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How to Fund Community Resilience Projects

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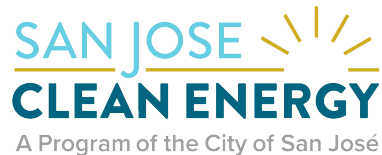
Upcoming Climate Center Event

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 in Sacramento

California Climate Policy Summit

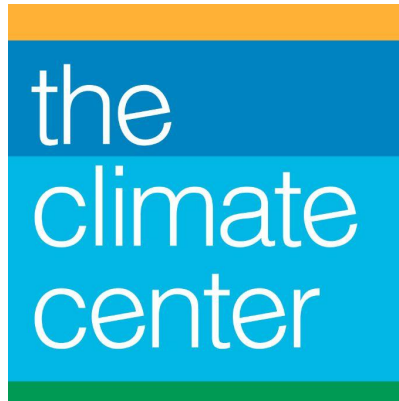
Speakers include Asm. Robert Rivas, ARB Chair Liane Randolph, Asm. Issac Bryan, Lauren Sanchez & many more! Early Bird registration is open.

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Today's Agenda

- **Jerilyn López Mendoza**, Regional Organizer, The Climate Center
- **Alex Turek**, Grid Alternatives
- **Lori Pesante**, Community Advocate
- **Pamela Martinez**, Community Energy Resilience Project Manager, The Climate Center
- **Loren Halili**, Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice (CCEEJ)
- **Q and A** - Facilitated by Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza
- **Take Action!**



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Our Vision

We believe in thriving, healthy communities.

The Climate Center envisions a future where everyone in California benefits from equitable access to climate solutions, from clean air to renewable energy, healthy food, and more.





Climate-Safe California

Climate-Safe California is The Climate Center's unique and comprehensive campaign to make California the first state in the nation to become carbon negative.

Guiding principles for Climate-Safe CA targets, policies and programs

- 1- Based on the **latest science**
- 2- Ensure a **just transition** for fossil fuel workers
- 3- Prioritize **climate justice** and equal access to climate solutions



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and nonprofits and more than 2,000 individuals.**

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The Climate Center's Priorities

The Climate Center is still refining policy priorities for 2024. In alignment with our recent strategic plan, here is our general direction:

- **Rapidly cut greenhouse gas emissions:** By developing a statewide implementation plan for the managed transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy; and ending state subsidies to oil and gas interests.
- **Build a Grid for the Future** that is clean, reliable, affordable, decentralized, and safe: Advocate for legislative and regulatory incentives that support local, clean energy (such as rooftop solar and microgrids) and value their benefits for resilience, reliability, and job creation. Pass a bidirectional electric vehicle charging bill that will provide clean backup power and make for a more reliable grid as a foundation to the grid for the future.
- **Scale up natural carbon sequestration:** Ensure that California sets ambitious, science-based targets for drawing down existing climate pollution through nature-based strategies. Enact policies that grow the workforce, and infrastructure, and find the funding for the technical assistance to support farmers and ranchers to move toward regenerative agriculture at scale.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- **OPR: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program**
 - Technical assistance is available, submit pre-application form by March 5, 2024
 - **Application deadline:** April 23, 2024 (pre-application form is required)
- **CPUC: Equity and Access Grant Program**
 - Public Participation Grant Account
 - Equity, Engagement, and Education Grant Account
 - Clean Energy Access Grant Account
- **EPA: Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program**
 - Technical assistance is available
 - **Application deadline:** November 21, 2024 (rolling basis)

OPR: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program

The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program will fund planning and implementation projects to mitigate the impacts of extreme heat or the urban heat island effect. The Program will build frameworks for change and invest in local, regional, and tribal projects that strengthen communities that are vulnerable to extreme heat.

- Planning grants
 - Small grants: \$100,000 - \$250,000
 - Large grants: \$300,000 - \$750,000
- Implementation grants
 - Small grant: \$100,000 - \$450,000
 - Large grant: \$500,000 - \$4 million
- [Eligible entities](#) include: Native American Tribes, CBOs, cities, counties, school districts

CPUC: Equity and Access Grant Program

The Equity & Access Grant Program is designed to makes it possible for the CPUC to honor its commitment to members of Environmental and Social Justice communities by empowering them to participate in CPUC proceedings and decision-making processes, as well as to have more access to investments in clean energy resources, transportation, and communication services

- Public Participation Grant Account
 - Maximum award amount: \$15,000
- Equity, Engagement, and Education Grant Account
 - Second cycle will open: May 1 - June 30
 - Maximum award amount: \$200,000
- Clean Energy Access Grant Account
 - March 1 - April 30
 - Maximum award amount: \$500,000

EPA: Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program

This program will support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy.

- [Technical assistance](#) is available
 - **Application deadline:** November 21, 2024 (rolling basis)
- No cost share required
- Track 1 funding: \$10million - \$20 million
- Track 2 funding: \$1 million - \$3 million
- Eligible entities:
 - Partnership between two CBOs
 - Partnership between one CBO and one of the following:
 - a Federally-Recognized Tribe
 - a local government
 - an institution of higher education.

Advancing Community Resilience in my Community