



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (6/16/23)

Upcoming Policy Hearing

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Where: State Capitol, Room 127

Details: [Within the Daily File](#)

California Legislators Consider ‘Catastrophe Modeling’ to Address Insurance Crisis

[Pluribus News reports](#) California lawmakers and regulators are considering letting property insurance companies factor future wildfire risk predictions into their rates, a change insurers say would help them write more policies in the fire-prone state.

Leaders are under pressure to help homeowners after insurance giant State Farm in May said it would [stop writing new policies](#) in the Golden State. Other major insurers, such as Allstate, have also [stopped writing new policies](#) anywhere in the state or in certain neighborhoods.

California is the only state that requires insurers to calculate risk based on historical data. Some legislators said this week it is time to change that.

Several lawmakers said during the hearing that finding home insurance was a huge problem for their constituents.

Insurers are raising their prices or restricting coverage in many states as climate change drives more frequent disasters, home prices rise and development in risky areas continues. Insurers’ costs are also rising with inflation and the price of reinsurance, which has soared along with global disaster costs.

Lawmakers in states hard hit by wildfires and hurricanes are rushing to stabilize insurance markets and help people get coverage they need to mortgage their homes and rebuild after a catastrophe.

Florida lawmakers moved last year to crack down on [rampant fraud and litigation](#) that has driven up insurance prices there.

Louisiana lawmakers this year spent \$55 million on grants designed to encourage insurers to [write policies in the state](#) and \$30 million on grants to help property owners fortify their roofs and therefore qualify for insurance premium discounts.

California regulators last year began requiring insurers to give discounts to property owners who had cleared away brush, upgraded roofs or taken other action to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their properties.

State leaders are now considering additional steps to help the insurance market.

Insurers are tightly regulated in California under a system voters approved in 1988. That system has kept premiums low — too low, insurers say. They say they are unable to charge customers rates that reflect the rising risk of disasters.

Insurers would like to be able to raise rates more easily and pass on the cost of reinsurance to property owners. They would also like to be able to set rates based on predicted future wildfire risk.

For now, state lawmakers and insurers appear most focused on allowing catastrophe models. In addition to Wednesday’s hearing, the Department of Insurance is convening two workshops this summer to inform regulations on the technology.

Catastrophe models can help insurers serve more customers, said Mark Sektnan, vice president of state government relations at the national trade group American Property Casualty Insurers Association.

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

CAL FIRE to Suspend Burn Permits in Four Northern California Counties Due to Fire Risk

[Fox 40 News reports](#) CAL FIRE will be suspending burn permits in four Northern California counties as fire conditions worsen.

The agency said a high volume of dead grass and hotter, drier conditions led to the decision.

Starting, June 26 at 8 a.m., burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Nevada, Yuba, Placer and Sierra counties will be suspended.

CAL FIRE has an [interactive map](#) that allows residents to input their addresses to find out if they are within the State Responsibility Area.

According to the agency, the SRA is where CAL FIRE is the primary emergency response agency responsible for fire suppression and prevention.

The use of campfires will still be allowed if they are in organized campgrounds or private property and are properly maintained to prevent wildfires.

It is possible to get a restricted temporary burning permit if there is an “essential reason due to public health and safety.”

A special permit for agriculture, land management, fire training and other industrial-type burning may be issued if a CAL FIRE official first inspects the burn site.

The agency said it has responded to 1,640 wildfires since the beginning of the year. Those fires have burned over 4,200 acres.

California Rolls Out \$20 Million Prescribed Burn Protection Fund

[KSBW 8 reports](#) the state of California rolled out \$20 million in funding to cover losses in the event that a prescribed or cultural burn escapes control.

The \$20 million allocated for the "Prescribed Fire Liability Claims Fund Pilot" was announced on Monday. The first-of-its-kind funding protects practitioners of prescribed and cultural burns by insulating them against a lack of liability insurance.

Prescribed fire and cultural burning are key components of wildfire risk management in the state. Those types of projects reduce hazardous fuels, protect communities, and keep ecosystems more resistant to wildfire.

"Prescribed fire is a cost-effective way to minimize the scope and severity of wildfires," said Senator Bill Dodd, author of Senate Bill 926. "It's a tool that has been used for millennia by Native American tribes and one that will continue to play a big role in wildfire prevention. The rollout of this fund is a big step toward keeping California communities safe."

The fund provides up to \$2 million in coverage for fire projects led by a qualified burn boss or cultural practitioner. According to CAL Fire, the fund is meant to demonstrate that prescribed fire is a low-risk land management tool that mitigates larger wildfire risks.

