



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (5/26/23)

Officials Fear More Lives Will be Lost in California Rivers if People Do Not Stay Out of Torrential Waters

[Spectrum News 1 reports](#) kitted out in dry suits, something people use to survive in arctic waters, CAL FIRE engineer James Michels, along with other members of the Placer County swift water rescue crew, demonstrate a rescue in the American River — highlighting the dangerous speed and temperature.

“The conditions now at the moment are about 54 degrees temperature,” Michels said. “If you’re not wearing any thermal protection, the chances of you surviving more than just a few minutes in the water without being overcome by that, is very, very slim.”

Multiple emergency agencies from Placer County aided and attended the demonstration, including Placer County Sheriff’s.

Sgt. Kevin Griffiths said they are spreading a message that this year’s water conditions are different thanks to a snowpack he said is still sitting at 320%.

Griffiths reported one person in Placer County has already died this year in the river and another is missing.

He said visitors not local to the area are usually the ones that don’t realize the immense dangers that aren’t just isolated to Placer County rivers.

“This is a phenomenon all across the state of California,” Griffiths said. “And if you look at what happened in Kern County days ago on the Kings River, where they recovered a 4-year-old and an 8-year-old child that was just trying to make it out to a rock that they had already swam to with their family. That’s going to happen across California unless we get people to understand this year is different.”

Officials in Placer County report they receive 23 river rescue call outs a year. So far this year, 13 call outs have already been made.

Auburn State Park Superintendent Mike Howard said that since 1983, 54 people have drowned in the park.

He said as much as they are warning people of the dangers, one age demographic isn’t heeding the advice.

“Sixteen to 24-year-old males, I’m talking to you,” Howard said. “You’re the ones drowning in these rivers at a far higher rate than anyone else.”

For Michels, the demonstration means there is no loss of life this time, but he said they know flows will stay fast for months, and more fatalities loom on the horizon.

“Everyone understands it’s going to be a trying summer this year. We know those tragedies are going to happen,” he said.

It’s an emotional and mental toll on the family, friends and emergency personnel. Michels said he hopes the deaths will be as rare an event as this year’s extreme flows.

If you want to cool off in water, Michels recommends doing it in a lake or other body of water that has no current and you know the temperature is safe.

Two Young Children Found Dead After Being Swept Away in California River

[*The San Francisco Chronicle* reports](#) an 8-year-old girl and her 4-year-old brother were found dead after both children were swept away in the Kings River in Fresno County, authorities said.

The Fresno County Sheriff’s Office said the children fell and were swept downstream on Sunday shortly before 2 p.m. after entering the water with their mother and her adult friend about a mile below Pine Flat Dam.

“The group was trying make their way out to a specific rock to climb on when the current carried the kids away. Neither were wearing life jackets,” according to a statement from sheriff’s spokesman Tony Botti.

The girl was found dead in the river one-fifth of a mile from where she initially entered the water less than an hour into the search by deputies and Cal Fire boats assisted by a sheriff’s helicopter, Botti said. On Monday morning, searchers found the boy’s body beneath the water caught up against a tree, 1.75 miles downstream from where he initially went into the water Sunday, Botti said.

The sheriff’s officials used the tragedy to underscore the dangers posed by fast-flowing waterways that are carrying this year’s record snowpack as it melts and pounds down to the lowlands in rivers from the Sierra Nevada. Botti emphasized that both the Kings and San Joaquin Rivers have been closed to recreational users since March 14 by order of Sheriff John Zaroni “in response to heavy winter storms and melting snow that have created high water levels and hazardous conditions.”

“Anyone accessing the rivers are considered to be in violation of Penal Code 409.5(c), unauthorized entry to an area closed for emergency purposes,” the news release said. Violators face a \$225 fine. Officials have posted “numerous closure signs” emphasizing the importance of staying out of the water, it said.

“The conditions of our waterways will only become more dangerous heading into summer as snow melts and dams release even more water into the rivers. The water remains cold, in the low 50s, the current is swift and trees serve as dangerous obstacles,” the release added.

There is no scheduled time for reopening the rivers to recreational use. That will happen “once these extraordinary dangerous conditions improve,” Botti said.

