Siskiyou Climate Collaborative

Augustine Agency Logo Project

12/4 Logo Presentation at 1:00 p.m.

Funding to Watch

EPA Community Change Webinar December 7 | GOPR Extreme Heat Webinar, December 6 or 7

Community Engagement

Each partner recently conducted a deep listening session using our interview questionnaire. Did you interview someone? Can you keep going- interview someone new, and categorize.

Hop On-- December 21st at 11:00 a.m. (link)

Partners can provide input for our workplan during our next "hop on" session.

- Q1. What will our storytelling, outreach and education look like?
- Q2. We will build Technical Assistance to help others-- What might it include?
- Q3. Our RPF for a Climate Resiliency Plan might include...

Technical Assistance Submitted (google form)

- Sample Climate Resiliency Plans
- Training/Research to help us understand EJ40, per our region
- Re. LISC Conference/LISC POC (Cochella Valley)
- Re. Climate Resilience Nexus Conference (Riverside)
- List of important plans/documents to prepare ie. Community Benefit Plans
- Sample RFPs for Climate Resiliency Plan & Contractor list

Looking Ahead:

- **12/04** Augustine Agency Logo Presentation, 1:00 p.m.
- **12/21** December *hop on* Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- **01/09** Peer Learning, 10:00 a.m.
- **01/18** January Partner Meeting, Thursday, 1/18 at 10:30 a.m.

Funding to Watch

-Federal. The EPA Community Change Grant

The EPA CCG grant opened on November 21, 2023 ($2B on a rolling basis). Funding is available to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. TA is available for application support, capacity building, project planning, and more.

Grant Webinar: December 7, 2023

NOFO: Link Climate resiliency and adaptation, Mitigating climate and health risks from extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events, Community-led air and pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation, Investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure, Workforce development that supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants, Reducing indoor toxics and indoor air pollution, Facilitating the engagement of disadvantaged communities in state and federal advisory groups, workshops, rulemakings, and other public processes.

-Federal. The EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grant

The Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grant program will provide funds to help underserved communities improve health and well-being by addressing air pollution; increasing resilience to extreme heat, wildfires, and other climate risks; and reducing indoor air pollution. The program will seek to address community needs holistically, intersecting transportation, energy, climate resilience, and indoor air quality needs.

For example, funding a community's integrated plan for electric buses, solar arrays, and home decarbonization projects would simultaneously improve indoor and outdoor air quality, reduce greenhouse gasses, and increase resilience to electric power shutoffs due to wildfire risks. The funding provides a phased approach, with initial grants for capacity-building, needs assessment, and planning, and subsequent grants for implementing the planned projects. The program will be modeled after California's Transformative Climate Communities grant. The SGC will provide our Climate Collaborative with technical assistance to apply, in partnership with the Milken Institute.

-State. Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program

Extreme heat will impact every community in California and is a public health, climate resilience, and social equity problem. Climate change is causing more frequent and severe consecutive, unusually hot days and nights – known as extreme heat events. Small/large planning grants, and small/large implementation grants will be awarded to assist communities with placemaking, and infrastructure, to help.

Guideline Workshop: December 6 or 7.

Summary SCC Workplan

1. **Strategy 1**: Evaluation Activities

    a. Develop SCC Program Evaluation Plans

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

2. **Strategy 2**: Peer-to-Peer Learning

    a. Participate in SGC-facilitated peer-to-peer learning across Collaboratives

3. **Strategy 3**: Build Collaborative Partnerships and Initiate Community Outreach

    a. Convene Program Stakeholders

    b. Create and Implement Community Engagement Plan

    c. Organize Community Meetings

    d. Research and Peer-to-Peer Learning

4. **Strategy 4**: Create Climate Resiliency Plans and Policies

    a. Create Climate Resiliency Plan

    b. Design community-specific plans

    c. Identify Competitive grant programs that align with Climate Resiliency Plan

    d. Publicize Climate Resiliency Plan

5. **Strategy 5**: Create/Implement TA Network/Anti-Displacement/Job Training Activities

    a. Implement Anti-Displacement Activities

    b. Implement Job-Training Activities

    c. Design Technical Assistance Network

    d. Launch Technical Assistance Network

    e. Maintain Project Inventory

    f. Connect Projects to Resources

Technical Assistance (link)

1. **Facilitation**: effective methods for guiding meetings, active listening, convening support, achieving consensus, conflict resolution and mediation

2. **Collaborative governance**: practices of collaboration and communication between multiple partners, including shared decision-making frameworks, charters and bylaws

3. **Partnership Models**: strategies for leveraging and sustaining the work over the long-term with multiple partners (e.g., government, community-based organizations, anchor institutions, tribal and non-tribal serving organizations)

4. **Community Engagement**: methods for supporting collaborative work with community members, developing shared language, and ensuring accessibility for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals

5. **Climate Communications**: narratives, framing, and messaging strategies for communicating about climate change

6. **Racial Equity and Environmental Justice trainings**: applying a racial equity lens to local and regional climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency efforts

7. **Sustainable Funding**: strategies to build sustainable funding structures (not grants) that advance local and regional climate goals, including the development of private/public partnerships and non-traditional funding and financial models

8. **Grant support**: identification of public and private grants support climate collaboratives, grant administration, and grant tracking.

9. **Climate Workforce and Equitable Economic Development**: strategies for advancing State and local climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience objectives, supporting and developing career-path jobs, mitigating displacement

10. **Program Evaluation**: identifying data, outcomes or metrics to support your project

11. **Other**: