



Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program Technical Advisory Council

Item 8: Adaptation Planning Grants Workshop

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Introduction

In 2021, OPR, through ICARP, received \$25M in the state budget to fund the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning Grant Program (Adaptation Planning Grant Program) to support local, regional, and tribal adaptation planning across California.

As communities in California experience more frequent, prolonged, and severe impacts of climate change, state, regional, local, and tribal governments are undertaking adaptation and resiliency planning. However, many jurisdictions lack the capacity, tools, guidance, and resources to effectively prepare for climate impacts. This capacity gap is likely to prevent communities from developing and implementing plans that build resilience and reduce future risk.

To meet this need, the Adaptation Planning Grant Program provides funding to help fill planning needs, provides communities the resources to identify climate resilience priorities, and supports the development of a pipeline of climate resilient infrastructure projects across the state.

Key Priorities of ICARP's Adaptation Planning Grant Program:

- **Support equitable outcomes** and wide geographic and economic diversity in applicants.
- **Support much-needed integrated infrastructure planning to achieve community resilience.** The program provides flexible funding to meet multi-sector/issue planning needs that intersect with climate risks, including but not limited to land use, transportation, housing, natural resource management, public infrastructure, and hazard mitigation issues.
- **Help communities plan for and respond to multiple climate risks** by supporting an all-risk approach. These grants allow communities to conduct integrated planning activities. As California experiences accelerated impacts of climate change, many communities are faced with planning for and responding to cascading and compound impacts (e.g., flooding and landslides following wildfires, or riverine flood and sea level rise).

- **Build community planning and capacity** by supporting peer to peer learning, information sharing, and publishing replicable case studies in the State Adaptation Clearinghouse.

Discussion Questions

- What type of resilience and adaptation planning activities and needs could this program support?
- Where are there currently resilience and adaptation planning funding gaps and how might we structure the Adaptation Planning Grant program to fill those gaps?
- Where are there opportunities to align with other state agencies to conduct more efficient stakeholder engagement?
- How can this funding work in coordination with other state investments? What opportunities exist to align this program so recipients can leverage other dollars?
- What should the program consider when evaluating the feasibility of funding set-asides for specific issues, geographics, etc.?
- Knowing this program seeks to support under-resourced communities, what are existing barriers to accessing similar funding programs? What do communities need to access the grant program?