California Reaching Out to Valley Residents in Flood-Threatened Communities

[ABC 30 Action News reports](#) California has launched a new effort to reach thousands of Valley residents in flood-threatened communities.

Listos California is a state initiative to call millions of people across the state about potential flooding risks.

"So far, we have called 1.3 million people," explained Diana Crofts-Pelayo, a spokesperson with Cal OES.

Kings County is one of 11 counties receiving those calls that have been ongoing since mid-April.

"Really, these calls are specific preparedness messaging and also flood safety. We know there is a historic snowmelt, and these areas will be inundated with water, and we want residents to have this information now," said Crofts-Pelayo.

Monique Florez with Kings County Office of Emergency Services says some residents have been concerned the calls are a scam but wants to clarify they're not.

She received a call herself and says the information and support provided over the phone is valuable.

"They were super helpful identifying me as a resident, being near a flood risk area, asked if I had questions or needed assistance," said Monique Florez with Kings County Office of Emergency Services.

She says they also offer to help residents sign up for alerts that could be lifesaving.

"Fortunately, they will assist residents with it, and if there is a big situation, we can alert everyone about evacuations or important information regarding the flood," Florez said.

Crofts-Pelayo says overall, having a plan is the biggest thing for anyone in a flood zone area.

"Make a disaster plan with your family. It's all about ensuring family members talk about an emergency and have that plan ready," said Crofts-Pelayo.

The California Office of Emergency Services expects to make about two million calls across the state in the next few weeks.

If you live in a flood zone in Tulare or Kings Counties, officials encourage you to be alert and prepared.

Communities Near California's Reformed Tulare Lake are Unlikely to Flood This Year, Officials Say

[CNBC reports](#) California officials Monday said communities near Tulare Lake will likely not experience drastic flooding this year as weather conditions improve following a series of powerful atmospheric river storms that refilled the basin.

Several weeks ago, scientists and officials had warned of worsening floods in the Central Valley due to a large amount of snowpack from the Sierra Nevada melting and sending more water into the basin. The forecasting prompted concerns over potential levee breaches and displacement of residents in communities such as Corcoran and Stratford.

However, officials said they no longer expect those communities to flood due in part to state efforts to raise levees and farmers' work to divert more water for irrigation. Earlier this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom said the state would spend \$17 million to bolster the levees protecting Corcoran from floods.

Brian Ferguson, deputy director of crisis communications for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, said during a news briefing Monday officials are no longer anticipating as serious of damage as they were several weeks ago.

Forecasting models now suggest Tulare Lake will not surpass a height of roughly 184 feet above sea level, though officials warned the arrival of storms could accelerate snowpack melt and cause more flooding.

"We are in significantly better shape than we were several weeks ago," Ferguson said. "However, we want to strongly emphasize we are not out of the woods by any stretch of the imagination."

Tulare Lake was the largest body of freshwater west of the Mississippi River up until the late 1800s when its tributary rivers were diverted for agricultural irrigation and municipal water uses.

The resurrected lake [now spans roughly 10 miles from bank to bank](#) on farmland used to grow almonds, cotton, tomatoes and other crops.

The California Department of Water Resources is working to divert additional water before it flows into the lake bed. The current floodwaters could remain for as long as two years.

California Unlikely to Run Short of Electricity This Summer Thanks to Storms, New Power Sources

[ABC News reports](#) California regulators say the state is unlikely to run out of electricity this summer because of a big increase in power storage and a wet winter that filled the state's reservoirs enough to restart hydroelectric power plants that were dormant during the drought. The nation's most populous state normally has more than enough electricity to power the homes and businesses of more than 39 million people. But the electrical grid has trouble when it gets really hot and everyone turns on their air conditioners at the same time.

It got so hot in August 2020 that California's power grid was overwhelmed, prompting the state's three largest utility companies to shut off electricity for hundreds of thousands of homes for a few hours over two consecutive days. Similar heat waves in 2021 and 2022 pushed the state to the brink again. State officials avoided blackouts by encouraging people to conserve energy and tapping some emergency gas-powered generators.