The money will also advance cultural burning, which will help Indigenous Californians restore their connection to fire.

"Cultural burning is an essential practice to meet diverse objectives, including biodiversity stewardship, ecological health, and community safety. The availability of this pilot fund provides cultural fire practitioners a safeguard against financial risk in the unlikely event of an escaped burn. This is a significant incentive to support revitalization of burning traditions following the legacy of policies banning such practices," said Don Hankins, Professor of Geography and Planning at CSU Chico and co-founder of the Indigenous Stewardship Network.

Fire Officials Ignite Caution as Summer Heat Arrives

[Fox 5 San Diego reports](#) after fire crews worked to contain five wildfires across San Diego County, officials are now warning of what's to come with Wednesday marking the first official day of summer.

The June gloom is beginning to burn off, the sun is shining and the early days of fire season are among us. Geologist and Environmentalist Dr. Pat Abbott is now weighing in on what's ahead, pointing to the greener brush along Mission Trails Regional Park as a benefit in the days to come.

"Well, California is a landscape, it has a plant vegetation that is genetically programmed to burn so every year is a fire year for California," Abbott said to FOX 5.

This follows an atypical winter and spring season full of extensive rainfall after years of little to nothing.

“Greener vegetation doesn’t burn as fast or as hot, and it’s easier for our firefighters to work with,” Abbott said.

One being Cal Fire Captain Thomas Shoots. His team was stretched thin just Tuesday, battling [five wildfires](#) across the region. The [Wildcat Fire](#) in East County was just one, reaching dangerously close to homes prompting evacuation orders which have since been lifted.

“A fire doesn’t have to be 100,000 acres to be catastrophic to a certain community and folks up in the Ramona Estates [Tuesday] know that. That fire was 12.2 acres but going right up to their backyard,” Shoots said.

He said also says it’s now’s the time for preparation and prevention.

“Clear that first five feet next to the structure. That is a really a critical part, protecting those first five feet. Start small,” Shoots said.

First responders urge the public to sign up for emergency alerts sent directly to your phone through [AlertSanDiego.org](#).

The National Emergency No One’s Talking About: Firefighters are Quitting in Droves. Here’s Why.

[The Reckon Report reports](#) “I’m trapped in a corner.” Those were the last words of wildland firefighter Charlie Morton as he and his colleagues fought a blaze started by pyrotechnics at a gender reveal party in Southern California in Sept. 2020.

Morton, the crew boss, left the group to inspect nearby spot fires that had started after fiery embers floated across the bulldozer line – a line in the ground where all vegetation is stripped back to prevent the fire from advancing.

He radioed to his colleagues to help put out the spot fires. Moments later, 60 mph gusts of wind rapidly spread the ferocious blaze to nearby fresh vegetation, encircling Morton, 39.

That was the last time he was heard from or seen alive.

His body was found hours later beside his fire shelter, which was still folded up. His clothes had been completely burned off his body.

Morton was one of the [27 wildland firefighters killed](#) that year from incidents related to fighting fires.

But those wildland firefighters are not the only ones to lose their lives.

As climate change relentlessly fuels drought and extreme temperatures across the western United States, stagnated wages have created problems for overworked and understaffed wildland firefighters, such as homelessness, suicide, and cancer, according to a [May 2021 study](#) presented at the International Association of Wildland Fire 6th Annual Human Dimensions Conference.

A temporary [two-year pay raise](#) helped the service retain many of its firefighters, but that expires in September and will reduce wildland firefighters' salaries by about \$1,500 a month. Without it, most earn under \$40,000 a year, which is below the living wage in every state in the country, according to an [analysis using the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's](#) living wage calculator.

Those low wages have historically led to an exodus of experienced personnel, while those who have stayed struggle to find [affordable housing](#) and suffer from [financial stress](#) and [PTSD](#), according to various reports and studies.

“These issues are all related,” said Mark Munoz, a Suppression Battalion Chief in the federal government's wildland firefighting service. “We have long hours, kinda bad food, tough living conditions, and you can die. And most do it for not a lot of money.”

Even the United States Department of Agriculture has featured the struggles of wildland firefighters on its website, [pointing out how some are on food stamps](#). It's expected that 50% of wildland firefighters will quit once the temporary pay raise expires on Sept. 30, noted Munoz, who said that in addition to the death of Morton, he'd lost firefighting friends to cancer and suicide over the last three years.

