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**Community Assistance for Climate Equity
ICARP Presentation | June 26, 2020**

Agenda

Presentation

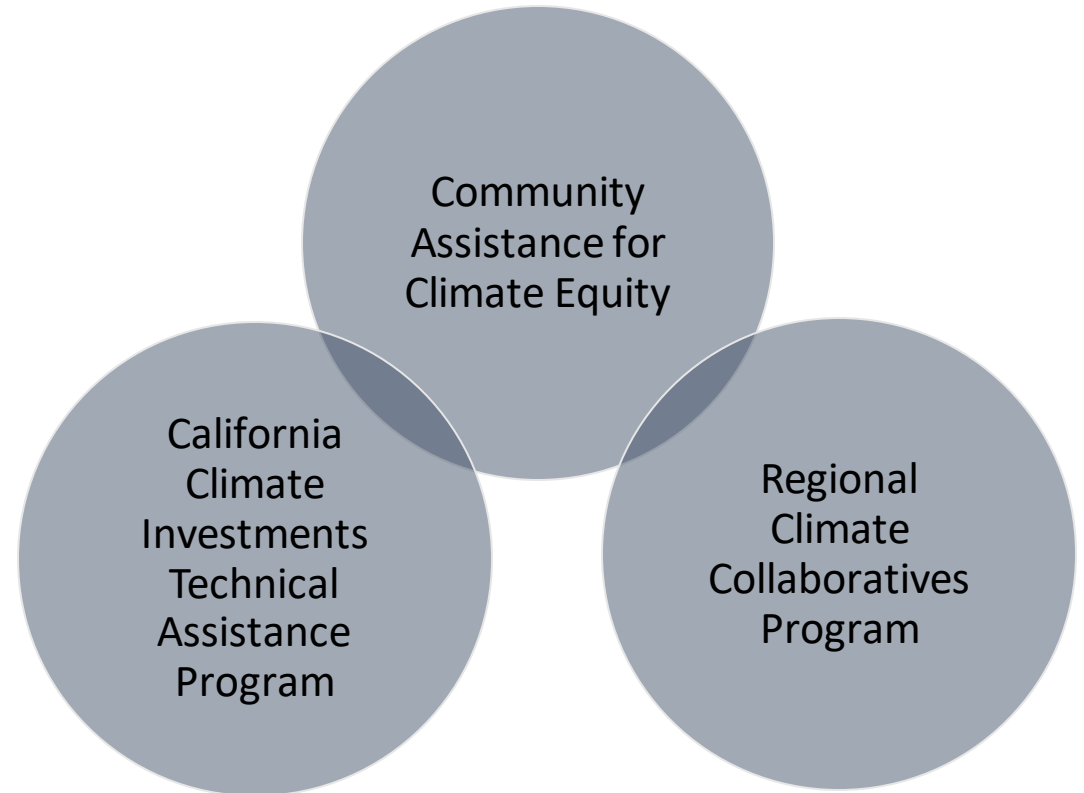
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- Listening Tour
- Partners Advancing Climate Equity Pilot Program
- Regional Climate Collaboratives
- Technical Assistance Guidelines for State Agencies

Discussion with TAC



Background

- Senate Bill 1072 (Leyva, 2018) charges SGC to develop the Technical Assistance Guidelines and the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
- Focus on providing technical assistance and capacity building to under-resourced communities





