



RESOLUTION No. 22-505

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County's Board Objectives have identified Emergency Preparedness as a priority objective since 2017 due to an increased risk of wildfires and severe winter storms; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution 22-092 outlining its objective on Emergency Preparedness to "lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also identified Economic Development as a major objective, by emphasizing resiliency and entrepreneurship; retaining and attracting high quality jobs' investing in major infrastructure projects; and working with local, state, and federal partners to support our small business, nonprofit, and tourism sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program is a new capacity building grant program for under-resourced communities in California, administered by the Strategic Growth Council; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise with a particular focus on increasing access to funding resources for project planning and implementation within under-resourced communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will bring together key partners and stakeholders in Nevada County and surrounding areas to form a collaborative with a focus on supporting existing Firewise Communities and helping to establish and maintain Firewise Communities in under-resourced communities within and adjacent to Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project aims to create a Forest Health Resource Hub to be facilitated by key partners, and will provide access to funding opportunities, access to both formal and informal training with the goal of improving the health of our local forests and hardening our homes and communities against wildfire and extreme winter storms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will contribute to workforce development and forest health by streamlining pathways into forest health jobs for local workforce; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will establish a local collaborative that will be a model of communication and cooperation between remote, disparate groups in rural California that other rural communities in California can look to as an example in the near and distant future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program in the amount of \$500,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors approves the following:

1. The Director of the Community Development Agency, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program and take such other actions necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.
2. The Director of the Community Development Agency, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, funding requests, and reports required to obtain grant funding.
3. Certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, the California Labor Code, disabled access laws, and that prior to commencement of the project, all applicable permits will have been obtained.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 27th day of September, 2022, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

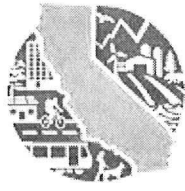
ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Susan K. Hoek, Chair

9/27/2022 cc: CDA*
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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program FY 2021-2022 FUNDING ROUND

DATE: May 12, 2022
TO: **All Potential Applicants**
FROM: RCC Program Staff, Strategic Growth Council
SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY – A TOTAL OF \$8.35 MILLION FOR ROUND 1 OF THE REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVES PROGRAM**

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for Round 1 of the Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). SGC anticipates that \$8.35 million will be available for competitive awards in this funding round.

RCC is part of the state's Climate Budget (Senate Bill 170), which funds ambitious measures to build climate adaptation and resilience through planning, research, capacity building, restoration, and sustainable infrastructure. Senate Bill (SB) 1072 (Leyva, Chapter 377, Statutes of 2018)¹ established the RCC Program at the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to create new and support existing Regional Climate Collaboratives (Collaboratives) across the state that will assist under-resourced communities in accessing funding for climate change mitigation and adaptation projects. The legislation acknowledges that under-resourced communities often lack capacity and face challenges accessing State funding to address community priorities and recognizes the necessity of providing technical assistance (TA) resources to ensure every community has the same opportunity to achieve their climate and equity goals. As a capacity building grant program, RCC enables cross sectoral partners to deepen relationships and strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and access to critical resources to drive and sustain climate action.

The RCC program will employ a two-phase application process, including a Pre-Proposal and Full Application phase. Submitting a Pre-Proposal is not required but is strongly recommended for all RCC Applicants. Applicants who do not submit a Pre-Proposal cannot be guaranteed TA. Pre-Proposals will not disqualify Applicants from submitting a final application or affect the evaluation of their full application. In addition, Applicants will not be beholden to the project details submitted in the Pre-Proposal for the Final Application.

The Pre-Proposal application allows Applicants to provide a broad overview of their proposed projects, which may include information such as the project Partners, Managing Stakeholder, and estimated budget. SGC staff and TA providers will provide feedback on all submitted Pre-Proposals but will not provide scores. The full application will be released following the pre-proposal deadline. Application TA will be available to support with the development of full applications.

¹ Leyva. "Senate Bill No. 1072." Bill Text - SB-1072 Regional Climate Collaborative Program: technical assistance., September 14, 2018. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1072.

RCC Grant Pre-Proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. PT on Friday, July 15, 2022. Final Grant Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. PT on Friday, October 7, 2022 according to the terms of this NOFA.

Information about the RCC Program, including the Program Guidelines, application TA, and other resources can be found at the SGC website: <https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/cace/resources/rcc/>. Questions may be directed to RCC program staff by email at ta@sgc.ca.gov.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program is a new capacity building grant program for under-resourced communities. RCC funds community-rooted and cross-sectoral partners to deepen their relationships and develop the processes, plans, and projects that will drive and sustain climate action. The goal of the program is to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise with a particular focus on increasing access to funding resources for project planning and implementation within under-resourced communities. RCC was designed to serve both emerging and established Collaboratives across the state, so Applicants can tailor their proposals based on their size and community context. RCC grant terms are three years.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants for a Collaborative include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- California Native American Tribes
- Community-based organizations
- Joint powers authorities
- Local government agencies
- Nonprofits and foundations
- Small businesses
- Other organizations with a history of providing community-based outreach or TA. These organizations may look different depending on each Applicant's local and regional context. It is up to Applicants to determine which organizations play this role in their community. Possible examples include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - Academic institutions
 - Community Choice Aggregates
 - Faith-based organizations
 - Farming cooperatives and land trusts
 - Neighborhood associations
 - Resource conservation districts
 - Tribal-serving organizations