The state's electrical grid was strained in part because of a severe drought that left reservoirs at dangerously low levels, leaving little water available to pass through hydroelectric power plants. The water level in Lake Oroville got so low in 2021 state officials had to shut down a hydroelectric power plant that was capable of powering 80,000 homes.

That won't be a problem this year after winter storms dumped massive amounts of rain and snow on the state. Plus, an additional 8,594 megawatts of power from wind, solar and battery storage will come online by Sept. 1, according to Neil Millar, vice president of Transmission Planning & Infrastructure Development for the California Independent System Operator.

One megawatt of electricity is enough to power about 750 homes.

“I am relieved to say that we are in a much better position than what we were going into 2022,” said Siva Gunda, vice chair of the California Energy Commission.

The struggle to power the state during severe heat waves has been a problem for Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has aggressively moved the state away from fossil fuels. California gets much of its power now from sources like wind and solar. But those power sources are not always available.

To avoid blackouts during heat waves, Newsom and the state Legislature spent \$3.3 billion to create a “strategic reliability reserve.” State officials used the money to extend the life of some gas-fired power plants that were scheduled to retire and to purchase large diesel-powered generators. Last September, when a severe heat wave pushed the statewide demand for electricity to an all-time high, this reserve generated up to 1,416 megawatts of energy.

The reserve helps keep the lights on. But it also goes against the state's goal of having 100% clean energy by 2045. The state got 59% of its energy from non fossil-fuel sources in 2021, down from a high of 64% in 2019. State officials say the decrease is mostly because the drought reduced the amount of hydroelectric power available.

One way to use solar power is to store it during the day and use it at night. Gunda said California is on track to have about 5,000 megawatts of battery storage available by June 1, an increase from just 250 megawatts in 2019.

On Thursday, Newsom toured a battery manufacturing plant and touted his updated plan to ease the permitting process for new clean energy projects.

“I think the most important thing is to reinforce is we can’t get it done unless we go big and bold. and we’ve got to address the barriers in our way,” Newsom said.

While officials say the state should avoid critical power shortages, they warn the weather could change things. Wildfires are also a threat to knock out key power transmission lines. Those things could still trigger a “flex alert” warning people to conserve energy.

“I would say that that folks shouldn’t be surprised to see a flex alert,” said Alice Reynolds, president of the California Public Utilities Commission. “I mean, we’re talking about extreme heat, unusual events that are hard to manage.”

Colorado River Deal: What Does it Mean for California?

[CalMatters reports](#) after nearly a year of intense negotiations, California, Nevada and Arizona reached a [historic agreement](#) today to use less water from the overdrafted Colorado River over the next three years.

The states agreed to give up 3 million acre-feet of river water through 2026 — about 13% of the amount they receive. In exchange, farmers and other water users are expected to receive compensation from the federal government. An official with the Department of the Interior said the payments could total \$1.2 billion and would come from the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act.

The Biden administration has been pushing the states since last spring to reach an agreement to cut back on Colorado River water deliveries. The three-state deal is a historic step — but it is not

final: The U.S. Interior Department must review the proposal. And everything will have to be renegotiated before the end of 2026.

In California, the agreement would mostly affect the water supplies of farmers in the Imperial Valley. Coming up with a plan to fairly cut water use has created tensions between farms and cities and between states, especially California and Arizona.

To read more on what you need to know about the new plan, how it will affect California and whether it will bring relief to our vital water supply system, [visit the full article](#).

One in Five Deaths Among Young Californians Tied to Fentanyl

[The Guardian reports](#) overdoses involving fentanyl were behind one in five deaths of people ages 15-24 in California, the latest indicator of an emergency that shows no signs of slowing.

Drug overdoses now kill two to three times as many people in the state as car accidents, according to data compiled by the consulting group California Health Policy Strategies. Since 2017, deaths related to the synthetic opioid, which is 50 times stronger than heroin, have increased 1,027%.

The crisis, which has visibly unfolded on city streets from San Francisco to Los Angeles, has sent officials scrambling for solutions. This year California's governor, Gavin Newsom, has proposed spending an additional \$172m for a project distributing naloxone, an overdose medication.

But experts warn more is needed and that the effects of the crisis will probably continue for years to come.