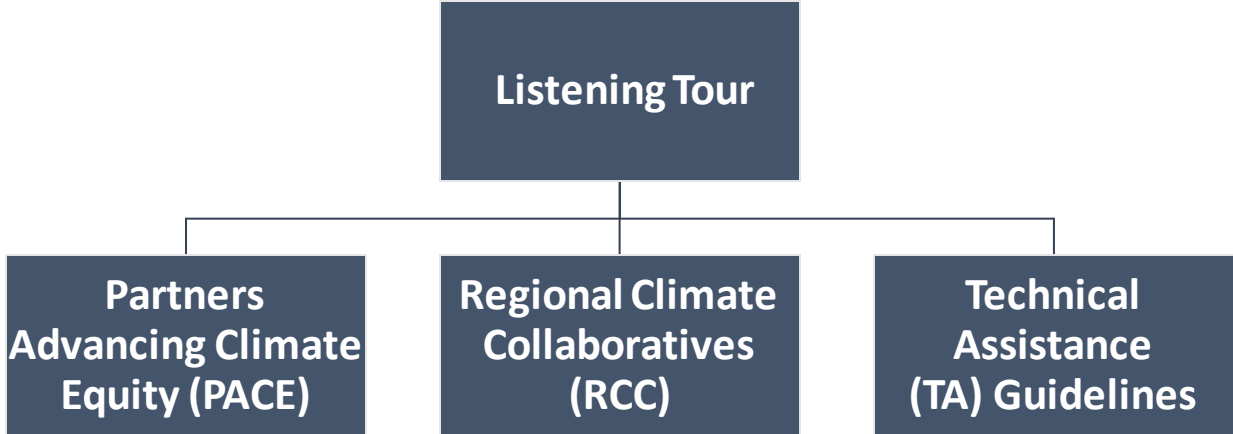
LISTENING TOUR



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Laying the Groundwork



Findings

General Barriers

Upstream Challenges

- Lack of awareness and understanding about state funding programs
- Lack of planning guidance already in place
- Lack of existing relationships
- Lack of local technical resources

Ensuring Community-Driven Solutions

- Lack of trust
- Bridging intersections

Securing Funding

- Accessing grants
- Administering grants

Specific Challenges

- Agriculture Sector
- Immigrant Communities
- Rural Communities
- Tribal Communities
- Wildfire Communities
- Workforce Development



Opportunities to Enhance Capacity Building & TA Programs



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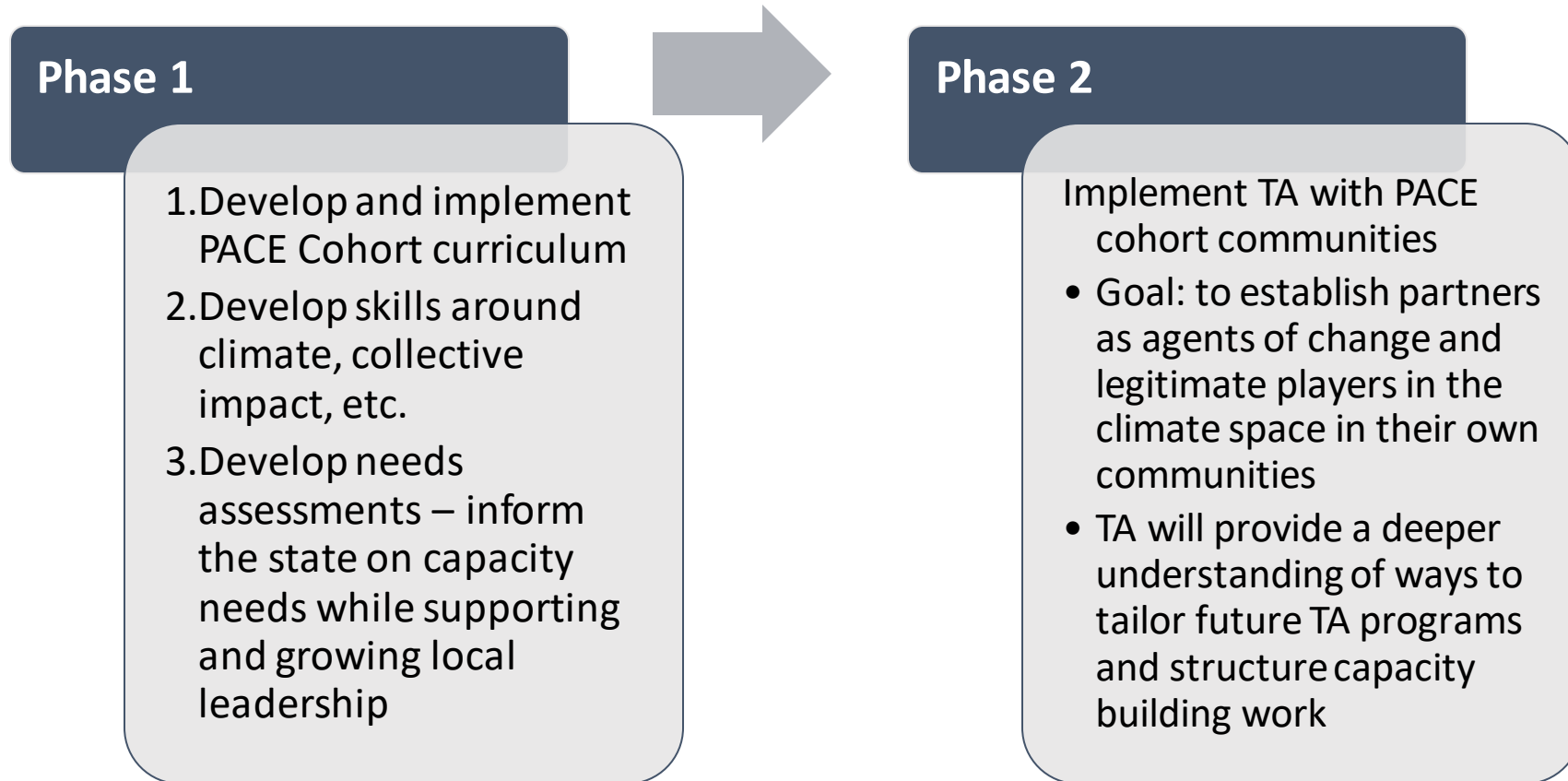
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Partners Advancing Climate Equity (PACE)

