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# **Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program Overview**

**Thursday 1/12/23, CEMO/The Climate Center**

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# CRC Program Overview

- Funding for the construction or retrofit of facilities to serve as **community resilience centers**
- Planning & implementation funding
- Emergency response *and* building long-term resilience
- Provision of services to mitigate impacts of climate emergencies



# Additional Requirements



- Prioritize projects located in and benefitting **under-resourced communities**;
- Prioritize projects that represent the statewide geographic diversity and that are **inclusive of both rural and urban communities in incorporated and unincorporated areas**;
- Authority to offer **advance payment through 7/1/2025**



# Program Timeline

- **Summer '22:** SGC holds initial listening sessions
- **Summer/Fall '22:** SGC develops initial draft of R1 guidelines
- **Dec '22:** SGC releases draft guidelines for public comment and hosts draft Guidelines Workshops
- **Winter/Spring '23:** SGC updates draft to incorporate public comment
- **April '23:** SGC posts proposed guidelines, presents to Council for adoption
- **May '23:** SGC releases Notice of Funding Availability and application
- **Fall '23:** First round of CRC grants awarded



# Round 1 Proposed Funding Breakdown

## Grant Funds

- \$100 million: total grants
  - \$95 million: implementation
  - \$5 million: planning
- Implementation Grants:
  - \$5-\$10 million each
- Planning Grants:
  - \$200,000 - \$500,000 each

## Admin & Support Funds

- \$10 million
  - Program administration & staffing
  - Technical assistance
  - Program evaluation



# CRC Program Overview

- Build **climate resilience & community resilience**
- Prioritize **community-serving locations**
- Require **community engagement & CSS**
- Balance **shorter-term & longer-term** needs
- **Prioritize most vulnerable**
- Fund **mix of projects**
  - Climate impacts, facility and lead applicant type, geographic diversity



# Core Components

- **Multi-stakeholder partnerships**
- **Robust community engagement** throughout all phases
- **Capital Projects**
  - physical infrastructure investments to the CRC Facility and CRC campus amenities
- **Community resilience services & programs**
  - social infrastructure investments in services and programs, to ensure ongoing year-round usage of the CRC and strengthening local community resilience



# Tribal Funding Target

- Intend to fund **2+ projects**, across implementation & planning grants, where Lead Applicant is a California Native American Tribe
  - OR an eligible entity having co-ownership with a California Native American Tribe, or an eligible entity established by a California Native American Tribe to undertake climate resilience projects





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# CRC Implementation Grants

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# Program Objectives

- Offer **multi-benefit physical community-serving spaces**
  - Resilient to current and future climate hazards
- Provide **integrated delivery of essential services and programming**
- Integrate physical infrastructure projects with social infrastructure
  - Through **community-driven partnerships and programming**
- Leverage and build a **skilled, diversified, and trained workforce** and promote **local workforce development and training opportunities**, and to
- Strengthen and sustain **local leadership and grassroots engagement** in civic and community development, and climate resilience awareness and activities



# Strategies

1. Energy resilience
2. Water resilience
3. Air quality & public health
4. Nature-based solutions & food security
5. Emergency preparedness & critical communications
6. Mobility & access
7. Workforce development, education & training

*Applicants must select at least 4 strategies*



# Eligible Activities

## Capital Projects

- CRC Facility
- Campus Amenities

## Community Resilience Services & Programs

- Health & Well-being
- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Access & Mobility
- Information Distribution
- Housing Affordability & Protection
- Workforce Development





# CRC Planning Grants



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# Program Objectives

- Advance the local community's ability to identify, vision, design, construct, resource, and activate **sites** as community resilience centers
- Ensure or increase **accessibility** of CRCs to community members, especially during emergencies
- Build, strengthen, and sustain local **community resilience**, in connection with a proposed CRC
- Demonstrate consistency with the State's **Planning Priorities** that intend to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety in the state, including urban, suburban, and rural communities.



# Eligibility

- **Broad eligibility** for Applicants and Facility Types
  - **Collaborative Stakeholder Structure** required by end of grant term
- **Planning Area and Site Identification**
- **Eligible planning activities** include:
  - Preparing applicants to apply for CRC Implementation Grant
  - Identifying and preparing project sites
  - Completing fiscal analyses and studies
  - Building capacity
  - Evaluating, updating, streamlining various policies and codes
  - Preparing or updating local jurisdictional plans
  - Designing or enhancing community engagement



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# Resilience Centers & Extreme Heat



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# Examples of how CRCs can address extreme heat

- Preparedness Activities
  - Heat awareness & education
  - Community members signed up for emergency alerts
  - Ensure communities know CRCs are open during heat waves
- Heat Response Activities
  - Building & surrounding campus used as cooling center
  - Mobile health services operating out of CRC



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# Next Steps



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# Public Comment Period Open

## CRC Round 1 Draft Guidelines Released!

Submit your feedback  
by January 27



Please review the CRC Round 1 Draft Guidelines and provide comments to staff to

[CRC@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:CRC@sgc.ca.gov) by  
**January 27, 2023 at  
5:00pm PT**

# Guideline Development Public Workshops

- 12/20 workshop recorded & posted in English & Spanish
- Staff will overview draft guidelines, facilitate breakout rooms for **discussion & input**
- **Optional networking** after regional workshops

## Upcoming Workshop Schedule

- 1/12, 1-3pm: North State
- 1/17, 2-4pm: Bay Area & Central Coast
- **1/18, 5-7pm: Southern California**
- 1/19, 1-3pm: Rural CA Communities
- 1/20, 10-12pm: California Tribes





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