“Even if we do a lot of things right in policy, we’re going to have a fair amount of deaths in the coming years,” Keith Humphreys, a drug policy expert and professor at Stanford University, told California Healthline.

San Francisco has been hit particularly hard, with one person dying of an accidental overdose every 10 hours. The city saw 200 overdoses in the first three months of the year, compared with 142 in the same months a year ago, according to [reports by the city's medical examiner](#).

The city has taken an increasingly punitive approach to handling drug users. An expert [told the Guardian](#) last month that this had only heightened their overdose risks. Overdoses in the city increased significantly in December, and rose particularly in January, just as the city government closed a key outreach center, where people were using drugs under medical supervision, and increased policing in San Francisco's Tenderloin district, which has struggled with drug use.

Last month, Newsom directed the California highway patrol and National Guard to [help San Francisco tackle fentanyl](#).

As the emergency has intensified in the city, San Franciscans have butted heads about solutions. A [special meeting](#) to address the crisis on Tuesday with the mayor and board of supervisors turned into a “circus”, SFGate reported, with protesters shouting over officials and one woman throwing a brick.

“What we are doing is not working. And in fact, our local resources have increased. But it has not dealt with the problem based on the magnitude of what we are experiencing,” Mayor London Breed said. “The fact is, it’s time for a change. We want to get people help, but we will not continue to allow things to just occur as they have been.”

At the state level, Newsom has put more than \$1bn toward efforts to alleviate the crisis, and lawmakers have sought to make overdose medication widely available across the state.

“We have more work to do,” the governor said earlier this month. “This consumes me. As a parent, it scares the hell out of me.”

For further information, [visit the full article](#).

San Francisco Mayor London Breed, City Leaders Booed Out of Drug-Infested UN Plaza as Brick Thrown in Crowd

[The New York Post reports](#) San Francisco Mayor London Breed and the city’s board of supervisors were forced to retreat inside after a meeting they attempted to hold in a notorious open-air drug market was disrupted by jeers, shouting and a woman who hurled a brick into the crowd, according to a report.

On Tuesday, city leaders decided to hold the meeting outdoors in United Nations Plaza to highlight problems plaguing the area — [including surging fentanyl overdoses](#) — and to discuss potential solutions, [KRON4 reported](#).

Breed and Supervisor Aaron Peskin took to the podium and proclaimed the city has been tolerating “illegal, out-of-control behavior for far too long.”

“Many San Franciscans do not feel safe,” Peskin said. “Brazen drug dealing and deteriorating street conditions have exacerbated a humanitarian crisis on our streets.”

But less than 10 minutes after the meeting began, it was cut short as the crowd hurled insults at the mayor and supervisors until they just walked away from the podium, according to KRON.

At one point, a woman threw a brick into the crowd and nearly struck a child, according to San Francisco police, who had been deployed to the plaza ahead of the meeting.

She was swiftly arrested and whisked away in handcuffs.

A livestream of the event cut to a black screen and background music before an image of Breed appeared, according to KRON.

It soon cut to the mayor, who continued delivering her remarks from inside City Hall.

Breed said that despite vastly expanded resources for drug addiction treatment, universal income and affordable housing, problems plaguing the city have not been solved and continue to spiral out of control.

“Compassion is killing people,” Breed said. “We have to change what is happening on the streets. It’s too easy getting drugs, they are dying under our watch, we have to do better.”

“I was born and raised in this city,” the Democrat continued. “I am putting everything on the line. I am doing this job without fear of losing it. San Francisco claims to be so compassionate

and liberal. People are growing up in the midst of this chaos. What about them? We have tried over, and over again, and what we are doing is not working. Are we going to collaborate and work toward solutions? Or are we going to let the same old thing happen over, and over, and over again?”

Before he was abruptly cut off, Peskin attempted to tell the crowd about his demands to bring public safety back to the popular plaza, calling it a crisis that needs to be addressed.

Peskin penned a letter to Breed on Monday demanding that the city shut down all open-air drug dealing within the next 90 days.

His letter calls on the mayor to open Emergency Operations Centers at a number of problematic locations to coordinate city agencies and departments addressing the crisis.

A spokesperson for the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management told the station Tuesday that the city is “developing a pilot program to address situations when someone is so far under the influence of drugs that they may pose a danger to themselves or others.”

