



Transformative Climate Communities

Community-led transformation for a sustainable California



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program funds community-led development and infrastructure projects that achieve major environmental, health, and economic benefits in California's most disadvantaged communities. Funded by California's Cap-and-Trade Program, TCC empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies, and projects to enact transformational change – all with data-driven milestones and measurable outcomes.

In its first year, and through a competitive process, the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) awarded grants to three recipients in three locations: including \$70 million to the City of Fresno, \$35 million to the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles, and \$35 million to the City of Ontario.

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WHAT DOES TCC FUND?

TCC's unique, place-based strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions is designed to catalyze collective impact through a combination of community-driven climate projects in a single neighborhood. Projects must reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly over time, leverage additional funding sources, and provide additional health, environmental and economic benefits.

Project examples include, but are not limited to:

- » Affordable and sustainable housing developments
- » Transit stations and facilities
- » Bicycle and car share programs
- » Residential weatherization and solar projects
- » Water-energy efficiency installations
- » Urban greening projects
- » Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- » Low-carbon transit vehicles and clean vehicle rebates

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

A diverse range of community, business and local government stakeholders must form a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure to develop a shared vision of transformation for their community. This may include:

- » Community-based organizations
- » Local governments
- » Nonprofit organizations
- » Philanthropic organizations and foundations
- » Faith-based organizations
- » Coalitions or associations of nonprofits
- » Community development finance institutions
- » Community development corporations
- » Joint powers authorities
- » Tribal governments

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CO-INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Communities awarded TCC grants have demonstrated significant local capacity, robust community engagement, and have committed over 50% in matching funds from local and private sector partners to compliment large-scale, multi-year infrastructure investments. Interested co-investment partners should contact: suzanne.hague@sgc.ca.gov to learn more about investment opportunities, including potential Opportunity Fund investments.

HOW WILL OUTCOMES BE TRACKED AND MONITORED?

Because TCC is a greenhouse gas reduction program, applicants who receive awards are responsible for monitoring and reporting their projects' emissions reductions using a quantification methodology certified by the California Air Resources Board. Award recipients are also responsible for monitoring and reporting co-benefit indicators based on the health, environmental and economic goals they identified at the grant's onset.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

The collaborative nature of the TCC process has already empowered community members to lead meaningful change in their own neighborhoods. Through their vision, the TCC program will create healthier and more sustainable California communities where residents have access to economic opportunity, healthy food and green spaces. SGC and Department of Conservation staff will continue providing assistance every step of the way, ensuring that the impacts of TCC investments resonate in these communities for generations to come.