



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of July 19, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 5-R

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SUBJECT:

Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program Notice of Funding Availability

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

[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 (SGC), RCC enables 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. The program funds Collaboratives to conduct place-based capacity building activities, within a three-year grant term, that support under-resourced communities in accessing funding and resources to plan and implement climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency projects. These place-based activities will both align with and inform regional priorities and efforts. RCC does not fund built infrastructure. Capacity building activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conduct outreach and build awareness of competitive grant programs.
- Convene stakeholders to discuss community needs regarding potential climate change mitigation and adaptation projects.
- Develop community and project plans, demonstrating local needs and identifying multiple-benefit projects for implementation.
- Support the development of partnerships between stakeholders and potential public and private funding sources.
- Provide policy, program, and technical advice to stakeholders and align multi-benefit projects with potential funding resources.

- Serve as an intermediary between community stakeholders and technical assistance programs within relevant agencies and coordinate scientific and technical support from outside experts.
- Coordinate and implement assistance and training to stakeholders in grant application development, project management, implementation, and monitoring.
- Assist in the development of local job training and anti-displacement programs and policies.

Pre-Proposals are due Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 5 p.m. PST. Full Proposals are due Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 5 p.m. PST.

For more information visit: [Regional Climate Collaborative Resources](#)

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.