Breed is expected to propose the program during her upcoming budget plan.

30 Tons of Explosive Chemicals Lost During Rail Shipment

[*The New York Times* reports](#) about 60,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate, a chemical used as a fertilizer and in explosives, went missing on a rail shipment from Wyoming to California in April and has still not been found, officials said.

Dyno Nobel, an explosive manufacturing company, notified the federal government of the loss and said in a statement that it was investigating what happened during the nearly two-week journey.

The company said the rail car with the material was sealed when it left a manufacturing site in Cheyenne, Wyo., and the seals “were still intact” when it arrived in Saltdale, Calif.

“The initial assessment is that a leak through the bottom gate on the rail car may have developed in transit,” the statement said.

A report made on May 10 to the National Response Center, a federal emergency call center for railroad incidents, said that the rail car left Wyoming on April 12 and arrived in California empty.

Dyno Nobel said that the rail car was transported back to Wyoming for further investigation and that it had “limited control” of the train’s activity while the cargo was being transported.

Kristen South, a spokeswoman for the rail carrier, Union Pacific, said in a statement that the company’s investigation was in its “early stages.”

“The fertilizer is designed for ground application and quick soil absorption,” Ms. South said. “If the loss resulted from a rail car leak over the course of transportation from origin to destination, the release should pose no risk to public health or the environment.”

The company said it does not suspect any criminal or malicious activity was involved in the disappearance of the cargo.

For further information, [visit the full article](#).

CDFA Grants \$89 Million for Emergency Shelters & Infrastructure at Fairgrounds

[CDFA's Fairs and Expositions Branch announces](#) the awarding of \$89 million in grants as part of the Fairgrounds Resilience Centers Program to help support people and communities during disasters, like evacuations caused by flooding.

The grants will support infrastructure projects such as additional safe-shelter space, kitchen and sanitation facilities, showers and related improvements that will protect and comfort people and families in times of need. The same improvements will also expand services and capabilities for many other events throughout the year, adding value to these community assets. The funding for the grants program was appropriated as part of the 2021-2022 California general fund budget.

The resilience centers will enhance emergency preparedness capabilities, particularly in response to climate change. Funding will be used for infrastructure that supports emergency evacuation and shelter of people, pets and livestock, and it will also fund facilities and tools to improve how responders can use these sites as base camps during emergency events. The projects and sites that have been selected were also evaluated to consider their potential to provide spaces that the community can use outside of contingency times. The grants will equip facilities and provide spaces that can be used year-round to offer services and activities geared to strengthen local communities through civic, social, educational, and economic development programming. Business incubation centers, satellite college campus facilities, and telemedicine centers are among the viable concepts.

“This program is a prime example of the value of California’s fairgrounds,” said CDFA Secretary Karen Ross. “These grants will provide more than 460,000 square feet of new space for emergency sheltering, and they will position fairgrounds to offer their communities additional resources during climate-related disasters or other emergency events. The enhanced fairgrounds will also provide a unique opportunity for their communities to engage in the use of the facilities for other services and activities throughout the entire year.”

A committee of fairgrounds stakeholders conferred to identify criteria that would assist in the selection of the Fairgrounds Resilience Centers awardees. Criteria included the fairgrounds’ ease of access and egress during an emergency event, the level of climate resiliency of the sites, and whether they would be able to serve severely disadvantaged areas.

The committee consisted of CDFA, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), and representatives of the fairgrounds industry (including California Construction Authority, the joint powers authority in charge of construction at fairgrounds).

Planning and construction work related to the Fairgrounds Resilience Centers is expected to begin in late summer 2023. The complete list of grant awardees and summaries of their projects can be found [here](#).

BRACE and BOLT: State Grant Funds Available to Help You Get Your House Prepped for the Next Quake

[Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has announced](#) that eligible Humboldt County homeowners in areas impacted by the Dec. 20, 2022 earthquake can now apply for grants of up to \$3,000 to safeguard their homes against future earthquake damage.

Funding is available through Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB), a program administered by the California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP) which is a joint powers agreement between the [California Earthquake Authority](#) (CEA) and the [California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) (Cal OES).