Together, eligible Applicants will form a Collaborative and collectively develop the application based on a shared vision. Within the application, Applicants must include a Partnership Agreement that describes the governance and organization of the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure. Henceforth, the MOU shall be referred to as the Partnership Agreement. Applications will be submitted by a Managing Stakeholder in coordination with and on behalf of the Co-Applicants (Partners) who are members of the Collaborative. Any entity from the eligible applicant list can serve as the Managing Stakeholder or a Partner on the grant. Together, the Managing Stakeholder and Co-Applicants are collectively referred to as "Applicants."

Program Objectives

All RCC Program activities must build the capacity of selected under-resourced communities within a region to secure funding for climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience projects. Regardless of selected strategies and activities, Applicants must ensure they address each of the following program objectives:

- **Develop Actionable Plans and Projects:** Activities conducted by Applicants will lead to the development (or update) of local plans as well as climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience projects that can be implemented if project funding is secured. Grant activities will build the local network capacity necessary for Collaborative members to develop competitive grant proposals.
- **Build Social Infrastructure:** Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed activities will build enduring and trusting relationships across members of the Collaborative, residents, and other stakeholder groups, and how the grant will support better regional coordination on the development and implementation of climate-related projects and applications.
- **Center Community Engagement & Decision Making:** Applicants must work with community members and stakeholders through direct engagement. Applicants must involve residents and key stakeholders from selected under-resourced communities within the Applicant's region in all phases of project implementation, with a focus on populations that have historically been excluded from decision making and implementation processes. Applicants must also use proven methods of engagement to facilitate direct participation of community residents, including ensuring translation of meetings and materials, scheduling meetings at times and locations that are convenient to community members, and engaging community members in information gathering as well as outreach.
- **Develop Equity-centered Processes:** Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed activities will develop or improve local processes for under-resourced community residents, community-based organizations, and Tribes to co-lead decisions made about climate change related priorities and projects at the local and/or regional level.

For additional information on eligible activities, eligible costs, geographic scope, and other program details, please see the [RCC Program Guidelines](#).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Pre-Proposal Phase

The goal of the Pre-Proposal Phase is to help Applicants, TA providers, and SGC assess whether Applicants are on track to submit a complete, competitive application that meets all threshold requirements and to identify sections of the application that will need increased support. Threshold requirements are outlined on page 25 of the [RCC Program Guidelines](#).

Submitting a Pre-Proposal is not required but is strongly recommended for all RCC Applicants. Applicants who do not submit a Pre-Proposal cannot be guaranteed TA. Pre-Proposals will not disqualify Applicants from submitting a final application or affect the evaluation of their full application. In addition, Applicants will not be beholden to the project details submitted in the Pre-Proposal for the Final Application. Pre-Proposals must be submitted to SGC by **5:00 p.m. PT on Friday, July 15, 2022**.

SGC staff and TA providers will provide feedback on all submitted pre-proposals but will not provide scores. The full application will be released following the pre-proposal deadline. Application TA will be available to support with the development of full applications.

Full Application Phase

All RCC Applicants must submit application materials to SGC via a file-sharing platform by **5:00 p.m. PT on Friday, October 7, 2022**. No late applications or application revisions will be accepted after the

application submittal deadline. No hard copies, facsimiles, electronic transmissions via email, hand-delivered copies, or any other method of submitting complete applications will be accepted.

All applications will be reviewed by RCC Program Staff to ensure that all required documentation is submitted and the application is complete. Applicants that may be missing application information will be notified by RCC Program Staff. If Applicants are contacted because of missing information, the application will be deemed incomplete if the applicant does not provide the missing information within two (2) business days.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by SGC staff, along with an interagency review panel of partnering State agencies. Eligible applications will be scored based on the threshold and scoring criteria in Section XI of the RCC Program Guidelines. Following the initial application review, members of the review panel will conduct interviews with top scoring Applicants. Based on the interagency review of the applications and interviews, RCC Program Staff will finalize and prepare award recommendations to present to the SGC Council Members for consideration of final approval. The SGC staff will contact Applicants recommended for funding. Staff recommendations will be posted for public review ten (10) days prior to the SGC public meeting.

Pre-Proposal application resources are currently available on SGC's website. Full application materials, including application instructions and templates for the work plan and budget will be posted on or before the Pre-Proposal submission deadline on July 15. The anticipated date of announcement for the selection of RCC grant recommendations is December 2022. The ultimate awarding of RCC Program funds is subject to the approval of the Council. The Council decision is final.

Applications must meet all eligibility requirements upon submission. Applications having material inconsistencies will not be rated and ranked. Modification of the application by the Applicant after submission is prohibited.

