in funding from the *Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024* for Round 6 of the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

SGC will award TCC grants through a competitive process.

- Approximately \$900 thousand is available for three Planning Grant awards of up to \$300 thousand each.
- Approximately \$15 million is available for three Project Development Grant awards of up to \$5 million each.
- Approximately \$82.5 million is available for three Implementation Grant awards of up to \$27.5 million each.

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

To be considered for a TCC Implementation, Project Development, or Planning Grant, applicants must fill out an application through our online submission platform, Submittable, available through the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#). **The application period will begin on May 29, 2026, and end on September 30, 2026.** More detailed information about the application process is available in Section 4 below.

The [Transformative Climate Communities Round 6 Program Guidelines](#) (also referred to as the “TCC Program Guidelines”) are the controlling document for these awards 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 Guidelines or reach out to TCC staff at tcc@sgc.ca.gov.

Section 2. Program Summary

The TCC Program funds projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans. The plans include multiple coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits. TCC empowers the California communities most impacted by pollution to choose the strategies and projects best suited to achieve their community vision and enact transformational change.

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

Funding Goals and Priority Points

Tribal applicants, applicants with Project Areas in disadvantaged unincorporated communities, and previous SGC or California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) grantees may be eligible for prioritization through the following mechanisms:

- **Tribal Funding Goal:** SGC intends to award at least one grant of each grant type to eligible applications from California Native American Tribes or Tribally-owned nonprofits.
- **Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community Funding Goal:** SGC intends to award at least one grant of each grant type to eligible applications with Project Areas in disadvantaged unincorporated communities.
- **Priority Points:** Eligible applications representing Tribal applicants, disadvantaged unincorporated communities, or previous SGC or LCI grantees will receive additional points if they meet the requirements.

See Section 9.4 of the [TCC Program Guidelines](#) for details on eligibility.

Section 3. Eligible Applicants & Partnership Requirements

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

Private shareholder corporations are not eligible as Lead Applicants or Co-Applicants.

Lead Applicants may only apply to one TCC 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 Co-Applicants on multiple applications.

Partnership Requirements

The Lead Applicant will collaborate with multiple Co-Applicants. California Native American Tribes and Tribally-owned nonprofits can apply without Co-Applicants in certain circumstances. See Section 3.1 and 3.2 of the [TCC Program Guidelines](#) for additional information on eligible applicants and Co-Applicant requirements.

Section 4. Application Process

Application Timeline

Final applications for all grant types must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on September 30, 2026**. Other key dates to be aware of are:

- 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
- Implementation Grant Applicants only:
 - Project proposals for Strategy 13 (Other Climate Innovation): opened on April 29, 2026, and are due **June 15, 2026**, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (requirement only applicable to applicants selecting this Strategy)
 - Pre-Proposals are due on **June 30, 2026**, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time
 - Finalist interviews will take place during the month of **January 2027**

SGC **WILL NOT** accept late applications after the application due date.

Applicants must submit certain items prior to the due date for the Final Application. These items are referred to as Early Application Components. See Section 10.3 of the [TCC Program Guidelines](#) for complete information and the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#) for submission instructions. These items are:

- Pre-Proposal (Implementation Grants only)
- Optional Tribal modification requests (due July 31, 2026, if requesting pre-approval of request)
- Optional local data submissions (due July 31, 2026, if requesting pre-approval of submission)
- Optional proposal for Other Climate Innovation Strategy (if utilizing Strategy 13, Other Climate Innovation) (Implementation Grants only)

All applications are reviewed by TCC staff to ensure that all required documentation is submitted and that the application is complete. After the application due date, applicants may be contacted by TCC staff with requests to provide minor clarifications or corrections to application materials. If applicants are contacted for this purpose, they will have three (3) business days to provide the requested information. 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 threshold review.

Application Materials and Submission Process

All applications must be submitted via the online application platform, Submittable, available through the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#). 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 within 24 hours of the release of this NOFA. The link to the Submittable application will be located on the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#). For certain application components, applicants must also download templates from the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#) to complete and submit along with the rest of their application in Submittable.

Top-scoring Implementation Grant applicants will be invited for a required virtual interview. See Section 10.18 of the [TCC Program Guidelines](#) for more information on the interview process.

Corrections, Clarifications, and Questions

All corrections and clarifications to application materials or to this NOFA will be posted to the [TCC Round 6 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 [TCC Round 6 webpage](#). SGC will publicly post the answers to questions with general applicability on the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#).

Section 5. Scoring

Applications will be evaluated according to the process and scoring criteria set forth in Section 9 of the [TCC Program Guidelines](#). For Implementation Grants only, interviews will be conducted and scored with the top-scoring applicants according to the process laid out in the [TCC Program Guidelines](#).

TCC staff will recommend top-scoring applicants to the California Strategic Growth Council to receive TCC Implementation, Project Development, and Planning Grant awards.

Section 6. Application Technical Assistance and Resources

Application Technical Assistance

Eligible applicants may request free Application Technical Assistance for all grant types by completing the Application Technical Assistance Request Form which is available on the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#). Application Technical Assistance is provided by a third-party technical assistance 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 TCC Program Guidelines
- Applicants with a TCC Project Area that qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community per the TCC Program Guidelines

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

Resources for All Applicants

SGC staff will provide general Application Technical Assistance to all applicants in the form of application office hours, recorded videos, sample applications, or other similar resources. These resources will be available on the [TCC Round 6 webpage](#).

Section 7. Appeals

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 Section 2. 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 tcc@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 TCC Program 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

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 post

award 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, TCC program staff will post the revisions to the TCC program webpage.

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 TCC Round 6 Program Guidelines, Guideline terms shall control.

Applicants may apply for multiple funding programs for the same scope of work. However, awarded applicants are only able to receive full funding from 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

Information about the TCC Program, including the Program Guidelines, application resources, technical assistance, and other resources can be found at the following webpage: <https://sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/tcc/>. Questions may be directed to the TCC Program by email at tcc@sgc.ca.gov.