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

Southern Italy's Campi Flegrei Volcano Prone to Eruption, New Study Suggests

[Geographical UK reports](#) a new study has revealed that parts of the Campi Flegrei volcano in southern Italy have been stretched almost to [breaking point](#), confirming scientists' prediction that the structure of its crust is [changing](#) and may make the volcano more prone to eruption.

Published in Nature's *Communications Earth & Environment* journal, the [new study](#) is the first to apply a volcano modelling method, created by UCL, to any volcano. The model is based on 'the physics of how rocks break', according to Kilburn.

‘Our new study confirms that Campi Flegrei is moving closer to rupture,’ said lead author, Professor Christopher Kilburn of UCL Earth Sciences. ‘However, this does not mean an eruption is guaranteed. The rupture may open a crack through the crust, but the magma still needs to be pushing up at the right location for an eruption to occur.’

Volcanoes which erupt after a prolonged period of inactivity [must rupture](#) the crust before magma erupts. A rupturing sequence has been developing across four episodes of ground uplift at the Campi Flegrei caldera: in 1950-1952, 1969-1972, 1982-1984 and since 2004.

The study suggests that these ruptures are caused by the [movement of fluids](#) about two miles beneath the surface, including molten rock or natural volcanic gases.

Researchers at UCL and Italy's National Research Institute for Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV) used a model of volcano fracturing to interpret earthquake patterns and ground uplift to determine the study's conclusion.

Campi Fregrei's current tensile strength (the maximum stress that a stretched material can bear before it breaks) is around [a third](#) of its strength in 1984, according to researchers.

'Our results show that parts of the volcano are becoming weaker,' said Dr Nicola Alessandro Pino from the Vesuvius Observatory, which represents the INGV in Naples. 'This means that it might break even though the stresses pulling it apart are smaller than they were during the last crisis 40 years ago.'

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

Protecting Pride: Defending the Civil Rights of LGBTQ+ Americans

[The U.S. Senate Committee on Judiciary](#) held a hearing on Wednesday on protecting the civil rights of LGBTQ+ Americans. Testimony was provided by various experts and each of their testimonies can be found [here](#).

To watch the committee hearing, [click here](#).

Attorney General Bonta Releases Inaugural State of Pride Report in Honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month

[California Attorney General Rob Bonta](#), in honor of LGBTQ+ Pride month, issued a new "State of Pride Report" highlighting the California Department of Justice's (DOJ) recent actions to support, uplift, and defend the rights of LGBTQ+ communities across California and beyond.

Pride Month is a time to celebrate the beautiful strength and diversity of LGBTQ+ communities, as well as to reflect on the struggles, sacrifices, and historic accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement. Despite the immense progress that has been achieved, more work remains to be done. Amidst alarming and increasing attacks on LGBTQ+ communities — from book bans to states pushing discriminatory policies across the nation, DOJ remains steadfast in its commitment to fight alongside LGBTQ+ communities in pursuit of justice and equality.

"As a committed LGBTQ+ ally, I firmly believe that everyone deserves to be safe, healthy, prosperous, and celebrated for who they are — regardless of how they identify or who they love," said Attorney General Bonta. "As we come together this Pride Month to celebrate our LGBTQ+ communities, we must also recommit ourselves to the ongoing fight for LGBTQ+ rights at home and across the country. Today's report shows the California DOJ's commitment to defending, expanding, and advancing LGBTQ+ rights. However, I know that there is substantial work yet to be accomplished. Our pursuit of equality knows no boundaries, and I vow to continue using every tool at my disposal to protect and promote the rights and well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals."

The State of Pride Report presents detailed insights into DOJ's latest initiatives to confront hate crimes and discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals. One significant initiative is the launch of the [Office of Community Awareness, Response, and Engagement \(CARE\)](#), and [collaborating with community organizations and the public](#) to proactively address hate crimes. The report emphasizes the efficacy of the [Attorney General's Hate Crime Rapid Response Protocol](#), which equips local law enforcement with the essential resources to efficiently handle significant hate

crimes and extremism. Furthermore, DOJ is committed to combating discrimination in classrooms, sports, healthcare, and public spaces. The report focuses on DOJ's work to cultivate safe environments for [LGBTQ+ students free from bullying](#), [enable transgender athletes to participate in sports aligned with their gender identity](#), [offer LGBTQ+ individuals access to gender-affirming healthcare](#), and advocate for [inclusive public business accommodations](#), irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The State of Pride Report also underscores the ongoing adversities LGBTQ+ individuals face in California and nationwide. Despite considerable progress, many LGBTQ+ individuals still experience discrimination, harassment, and violence in their daily lives, and transgender individuals are especially vulnerable, facing high rates of poverty, unemployment, and homelessness. These challenges demonstrate the need for ongoing protective efforts to uphold and expand LGBTQ+ individuals' rights, enable all individuals to live free from discrimination and violence, and collaborate toward creating a more just and inclusive society.

To review the report, [click here](#).

Subcommittee Hearing on Threats Posed to the Homeland by Nation-State Actors in Latin America

[The House Homeland Security Subcommittee](#) on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence, led by Chairman August Pfluger (R-TX), held a hearing on Wednesday to examine the threats posed to the U.S. homeland by malign nation-state actors in Central and South America.

To watch the committee hearing, [click here](#).

California Statewide Study Investigates Causes and Impacts of Homelessness

[UC San Francisco Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative has released](#) the largest representative study of homelessness in the United States since the mid-1990s, providing a comprehensive look at the causes and consequences of homelessness in California and recommending policy changes to shape programs in response.

The [California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness](#) used surveys and in-depth interviews to develop a clear portrait of homelessness in California, where 30% of the nation's homeless population and half of the unsheltered population live.

The study found that for most of the participants, the cost of housing had simply become unsustainable. Participants reported a median monthly household income of \$960 in the six months prior to their homelessness, and most believed that either rental subsidies or one-time financial help would have prevented their homelessness.

“The results of the study confirm that far too many Californians experience homelessness because they cannot afford housing,” said [Margot Kushel](#), MD, director of the UCSF Benioff Homeless and Housing Initiative (BHII) and principal investigator of the study. “Through thousands of survey responses and hundreds of in-depth interviews, the study's findings reflect

the incalculable personal costs of homelessness. Our policy recommendations aim to inform solutions to the homelessness crisis.”

For more information, visit the full article. To review the full study, [click here](#).

Titanic-Bound Submersible Suffered ‘Catastrophic Implosion,’ Killing all 5 Onboard, US Coast Guard Says

[CNN reports](#) the Titanic-bound submersible that went missing on Sunday with five people on board suffered a “catastrophic implosion,” killing everyone on board, US Coast Guard Rear Adm. John Mauger said Thursday.

The tail cone and other debris from the missing submersible were found by a remotely operated vehicle about 1,600 feet from the bow of the Titanic, which rests about 13,000 feet deep in the North Atlantic Ocean.

“This is an incredibly unforgiving environment down there on the sea floor and the debris is consistent with a catastrophic implosion of the vessel,” Mauger, the First Coast Guard District commander, told reporters.

Five different major pieces of debris from the submersible, known as the “Titan,” were found in the area, and each end of the pressure hull was found in a different place, according to Paul Hankins, US Navy Director of Salvage Operations and Ocean Engineering.

The families were immediately notified, Mauger said. “I can only imagine what this has been like for them and I hope that this discovery provides some solace during this difficult time,” he said.

Minutes before the news conference, OceanGate Expeditions, the company that operated the [deep-sea submersible](#), issued a statement grieving the five men on board.

A spokesperson for Pelagic Research Services confirmed to CNN its remote-operated vehicle, which was the first to search for the submersible on the sea floor, found the debris field.

The news ends a saga that began Sunday when the Titan began its descent to explore the wreckage of the Titanic. The expedition was billed as “a chance to step outside of everyday life and discover something truly extraordinary” and cost each participant \$250,000, an [archived version of OceanGate’s website shows](#).

However, the [cramped vessel](#) lost contact with its mother ship about 1 hour and 45 minutes into its dive and did not surface as expected, prompting an extensive search and rescue operation in a remote area several hundred miles southeast of Newfoundland.

The expedition reflects the ongoing fascination with the Titanic more than a century after it hit an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage, killing more than 1,500 people. The journey was also part of the growing business of [wealthy adventure tourism](#), along with the space flights of Blue Origin or the rise of guided tours to Mount Everest.

The focus on the vessel has renewed [criticisms of OceanGate's approach to safety](#) from employees and other industry leaders. The 23,000-pound deep-sea vessel was made of an experimental combination of carbon fiber and titanium and relied on decidedly low-tech parts, such as a [video game controller](#).

Extension: Technical Assistance Request Form Due June 23 for All CRC Grant Applicants

[The Strategic Growth Council](#) has extended the deadline to submit a Technical Assistance (TA) Request Form. All CRC Grant Applicants who would like to be considered for application Technical Assistance are encouraged to submit a [\(TA\) Request Form](#) by the extended due date of **June 23, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. PST**.