It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is clear, complete, and accurate. After the application deadline, staff from SGC or other partnering state agencies may request clarifying information or inquire as to where the application-specific information is located provided that such information does not affect the competitive rating of the application. No information, whether written or oral, will be solicited or accepted if this information would result in a competitive advantage to an Applicant or a competitive disadvantage to other Applicants.

Application Scoring

Applications will be evaluated according to the process and scoring criteria set forth in Section IX of the RCC Program Guidelines. The top scoring Applicants will be recommended to the Strategic Growth Council to receive RCC Grants. Applications will be evaluated based on the scoring criteria in the RCC Program Guidelines.

Basis of Appeals

1. Upon receipt of a notice that an application has been determined to be ineligible, fail threshold review, or not awarded based on final scores, RCC Grant 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, RCC Grant Applicants must submit to SGC, by the deadline set forth below, 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 submitted to SGC at ta@sgc.ca.gov according to the deadline set forth in SGC review letters.
2. Filing deadline: Appeals must be received by SGC no later than five business days from the date of SGC's threshold review or score letters, representing SGC's decision made in response to the application.

Appeal Decision

Any request to appeal to SGC's decision regarding a RCC application shall be reviewed for compliance with the [RCC Guidelines](#) and this NOFA. All decisions rendered shall be final, binding, and conclusive, and shall constitute the final action of SGC.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

All Applicants who submit a pre-proposal application will be eligible to receive no-cost technical assistance (TA), provided by a team of SGC-funded third-party TA providers. TA providers will be available to respond to questions and provide light support to Applicants on an as-needed basis during the Pre-Proposal phase. Once Pre-Proposals have been submitted and reviewed, SGC staff will assign Applicants to a TA provider to work with them on integrating feedback and developing a full RCC application. **Applicants who do not submit a Pre-Proposal cannot be guaranteed TA.**

Technical assistance providers will work with each RCC Grant Applicant to create a work plan for the development of their RCC application. The technical assistance provider will meet regularly with the RCC Applicant and will be able to provide supportive services, including but not limited to:

- Responding to Applicant questions and providing clarity around program goals and requirements;
- Providing guidance on stakeholder engagement and outreach to develop work plan elements;
- Supporting Applicants in facilitating an effective partnership development and Collaborative Stakeholder Structure;
- Providing mapping support as needed;
- Supporting the Applicant in preparing for SGC interviews during the selection process

An application workshop webinar series providing an overview of the RCC Program including program objectives, program requirements, the application process, and grant administration, and virtual networking sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 18, 2-3pm: **RCC Guidelines and Application Overview Webinar** | [Register Here](#)
- Wednesday, June 8, 10am-12pm: **RCC Application Workshop & Networking Session – Unincorporated & Rural Communities** | [Register Here](#)
- Thursday, June 9, 10am-12pm: **RCC Application Workshop & Networking Session – Tribes & Tribal-serving Organizations** | [Register Here](#)

- Friday, June 10, 10am-12pm: **RCC Application Workshop & Networking Session - General Audience** | [Register Here](#)

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Disclosure Application of Information

Information provided in RCC applications 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. Awarded applications will be posted on the SGC website.

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, RCC program staff will notify all interested parties via email and will post the revisions to the RCC 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.

RESOURCES AND QUESTIONS

Information about the RCC Program, including the Program Guidelines, application resources, technical assistance, and other resources can be found at the following website:

<https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/cace/resources/rcc/>. Questions may be directed to the RCC Program by email at ta@sgc.ca.gov.

View results

Respondent

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Grant Partners

At the time of submitting the full RCC application, applicants will be required to indicate a minimum of four (4) entities who are a part of the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure, including the Managing Stakeholder and Co-Applicants (Partners). Partners will be required to provide a letter of commitment and be named within the Partnership Agreement. All Partners must have a funded role in the workplan.

The Managing Stakeholder serves an important role within the Collaborative and should be thought of as a community anchor with sufficient capacity to contribute staff time towards Collaborative governance and grant implementation. The Managing Stakeholder will be the entity that executes the grant agreement with SGC and is the primary point of contact between the Collaborative and SGC.

Collaborative Partners should have both established partnerships and trust in communities. Partners will be responsible for implementing specific capacity building strategies stipulated within the Collaborative scope of work and workplan. Partners should have the staff capacity, expertise, and organizational/project management abilities to deliver on their commitments within the overall workplan.

For the Pre-Proposal phase, applicants are encouraged to list as many partners as they are ready to include but are not required to provide a final list of partners, or to have finalized a formal Partnership Agreement.

