



California State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Announcement – Round 4 Technical Assistance

Application Deadline: June 30th, 2017

The Coastal Conservancy's [Climate Ready Program](#) seeks to encourage local governments and non-governmental organizations to take steps to prepare for a changing climate by advancing planning and implementation of on-the-ground actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or lessen the impacts of climate change on California's coastal communities and natural resources. The Conservancy is interested in assisting communities to increase their resilience to climate change impacts such as sea level rise, urban heat islands, extreme weather events, wildfire, and poor air quality. Examples of current Climate Ready projects are posted [here](http://scc.ca.gov/climate-change/climate-ready-program/) (<http://scc.ca.gov/climate-change/climate-ready-program/>).

The Conservancy is offering grants of **technical assistance** to help vulnerable communities develop Climate Ready Projects. The purpose of this grant program is to increase the resilience of communities along the coast of California or in the San Francisco Bay Area that lack capacity due to systemic inequities. If your project is selected, you will receive technical assistance over several months to help you achieve your goals. No financial assistance is available at this time.

Specific tasks that the Conservancy could undertake include:

- Developing a work plan tailored to your project. The work plan would lay out general tasks and timelines for the overall project from planning to implementation.
- Organizing and conducting up to three workshops/planning meetings to help advance your project. Examples include public workshops or interagency planning meetings with regulatory and/or funding agencies.
- Developing a permitting strategy.
- Navigating the application process for various state and federal grants.
- Developing a partnership team.
- Gathering community input.
- Building consensus on project components and strategies.

The current grant round is focused on vulnerable communities. Vulnerable communities can include low-income people, people who are linguistically isolated, people with disabilities, tribal nations, and other populations that have historically experienced lack of investment and opportunities. Climate change is likely to exacerbate existing inequities and disproportionately impact already vulnerable communities.

Application Submittal: To apply for a Climate Ready Technical Assistance grant, please submit a one-page letter of interest via email to grants@scc.ca.gov. The letter should include four paragraphs: 1) description of the problem, 2) description of the proposed project* and how it solves the problem, 3) description of what technical assistance is needed and 4) description of how it will benefit a vulnerable community. Applications must be received by Friday, June 30th, 2017.

Eligible Applicants: Public agencies, tribes, and certain nonprofit organizations are eligible for funding. To be eligible, a nonprofit organization must qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its articles of incorporation must demonstrate that the organization's purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, the Coastal Conservancy's enabling legislation.

Questions: Questions about the application process and potential projects may be directed to:

- Liz Gagneron, Climate Ready Program Sea Grant Fellow, 510-286-4178,
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*Note: If your project involves trying to find an appropriate solution to an identified problem, then the solution proposed in paragraph 2 should be presented as completing a feasibility study to evaluate possible approaches to the problem.