



Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Community Advisory Committee

CDBG-MIT CAC Background and Goals

Following federal disaster declarations, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program provides funding to eligible grantees to use in areas impacted by recent disasters to carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses. The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the grantee for the State of California. Among several grant requirements, the grantee (HCD) must establish a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

Per federal guidelines, a CAC must meet in an open forum at least twice annually to:

- Provide increased transparency of the implementation of CDBG-MIT funds
- Solicit and respond to public comment and input regarding grantee activities
- Serve as an on-going public forum to continuously inform the grantee's CDBG-MIT projects and programs.

ICARP – HCD Partnership

Through SB 246, the Governor's Office of Planning & Research (OPR) runs the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP). Per the enabling statute, the ICARP Technical Advisory Council (TAC) supports OPR in its goal to facilitate coordination among state, regional, and local adaptation and resiliency efforts, with a focus on opportunities to support local implementation actions that improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

Given the programmatic and policy alignment between the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program and HCD's Disaster Recovery programs, plus the benefit of leveraging the ICARP TAC as an existing, transparent, and open public body, HCD and OPR agree the ICARP TAC is well-positioned to serve as HCD's CAC for purposes of fulfilling the CDBG-MIT grant requirements. At least two of the quarterly ICARP TAC meetings will serve as the CAC meetings.



Role of the ICARP Technical Advisory Council

While the Citizen Advisory Committee is not a decision-making body, it is a forum for program transparency, public engagement, and citizen feedback.

In serving as the Citizen Advisory Committee, the ICARP Technical Advisory Council's role will be to:

1. Provide a public venue to share insight on the CDBG-MIT program and process, and how it fits in with the broader hazard mitigation and disaster resilience policy landscape;
2. Provide feedback on CDBG-MIT program goals, design, and implementation;
3. Offer the collective technical expertise and professional insight of TAC members;
4. Advise the CDBG-MIT program on opportunities to advance climate resilience and adaptation in the context of disaster recovery investments.

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