1. Applicant name *

Please specify the main point of contact that SGC should communicate with regarding this Pre-Proposal Application

County of Nevada

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2. Applicant email address *

Please specify the email address that SGC should use to communicate about this Pre-Proposal Application

ariel.lovett@nevadacountyca.gov

3. Managing Stakeholder *

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Email, phone number, and organization website (if applicable)
- Organizational mission
- Past experience managing or participating in similar programs
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact: Ariel Lovett
 • Job title: Project Administrator
 • Name and type of organization: County of Nevada, Local Government
 • Email, phone number, and organization website (if applicable): ariel.lovett@nevadacountyca.gov Phone: 530-470-2650 www.nevadacountyca.gov
 • Organizational mission: To work with the community to develop sound and innovative public policy, provide strong leadership and deliver excellent services in a fiscally responsible manner
 • Past experience managing or participating in similar programs: Nevada County has extensive experience managing small to very large projects. This specific project will be driven out of the Community Development Agency under Economic Development initiative, with additional staff support from the County Executive Office and the Office of Emergency Service.
 • Description of role in collaborative: Nevada County will serve to submit initial application, convene core partners, and contract with appropriate entities to implement convening, coordination, assessment, and engagement strategies.

4. Partner 1

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact: Tim Beals
 • Job title: Director of Transportation, Planning, and Building Inspection
 • Name and type of organization: County of Sierra, County Government
 • Description of role in collaborative: Sharing administrative, planning, and implementation phases of the proposed collaborative in partnership with Nevada County

5. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

6. Partner 2

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact: Melinda Booth or Kat Perlman
 • Job title: Executive Director/Forest Conservation Program Manager
 • Name and type of organization: South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), nonprofit 501c3
 • Description of role in collaborative: Forest Navigator program development for private landowner support re forest health/fire prevention
 Invasive weed removal
 Yuba Forest Network Facilitation & Collaboration
 Collab with Sierra College and/or local community colleges for coursework for workforce development
 Take on interns/volunteers to assist/shadow with invasive weed removal/meadow restoration/aspen health projects
 Collab with Washoe/Nisenan for workforce development/training opportunities
 Link with NYFP work

7. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

8. Partner 3

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact Kristin York
• Job title Vice President
• Name and type of organization Sierra Business Council, Community Benefit Organization, 501c3
• Description of role in collaborative: Sierra Business Council will work with partners to advance goals related to key risks identified in the Sierra Nevada Vulnerability Assessment including impacts of increasing heat events from climate change, wildfire mitigation, ecosystem services, community health and sustainable economic development. In addition, SBC will provide technical assistance and education to small businesses incubating into related industries such as fuel reduction, forest health, wood products and alternative energy.

9. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

10. Partner 4

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact Baldeo Singh
• Job title Director of Work Training Programs & Operations
• Name and type of organization Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps
• Description of role in collaborative Paid job training work for SRCC. corpsmembers on fire fuel, ladder fuel, and defensible space vegetation management, forest health, habitat restoration and other related work.

11. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

12. Partner 5

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

Main point of contact: Cheryl Rubin
 Job title: Director, Development & Communications
 Name and type of organization: Bright Futures for Youth is a non-profit committed to making a life-changing difference for children and young adults in Nevada County. Bright Futures for Youth (BFFY) – created by the merger of The Friendship Club and NEO Youth Center in summer 2020 – has three programs: The Friendship Club, founded in 1995, NEO, founded in 2008, and SAFE, launched in 2019 to help youth experiencing homelessness
 Description in collaborative: BFFY serves disproportionately affected youth and their families by providing case management, life skills, prosocial activities, prevention and early intervention on homelessness, and poverty alleviating measures including educational supports, access to community resources, financial aid and career and technical education pathways. BFFY also provides youth with opportunities for employment and job training. As part of this collaborative, BFFY will refer youth to fire safe specific training and job opportunities, and may serve as a conduit to reach under-resourced families.

13. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

14. Partner 6

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact Carly Pacheco
 • Job title Executive Director
 • Name and type of organization FREED Center for Independent Living, 501(c)3 providing a variety of services related to independent living for individuals with all types disabilities.
 • Description of role in collaborative
 Outreach and engagement of the disability community in plans including recommendations and technical assistance to support engagement of people with disabilities in all aspects of coalition, including planning processes and priority needs assessment, and ensure accessibility of strategies, materials, and events.

15. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

16. Partner 7

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact: Tim Giuliani
 • Job title: Executive Director
 • Name and type of organization: Nevada-Sierra Connecting Point Public Authority, dba Connecting Point. We are a Joint Powers Authority. JPA
 • Description of role in collaborative:
 o Workforce development: recruitment, training, employment barrier removal navigation, career counseling and job placement/ongoing case management for job success.
 o Call center support and job recruitment through 211 call-center
 o Marketing and Outreach

17. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

18. Partner 8

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Chris Friedel
 • Executive Director and Secretary
 • Yuba Watershed Institute, 501(c)(3) non-profit
 • Expertise on forest health at the nexus of workforce development

19. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

20. Partner 9

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main point of contact: Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman
 • Job title: Steering Committee member and grant lead
 • Name of organization: Yuba Bear Burn Cooperative, grassroots local organization supporting prescribed fire by private residents and landowners in Nevada County
 • Role: Provide input on needs of, potential benefits to YBBC members, and communication to YBBC members about opportunities

21. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

22. Partner 10

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Main Point of Contact: Debbie Gibbs
 • Job Title: Communication Manager
 • Name and Type of Organization: Nevada County Climate Action Now. Nonprofit group that works to further climate change understanding and action in Nevada County (nclimateactionnow.org)
 • Description of Role in Collaboration: Provide education and outreach to the community residents and businesses to promote projects that improve resilience through local renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste reduction, youth education, agricultural practices, forest health and biodiversity.

23. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

24. Partner 11

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman
• Job Title: Member, Board of Directors
• Steering Committee member and grant lead
• Name of Organization: Nevada County Resource Conservation District, State mandated special district
• Role: Partnering to identify appropriate workforce development

25. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

26. Partner 12

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

• Gretchen Bennitt
• Air Pollution Control Officer, Main Office
• Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, required district by state law (to achieve and maintain the federal and state Ambient Air Quality Standards)
• Public health; partnering for appropriate prescribed fire actions; biomass development.

27. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

28. Partner 13

Please answer the following in the text box below:

- Main point of contact
- Job title
- Name and type of organization
- Description of role in collaborative

Point of Contact: Jeff Lauder, PhD

Title: Executive Director

Name and Type of Organization: Sierra Streams Institute, Environmental Research and Education 501c3 non-profit

Description of role in Collaborative: Sierra Streams Institute (SSI) will provide technical support for both forest treatment planning as well as outreach and education to support workforce development. As co-host of the Yuba Bear Burn Cooperative (YBBC) coordinator in partnership with the Nevada County FireSafe Council, SSI will guide community training and workforce development for prescribed burning on private lands across the region, increasing pace and scale of safe prescribed burning for both fuel reduction and ecological benefit. Training, education, and workshops will be conceptualized using current and on-going research into prescribed fire and forest health by both SSI and academic partners. Further, SSI's extensive research on the relationships among forest structure, burn severity, and drought resilience will be used to guide science-driven workforce development by injecting current and updated understanding on treatment efficacy and drawbacks into workforce training for both prescribed fire and other fuel treatment methods.

29. Do you have additional Partners?

Yes

No

30. Additional comments

Additional comments about Grant Partners may be provided here (optional). 150 word limit.

We have begun communication with Yuba County, and are working toward a tri-county collaborative.

We also have communicated with several other probable partners that we do not have final commitments from, but anticipate having onboard in the next few weeks, including:

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Career and Technical Education

- Main point of contact: Christine Giffin

- Job title: Business CTE Instructor Career Advisor Liaison

- Description of role in collaborative: Collaborate with educational and workforce development organizations to align career technical guidance to forest health careers.

Sierra College, Community College

- Contact: Staci Richardson

Title: Program Manager, Workforce Innovations

Description of role in collaborative: Provide input to innovative workforce development programs and work with collaborative to establish credentialed programs. In addition, we anticipate identifying other key partner organizations in Sierra and Yuba counties.

Region and Communities of Focus

Applicants must identify the region they are working within, and the under-resourced communities* within the region where their work will be focusing. Applicants may select specific under-resourced communities within a broader region where Collaborative activities will be focused, and do not need to include every community that meets the definition of under-resourced in their geographic areas of focus for their selected region. The selected region must:

- Cover a geographic area of between one and eight (1 – 8) contiguous counties
- At minimum, include two under-resourced census tracts that the proposed activities will focus on (these do not need to be contiguous, but 51% of these tracts must be under-resourced)

For the Pre-Proposal Phase, applicants may indicate their region and Communities of Focus in writing and are not required to provide a map. However, applicants will be required to create a map showing their proposed region and communities of focus at the time of the full application. Technical Assistance will be available to support applicants who need assistance with creating this map.

* To easily identify if a census tract qualifies as an under-resourced community, please access the mapping tools below. A census tract qualifies as an under-resourced community if it is identified as:

- A 'disadvantaged' or 'low income' community according to the California Air Resources Board's Priority Populations Map: <https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/> OR
- A disadvantaged community according to the California Department of Water Resources' DAC Mapping Tool: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>

Please see page 11 of the RCC Program Guidelines and the RCC Under-Resourced Communities Map on SGC's website for more information. (https://sgc.ca.gov/meetings/council/2022/docs/20220428-Item6_AttachmentA.pdf)

31. Please identify the region you intend to work within, listing the 1-8 contiguous county(ies) within the service area of your proposed collaborative. *

Our region of focus is all of Sierra County and most of Nevada County (and potentially Yuba County in our final proposal).

32. Please identify the Communities of Focus in which your collaborative intends to work, providing BOTH the jurisdiction and census tract number associated with these areas. Please note that applicants are required to select a minimum of 2 census tracts as communities, which are not required to be contiguous. At least 51% of census tracts must qualify as under-resourced. *

Our collaborative intends to work in 17 communities of focus in Nevada and Sierra Counties. This includes one census tract (100) which includes the entirety of Sierra County, and 16 census tracts in Nevada County, 8 of which qualify as under-resourced and 8 of which do not. Seven of the tracts are located entirely in unincorporated Nevada County, and seven are located in two jurisdictions: unincorporated Nevada County and City of Grass Valley, and one is located in the Unincorporated Nevada County and City of Nevada City.

