

HeatSafe Colusa: Extreme Heat Resiliency for All

Core Objectives

Grant Award: \$113,150.00, no match

(grant funds allocated to task)

1. Equitable Community Engagement & Outreach (38,994.00)

- a. Establish a HeatSafe Colusa Steering Committee by City Council resolution.
- b. Invite participation from a diverse mix of stakeholders — residents, nonprofits, schools, service providers, and local businesses — ensuring bilingual representation.
- c. Develop a targeted outreach plan, bilingual educational materials, and community surveys to guide project priorities.
- d. Host up to five bilingual workshops and pop-up events to share resources and gather feedback.

2. Asset Development and Mapping (30,019.00)

- a. Catalog existing cooling assets (public buildings, shaded parks, water access points).
- b. Map heat-vulnerable zones using GIS and demographic data.
- c. Identify infrastructure gaps, transportation barriers, and opportunities for new cooling resources.
- d. Engage stakeholders in utilization planning and research external funding and partnership opportunities.

3. Evaluation and Implementation Planning (24,244.00)

- a. Synthesize findings from community engagement and mapping efforts.
- b. Establish success metrics (e.g., reduction in heat-related illnesses, improved cooling access).
- c. Develop a phased implementation strategy with short-, mid-, and long-term goals.
- d. Identify policy and funding avenues to support implementation.
- e. Produce the HeatSafe Colusa: Extreme Heat Resilience Plan for All — a bilingual final report and public-facing summary.

4. Project Administration (19,893.00)

- a. Maintain grant compliance with timely reporting, invoicing, and documentation.
- b. Participate in statewide EHCRP workshops and peer-learning opportunities.

- c. Deliver mid-project and final reports, including a case study of lessons learned and best practices.

Community Participation

The HeatSafe Colusa Steering Committee will meet regularly (initially every other month) to review progress, provide feedback, and help coordinate outreach. One City Councilmember and one alternate will serve on the committee alongside the Project Lead and community members.

Anticipated Outcomes

- Stronger community readiness for extreme heat events.
- Increased awareness of heat-related health risks and prevention strategies.
- Equitable access to cooling resources and information for both English and Spanish speaking residents.
- Actionable strategies for long-term infrastructure improvements and policy alignment.