These funds cannot be used to pay for repairs to damaged homes but can be used to protect eligible residences from experiencing the same kind of damage from future earthquakes. An EBB retrofit includes bracing the cripple walls of older houses, when present, and bolting houses to their foundation, making them less vulnerable to earthquake damage.

The registration period for this program closes on Monday, July 31.

“Older homes are particularly vulnerable to earthquake damage, so it’s important that homeowners in high seismic-hazard areas take proactive steps to reduce the risk of their home slipping off its foundation,” said Glenn Pomeroy, CEO of the California Earthquake Authority (CEA). “We recognize the enormous impact the recent earthquakes had on the local community, and it is our goal to strengthen as many homes as possible before the next big one strikes.”

Income-eligible homeowners may also qualify for supplemental grants. These grants are available for households with an income at or below \$72,080 and may be able to provide up to 100% of the funds needed to cover a seismic retrofit.

Humboldt County homeowners can apply for retrofit funding at EarthquakeBraceBolt.com. At this website, homeowners can check if their house is in an EBB eligible ZIP Code, review detailed program information and begin searching for a FEMA-trained, California-licensed general contractor.

Once registration closes, participating homeowners will be selected through a random drawing and notified via email if they have been chosen or if they have been placed on the waitlist.

According to CEA, more than 1.2 million houses in high-hazard ZIP Codes are particularly vulnerable to earthquakes because of the way they were constructed. These homes are typically built before 1980, are wood framed with a raised foundation and may have a cripple wall in the crawl space under the house.

To date, EBB grants have helped nearly 20,000 homeowners retrofit their houses.

ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- [GFO-22-609 – Responsive, Easy Charging Products with Dynamic Signals \(REDWDS\)](#); *energy*
 - Funded by: CA Energy Commission

- Deadline: Friday, June 2, 2023
- Total Estimated Funding: \$9 million
- **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **CalVCB Regional Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) Pilot Program Special Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) Northern California; disadvantaged communities; health & human services**
 - Funded by: Victim Compensation Board
 - Deadline: Monday, June 5, 2023
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$2.5 million
 - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **Ready or Not Disaster Preparedness Grant Program; libraries and arts**
 - Funded by: CA State Library
 - Deadline: Thursday, June 8, 2023
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$1,634,000
 - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)

Funding Opportunities

Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program

[The Board of State and Community Corrections](#) has created this program to support federally recognized Indian tribes in California to support efforts to identify, collect case level data, publicize, and investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

The State Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) established the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program. Funding is available to federally recognized Indian tribes in California to support efforts to identify, collect case level data, publicize, and investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program proposals must be received by 5:00 P.M. (PST) on Friday, June 23, 2023.

Applications for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program must be submitted through the BSCC-Submittable Application portal. The BSCC-Submittable Application portal, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program Application, and all required attachments are available on the BSCC website.

Prospective applicants are invited to attend a virtual Bidders' Conference. Attendance at the virtual Bidders' Conference is not a requirement. The purpose of this Bidders' Conference is to answer technical questions from prospective bidders (applicants) and provide clarity on RFP instructions. The Bidders Conference will be held on May 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Prospective applicants are asked (but not required) to submit a non-binding letter indicating their intent to apply.

The purpose of this grant is to fund proposals from federally recognized Indian tribes in California that support efforts to identify, collect case-level data, publicize, and investigate and solve cases involving missing and murdered indigenous people.

Applicants must propose activities, strategies, or programs that address a minimum of one (1) of the following Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

- PPA 1: Culturally Based Prevention Strategies
- PPA 2: Strengthening Responses to Human Trafficking
- PPA 3: Improving Cooperation and Communication on Jurisdictional Issues

Applicants may implement new activities, strategies, or programs, OR expand existing activities, strategies, or programs (without supplanting funds - see supplanting definition in the General Grant Requirements).

Proposals selected for funding will be under agreement from October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2028 with the BSCC. The grant agreement service period covers October 1, 2023 and ends on December 31, 2027. However, an additional six (6) months (January 1, 2028, to June 1, 2028) will be included in the term of the grant agreement for the sole purposes of finalizing and submitting a required Local Evaluation Report and finalizing and submitting a required financial audit.