Census Tract 6.01 California Nevada County \$26,923 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Unincorporated Nevada County & City of Grass Valley
 Census Tract 5.04 California Nevada County \$47,266 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Unincorporated Nevada County & City of Grass Valley
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 Census Tract 6.02 California Nevada County \$50,625 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Unincorporated Nevada County & City of Grass Valley
 Census Tract 5.02 California Nevada County \$51,081 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Unincorporated Nevada County & City of Grass Valley
 Census Tract 100 California Sierra County \$52,103 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Sierra County
 Census Tract 4.03 California Nevada County \$59,593 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Unincorporated Nevada County
 Census Tract 8.02 California Nevada County \$60,938 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Unincorporated Nevada County & City of Nevada City
 Census Tract 9 California Nevada County \$62,750 Median household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income Unincorporated Nevada County
 Census Tract 4.04 California Nevada County \$63,813 Unincorporated Nevada County
 Census Tract 7.02 California Nevada County \$65,843 Unincorporated Nevada County & City of Grass Valley
 Census Tract 4.01 California Nevada County \$69,571 Unincorporated Nevada County
 Census Tract 7.01 California Nevada County \$83,250 Unincorporated Nevada County & City of Grass Valley
 Census Tract 1.05 California Nevada County \$86,477 Unincorporated Nevada County
 Census Tract 3 California Nevada County \$88,971 Unincorporated Nevada County
 Census Tract 1.02 California Nevada County \$90,893 Unincorporated Nevada County
 Census Tract 1.07 California Nevada County \$92,653 Unincorporated Nevada County

33. Additional comments

Additional comments about Region and Communities of Focus may be provided here (optional). 150 word limit.

This project will build resilience across counties that are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to a history of extensive resource extraction and associated land-use practices dating to the California Gold Rush. The majority of trees in the Gold Country were cut in the 19th century to timber the mines, fuel the stamp mills, and provide lumber for the communities that sprang up wherever gold was found. The era of mining was followed by the era of logging. When unfettered resource extraction was no longer tenable, these rural communities were left without economic engines and limited employment options. Meanwhile, number of residents living in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) has grown along with fire risk. The outcome of economic and ecologic forces is a disproportionate number of disadvantaged communities (DACs) that are located in wildfire prone areas. Over 90% of Nevada County residents live in high fire hazard severity zones.

Draft Vision Statement

The vision statement communicates a concise set of desired outcomes that result from actions taken by the Collaborative to build capacity. The vision statement should provide readers with a clear understanding of the overall objective of the Collaborative and how the Collaborative plans to achieve those outcomes.

34. Please provide a draft of the vision statement for the Collaborative. *

250 word limit

Rural forested communities are at a pivotal moment – the choice is to take bold action now or risk going up in smoke. Nevada and Sierra County know what work needs to be done: thousands of acres of dense forest have been identified for fuels treatments, defensible space goals have been set, air quality vulnerabilities have been queried. At the same time, economy is challenged by lack of industry and opportunity to earn a living wage. We recognized these challenges disproportionately affect disadvantaged communities. Our vision is to build a local workforce with the capacity to tackle wildfire mitigation at the pace and scale required to prevent catastrophe and to develop the economic and social framework needed to maintain this resilience into the future. Our newly formed collaborative will engage partner organizations and under resourced communities directly to build capacity to address climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience through strategies including forest health, home hardening, and access to renewable energy; all of which demand an expanded workforce. We recognize a powerful opportunity to improve forest health and reduce high-intensity fires to keep humans safe and carbon sequestered while creating economic opportunity that is direly needed in rural Sierra Nevada communities.

Program Objectives

All RCC Program activities must build the capacity of the selected Communities of Focus within a region to secure funding for climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience projects. Regardless of selected strategies and activities, Applicants must ensure they address each of the four program objectives described in Section I, page 3, or the RCC Program Guidelines (https://sgc.ca.gov/meetings/council/2022/docs/20220428-Item6_AttachmentA.pdf). Please specify below how your proposed collaborative will achieve these program objectives.

35. Please describe how the proposed project will lead to the development of actionable plans and projects. *

200 word limit

The explicit goal of this project is to unite stakeholders in diverse fields, including education, vegetation management, social services, and environmental education, to develop clear and actionable plans to address pressing needs for economic opportunity, forest health, and fire risk mitigation. We will convene stakeholders, refine measurements assessing need and capacity, implement process to define shared priorities and strategies, and provide the tools and technical assistance to develop the right plans for our community. We will be successful with community input and buy-in sought from the outset. Our process will include individual consultations with all partners, direct outreach to under resourced communities, community input, and visioning processes. We will establish a shared vision for change and a common understanding of the problem in order to develop mutually agreed options. Our community has capacity and commitment and is ready for coordination and alignment in this specific area. Working with existing structures, like the fire wise communities, existing climate collaboratives and grassroots organizations, we will leverage the energy and work being done by diverse partners. Some partners are most qualified to describe the issues as they affect under resourced communities, others will be best at defining solutions - with input from communities themselves.

