

## **California State Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant – Round 4 Technical Assistance FAQ**

- **What is the Climate Ready Program at the State Coastal Conservancy?**

The Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Program is helping natural resources and human communities along California's coast and San Francisco Bay adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as rising sea levels, beach and bluff erosion, extreme weather events, flooding, increasing temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, decreasing water supplies, and increasing fire risk. The Conservancy is also working to capture greenhouse gases from the atmosphere through the conservation of natural and working lands.

In 2012, the legislature and governor empowered the Conservancy with specific authority (SB 1066, Lieu) to prepare for and adapt to the effects of climate change and take action against its causes. The Conservancy's Climate Ready Program is focused on supporting planning, project implementation and multi-agency coordination to advance actions that will increase the resilience of coastal communities and ecosystems.

- **How can the Climate Ready Program help my project? What kind of technical assistance (skills/specialties) is available?**

Conservancy efforts are developed differently based on a project's individual needs. Technical assistance/expertise that the Conservancy may provide include:

- Developing a work plan
- Organizing and conducting meetings
- Permitting strategy
- Navigating the application process for various state and federal grants
- Engaging partners and stakeholders
- Gathering community input
- Building consensus on project components and strategies
- Identifying and analyzing issues and opportunities

- **Who is eligible to apply?**

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. Regional projects to be carried out by multiple partners/entities are eligible. An entity that meets the requirements of the above paragraph may submit on behalf of the partnership; each collaborating entity should include as part of the application a letter of participation/support (may include partners from academia and the private sector).

- **How do I apply?**

Submit a one-page letter of interest via email to [grants@scc.ca.gov](mailto: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.

\*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.

- **How can I tell if SCC can help my organization with a project?**

Please contact us to discuss your project ideas and challenges to determine if there might be a good match between your group's needs and our ability to provide technical assistance. You may email [Elizabeth.Gagneron@scc.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Gagneron@scc.ca.gov) or call 510-286-4178.

- **Do you give financial grants?**

The Conservancy is not providing financial grants at this time. Please note that awarded grantees during this grant round are not guaranteed a financial award in future grant rounds.

- **What work is the Coastal Conservancy doing near me?**

Our website, [scc.ca.gov](http://scc.ca.gov), provides a [list of our Climate Ready projects](#) as well as a [Project Viewer](#) which allows you to view all Coastal Conservancy projects on an interactive map.