The maximum an applicant may apply for is up to \$440,000 in the Small Scope category OR up to \$1,000,000 in the Large Scope category. Applicants may apply for any dollar amount up to and including the maximum grant amount identified in each category.

The Grant Award must cover the entire grant period. For example, if an applicant requests and is awarded \$400,000 that amount must last from October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2028.

No match is required.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, June 23, 2023**. Total estimated funding available is \$11.4 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (5th Funding Round)

[The State Treasurer's Office](#) intends to improve access to mental health crisis services in California for children and youth, ages 21 and under by funding a statewide expansion of mobile crisis support teams (MCSTs), crisis stabilization and Children's Crisis Residential Program beds, and family respite care via grants available to counties.

Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), Section 20, established the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth and is intended to improve access to mental health crisis services in California for children and youth, ages 21 and under. SB 833 provides a mechanism for funding a statewide expansion of Mobile Crisis Support Teams (MCSTs), Crisis Stabilization Units and Children's Crisis Residential Treatment beds, and Family Respite Care services via grants available to counties.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS - Counties and counties applying jointly are eligible applicants. Counties and counties applying jointly may also designate a private nonprofit corporation or public agency to receive grant funding.

ELIGIBLE COSTS - Purchase of Real Property - Construction/Renovation - Furnishings/Equipment- Information Technology - Three Months Start-Up - MCST Vehicles- MCST Personnel Funding (12 Months)

PROGRAM FUNDING - There is currently \$7,587,124.44 available in Capital funding for Crisis Residential Treatment, Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Mobile Crisis Support Team programs and \$192,737.00 in Mobile Crisis Support Team personnel funding. Funding for the Family Respite Care program is no longer available.

Counties and counties applying jointly are eligible to apply. Counties may also designate a private nonprofit corporation or public agency to be a co-applicant and a designated Grantee, but only a county may apply as a Lead Grantee.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, July 28, 2023**. Total estimated funding available is \$7,779,864. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT Grant (FY 22-23)

[The Strategic Growth Council](#) has created the TCC Program to further the purposes of AB 32 (Nunez, 2006) and AB 2722 (Burke, 2016) by funding projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) through the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include multiple coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.

The Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC), established by AB 2722 (Burke, 2016), invests in community-led climate resilience projects in the state's most overburdened communities. The program objectives are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health and the environment, and support economic opportunity and shared prosperity. 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.

The Project Development Grants support disadvantaged communities by funding pre-development and basic infrastructure activities that advance the communities' climate and community resilience goals and prepare them for future funding opportunities aligned with the TCC Program Objectives. Project Development Grants should respond to previous community planning efforts that identified priority projects and need additional project development and basic infrastructure support funding to get ready for future resilience funding. SGC developed this pilot grant type for Round 5 TCC in response to the expressed support gap between Planning and Implementation Grant funding and to meet communities where they are in their climate resilience efforts.

Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), Tribal Communities, Planning Grant Grantees, and Previous Implementation Grant Applicants will be prioritized for Project Development Grants, with DUCs given the most priority.

TCC Implementation Grants and Planning Grants support holistic neighborhood proposals and planning activities, respectively, to advance community-led goals and projects. Please see separate Grants Portal entries for information on Planning Grants and Implementation Grants.

A wide variety of activities and costs can be funded through the grant. Please see the Round 5 Guidelines for a list of example eligible activities.

Multiple Co-Applicants are required. 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.

Applicants must include community engagement activities and address climate resilience through the proposal. Applicants may also address other transformative elements such as displacement avoidance and workforce development, if applicable.

Eligible Lead Applicants may include but are not limited to: community-based organizations, local governments, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations and foundations, faith-based organizations, coalitions or associations of nonprofit organizations, community development finance institutions, community development corporations, joint powers authorities, councils of governments, and California Native American Tribes.

Project Areas must be designated as disadvantaged communities per the TCC Guidelines. The Guidelines contain multiple options for establishing Project Area eligibility. Project Areas for Project Development Grants must be contiguous and may be any size and shape. See Section 6.4, Project Area Eligibility, of the Guidelines for more information on Project Area requirements.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**. Total estimated funding available is \$9.8 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).