36. Please describe how the proposed project will build enduring and trusting relationships across members of the Collaborative, residents, and other stakeholder groups. *

200 word limit

This project will build enduring and trusting relationships across stakeholder groups with a focus on disadvantaged/vulnerable communities including low-income, First Nation, and Spanish-speaking populations by engaging these groups from the outset – at the needs and strengths identification stage. Together these groups will build consensus about the ecological, economic, infrastructural, cultural, and community resources that are necessary to ensure climate resilience. By including all perspectives in developing the “common baseline” from which solutions must spring, trust and lasting relationships predicated on equity and empathy will be developed. Essential to the success of this project is active engagement of a broadly diverse set of partners. These partners will be asked to draw upon many aspects of their lived experience as part of the collaborative process, including their field of work and expertise, their place-based knowledge about ecology and community, and the real-life vulnerabilities they face as residents when confronted with climate-driven impacts. By creating an open-ended dialogue around problem definition and needs identification, the collaborative will provide an opportunity for disadvantaged communities (DACs), Tribes, Spanish-speakers, and other underserved populations to voice and validate their needs and concerns.

37. Please describe how the proposed project will ensure that community engagement and decision making is embedded in the work conducted by the Collaborative. *

200 word limit

Fundamental to ensuring that community engagement and decision-making is embedded into the collaboration will be an effective regional collaborative focused on climate resilience and mitigation, equipped with tools, resources, and priority strategies. Initial strategies will address most urgent issues for disadvantaged communities, including vegetation management and forest health to reduce wildfire risk, home hardening, energy efficiency, and the requisite workforce development to implement these at rapid pace and scale. This collaborative will leverage several existing collaboratives to organize and prioritize strategies. By leveraging a broad base of local expertise, this project will use the collaborative process as a mechanism to integrate and empower interest around climate resilience actions at a community scale. Further, our collaborative will place the community as leaders, engaging nonprofit organization grounded in community engagement and advocacy, like FREED, or Bright Futures for Youth, and local Firewise communities, to guide conversations. It is important to note that “local expertise” emphasizes the value of place-based knowledge in contrast to “technical expertise,” which places a premium on educational or career attainment as the metric by which levels of decision-making power are conveyed. This collaborative is predicated on the assumption that all community members have unique knowledge to contribute to the needs identification and solution development process. Our collaborative will be comprised of local government, local and regional NGOs, state and federal agencies (Cal Fire, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management), neighborhood groups, members of the Chambers of Commerce, Firewise Communities, regional NGOs, local firefighters, first responders, the local tribes, and leaders of disadvantaged communities (DACs).

38. Please describe how the proposed project will develop or improve local processes for under-resourced community residents, community-based organizations, and/or Tribes and Tribal entities to co-lead decisions made about climate change-related priorities and projects at the local and/or regional level. *

200 word limit

This project creates leadership opportunities for under-resourced community residents by providing an avenue for these stakeholders to identify their priorities around climate resilience in a collaborative framework and to build trusting relationships with local partners who can support the achievement of critical economic and ecological goals. This project will: (1) provide an equitable forum for stakeholders to express their concerns about climate resilience, (2) support the development of a long-term governance structure to ensure continued coordination around resilience actions, (3) give DACs an opportunity to identify important resources needed to develop and sustain actionable plans and projects, and (4) connect leaders in the public, private, and nonprofit sector to DACs, facilitating the sharing of expertise and resources with DACs and thus contributing to community-wide action. In sum, this project will build community capacity in this overwhelmingly rural and economically disadvantaged region by supporting equitable participation in planning and decision making around climate resilience.

39. Additional comments

Additional comments about Program Objectives may be provided here (optional). 150 word limit

In addition to engaging a broad range of community stakeholders, this project will seek the partnership of private sector forestry experts to assist in developing our “Nevada-Sierra Climate Resilience Priority Plan” and to support assessing best-practices and best available technologies. As part of the collaborative process this project will leverage the in-kind expertise provided by leaders of Firewise Communities and other local fire focused groups in the private sector. Sierra Business Council, the Economic Resource Council and local chambers of commerce will be invited to participate, fostering further inclusion of the local private sector in this project. Rural communities are fundamentally disadvantaged as we often lack capacity and resources to tackle climate priorities, and yet the environmental health of our Sierra Nevada communities is critical to the wellbeing of the entire state. We believe our collaborative will not only have outsized impact but present a model for other rural communities to address urgent impacts of climate change with solutions that elevate voices of underserved communities to advance equity and opportunity for all.