Follows a two-phase approach:



Program Goals

Facilitate Capacity Building

- Expand community-based leadership on climate, mitigation, adaptation, & resilience
- Establish new cross-sectoral partnerships

Catalyze Local Climate Action

- Provide near-term TA to help prompt equitable climate action at the local level and increase participation in those efforts by historically marginalized populations

Support Statewide Networking

- Create opportunities for peer-to-peer networking across under-resource communities
- Expand participation of under-resourced communities in existing regional and statewide networks

Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program

- Regional collaboratives of local experts and stakeholders
- Focus on under-resourced communities
- Aims to build the community-driven leadership, knowledge, skills, experience, and resources to transition to a sustainable and resilient future



Potential Collaborative Activities

- **Outreach and build awareness** of competitive grant programs
- **Convene stakeholders** to discuss community needs and potential projects
- **Develop community and project plans** that demonstrate local needs
- **Support the development of partnerships** between stakeholders
- **Advise on the development of multi-benefit projects and align with potential funding sources**
- **Support with assistance and training** for grant application development, project management, implementation and monitoring





TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES FOR STATE AGENICIES



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The Value of Technical Assistance

- TA creates a more equitable playing field by helping under-resourced applicants access funds
- Success
 - AHSC TA: **4 rounds, over 80 applicants** served
 - BOOST provided direct and tailored support to **10 communities** and **2 regions**
 - CDFA/UCANR Partnership will have **10 Community Education Specialists** who will work with County Cooperative Extension Advisors and local RCDs



Purpose & Process

- Manual for State agencies to provide guidance and best practices around designing and implementing effective TA and capacity building programs
 - Provides details on TA design, contracting process, evaluation, communication and public engagement, and TA for tribes
- Developed by the CACE team with robust engagement and feedback from the TA Guidelines Work Group, which represents 13 state agencies
- Public comment period opens July 1

Discussion Questions

Listening Tour

- Do the Listening Tour findings reflect your understanding or experience of the challenges faced on the ground? Are there any gaps?
- What specific aspects of Building Skills & Knowledge, Supporting Grant Success, or Expanding our Reach best align with or could help implement your 2020 priorities?

PACE & RCC

- In what ways might PACE and/or RCC support and/or inform ICARP priorities and direction?

TA Guidelines

- Based on your experience with TA and working with under-resourced communities, what recommendations would you make to State agencies to enhance TA?

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