Submissions received past June 23 will only receive TA if resources remain to support additional applicants. The form has been updated to include requests for all three grant types.

One Eligible Entity will complete the TA Request Form on behalf of their Applicant Team. These responses will describe overall CRC concepts and potential project ideas, local community, potential partners, and forms of TA requested. CRC Program staff and the Application TA provider will review submissions of the TA Request Form and match prospective applicants with TA as resources allow.

Completing the TA Request Form is optional. Applicants may apply for any CRC grant type without completing the TA Request Form. You can find the TA Request form at the button below or on the [CRC R1 Application TA webpage](#).

Extension: Implementation Grant Pre-Proposal Form Due August 25

[The Strategic Growth Council](#) has extended the deadline to apply for a Community Resilience Centers Implementation Grant. If you are considering applying for a CRC Implementation Grant, you must submit a Pre-Proposal form by **August 25, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. PST** to be eligible to apply. *They have extended this form's due date, which was originally June 16.*

The Pre-Proposal form will clarify for applicants the complexity, timing, support, and expectations of the CRC Program. One eligible entity will submit a CRC Implementation Pre-Proposal Form describing the proposed CRC Implementation Project on behalf of their Collaborative Stakeholder Structure.

CRC Program staff will review Pre-Proposals to provide consistent, unscored feedback to applicants preparing their Full Applications and ensure applicants understand due dates and requirements for Implementation Grants. We encourage applicants to submit your Pre-Proposal soon in order to ensure staff can provide feedback to inform the development of your Full application.

Your Pre-Proposal will not disqualify you or affect how the review panel evaluates your application. It is okay to include project details in your application that are different from what you submit in your Pre-Proposal. This form is used to inform, not disqualify, applicants. You can find more information about the Pre-Proposal form in the [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#).

You can find the Pre-Proposal form at the button below or on the [CRC Current Application Materials webpage](#).

ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- **Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program;** *disadvantaged communities; law, justice, and legal services*
 - Funded by: Board of State and Community Corrections
 - Deadline: **Friday, June 23, 2023**
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$11.4 million
 - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **GFO-22-613 – Signage and Other Measures to Increase the Visibility of Electric Vehicle Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Stations;** *energy*
 - Funded by: CA Energy Commission
 - Deadline: **Thursday, June 29, 2023**
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$1 million
 - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation;** *environment & water; parks & recreation*
 - Funded by: CA Natural Resources Agency
 - Deadline: **Friday, June 30, 2023**
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$8,334,511
 - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked 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](#).

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TCC Implementation Grants support an integrated set of projects within a neighborhood project area of approximately five to ten square miles. Projects must reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly over time, leverage additional funding sources, and provide health, environmental and economic benefits to the community.

TCC Planning Grants and Project Development Grants support planning and pre-development activities to prepare for future funding opportunities and advance community-led goals and

projects. Please see separate Grants Portal entries for information on Planning Grants and Project Development Grants.

Since 2017, TCC has awarded \$321 million in 11 Implementation Grants ranging from \$9 million to \$66.5 million each and \$5.2 million in 25 Planning Grants ranging from \$170,000 to \$300,000 each. Project Development Grants are new in Round 5.

Implementation project examples include, but are not limited to:

- Equitable housing and neighborhood development
- Transit stations and facilities
- Electric bicycle and car share programs
- Solar installation
- Water and energy efficiency installations
- Urban greening and green infrastructure
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Recycling, composting, and waste reduction
- Health and well-being projects
- Indoor air quality projects
- Community microgrids
- Brownfield redevelopment

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 fill out an Application Initiation Form and indicate their interest in applying for a TCC Implementation Grant by March 31, 2023. All Implementation Grant applicants are required to work with Application Technical Assistance providers to prepare their application materials.

Applicants must submit a Pre-Proposal by 5:00 p.m. PST on May 1, 2023. Though submission of a Pre-Proposal is required for all Implementation Grant Applicants, the content of the proposal will not affect evaluation of the final application or disqualify Applicants from submitting an application.

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 Implementation Grants must be contiguous and are limited to approximately five square miles (5 mi²) in urbanized areas, and to 10 square miles (10 mi²) in rural areas. See Section 6.4, Project Area Eligibility, of the Guidelines for more information.

Grantee must leverage additional funding sources that equate to least 50% of the total grant award. Leverage funding must be committed at the time of application submittal. Leverage funds may come from a variety of sources, such as federal, state, local public, private and/or philanthropic. Up to half of the required leverage funding may be fulfilled by new, eligible investments in the Project Area.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**. Total estimated funding available is \$88.5 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).