Project Summary

In this section, please describe each strategy your Collaborative intends to carry out to fulfill the required activities listed in Section II of the RCC Program Guidelines (https://sgc.ca.gov/meetings/council/2022/docs/20220428-Item6_AttachmentA.pdf). Program strategies should reflect and build upon the vision statement, providing more specificity around necessary actions to achieve desired outcomes. Strategies should align with overall RCC program objectives and should collectively address all the required activities specified in the RCC Guidelines. See the Example Strategy Table on SGC's website for more information and examples of potential strategies. (https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/cace/docs/20220511-RCC-R1-Strategy-Guidance_May2022.pdf)

40. Strategy 1 *

Please provide a short description and an estimated budget for this strategy.

Establish a regional climate collaborative addressing climate mitigation and resilience, initially focused on addressing wildfire and extreme heat priorities through forest health initiatives, wildfire mitigation, home hardening and energy efficiency, and the workforce development needs to accomplish these objectives.
Estimated Budget - \$348,000

41. Strategy 1 Activities *

Please check all required and optional Activities associated with Strategy 1.

Coordinate members of collaboratives to build relationships across organizations and define shared values, vision and principles of how to work together

Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and public, private and philanthropic funding sources

Conduct community engagement within under-resourced communities

Convene stakeholders to discuss community needs regarding potential climate change mitigation and adaptation projects eligible for statewide or other grant programs with specific allocations for under-resourced communities

Develop and align community and project plans that benefit under-resourced communities, including climate action plans, that demonstrate local needs and identify multi-benefit projects for implementation

Assist in the development of local job training and anti-displacement policies and programs

Conduct outreach and build awareness of competitive grant programs

Provide policy, program and technical assistance expertise to develop and align multi-benefit projects with potential funding supports

Offer assistance and training for grant application development, project management, implementation and monitoring

Serve as intermediary between stakeholders and technical experts from State agencies and other organizations

Develop Project Evaluation Plans

Conduct data collection, tracking, and reporting associated with grant evaluation

Participate in SGC-facilitated peer-to-peer learning across Collaboratives. This may include both attending trainings led by SGC and technical assistance providers as well as contributing to peer-learning and sharing sessions. Collaboratives will be regularly surveyed on training needs and convened quarterly for virtual trainings and peer-to-peer learning. Topics for peer-to-peer sessions will be determined according to regular surveys administered to Collaboratives

Conduct data collection & analysis that helps identify existing conditions, identify community priorities, and identify impact of possible projects

Provide education and training for entities within the Collaborative and stakeholders within the communities of focus that build the region's capacity to compete for grants and implement projects in the future

Peer-to-peer learning and trainings between Collaboratives and other related regional collaboration efforts

Peer-to-peer learning and trainings across members of an individual Collaborative

42. Do you have additional strategies?

Yes

No

43. Strategy 2

Please provide a short description and an estimated budget for this strategy.

Conduct needs and capacity assessments, and build on existing studies, to assess priorities for disadvantaged communities, partner and workforce capacity and opportunity, and inform solutions.
Estimated Budget - \$50,000

44. Strategy 2 Activities

Please check all required and optional Activities associated with Strategy 2.

Coordinate members of collaboratives to build relationships across organizations and define shared values, vision and principles of how to work together

Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and public, private and philanthropic funding sources

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45. Do you have additional strategies?

Yes

No

46. Strategy 3

Please provide a short description and an estimated budget for this strategy.

Develop meaningful plans on climate resilience (forest health, wildfire risk reduction, and sustainable energy) and workforce capacity.
Estimated Budget - \$95,000

47. Strategy 3 Activities

Please check all required and optional Activities associated with Strategy 3.

Coordinate members of collaboratives to build relationships across organizations and define shared values, vision and principles of how to work together

Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and public, private and philanthropic funding sources

Conduct community engagement within under-resourced communities

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48. Do you have additional strategies?

Yes

No

49. Strategy 4

Please provide a short description and an estimated budget for this strategy.

Build local workforce capacity with the skills to tackle wildfire mitigation tactics, including vegetation management, home hardening, and energy efficiency.
Estimated Budget - \$118,000

50. Strategy 4 Activities

Please check all required and optional Activities associated with Strategy 4.

Coordinate members of collaboratives to build relationships across organizations and define shared values, vision and principles of how to work together

Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and public, private and philanthropic funding sources

Conduct community engagement within under-resourced communities

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51. Do you have additional strategies?

Yes

No

52. Strategy 5

Please provide a short description and an estimated budget for this strategy.

Create toolbox that supports forest health strategies, home hardening measures, and access to energy efficiency and renewable generation opportunities.
Estimated Budget - \$118,000

53. Strategy 5 Activities

Please check all required and optional Activities associated with Strategy 5.

- Coordinate members of collaboratives to build relationships across organizations and define shared values, vision and principles of how to work together
- Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and public, private and philanthropic funding sources
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54. Do you have additional strategies?

- Yes
- No

55. Total estimated budget for **all** strategies *

\$729,000

56. If the Applicant deems any required grant activities inappropriate or ill-suited for their Collaborative effort, please specify which required activity the Applicant would like to omit along with a justification of the reasons for that omission.

Optional

N/A

57. Additional comments

Additional comments about the Project Summary may be provided here (optional). 150 word limit.

