



Integrated Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Program  
(ICARP)

# Regional Resilience Grant Program

**Round 1 Application Workshop**

General Workshop | June 20, 2023



# Workshop Goals & Overview

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- Application Window Overview
- Program Background
- Timeline
- Engagement Summary
- Final Guidelines Review
- Application Resources
- Q & A

# Application Deadline

Intent to Apply Surveys and Applications  
due on **August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, PST**

- Step 1: Submit Intent to Apply Survey
- Step 2: Submit Application Materials

# Application Workshops

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- 6/20 - General - Daytime (Workshop Series Start)
- 6/27 - Application Resources - Planning
- 6/29 - Application Resources - Implementation
- 7/6 - Tribal Governments and Communities
- 7/11 - North Coast, Inland North, and Sierra Nevada
- 7/17 - Inland Desert, Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley
- 7/28 - Los Angeles, San Diego, Bay Area, Central Coast

# Application Support

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## **RRGP Staff will provide technical assistance through:**

- Online **application workshops**
- Online **office hours**
- **Request for Help** Survey
- **Information sharing** to foster potential collaboration
- Posting **frequently asked questions**

## Regional Resilience Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This webpage answers the questions most frequently asked about the ICARP Regional Resilience Grant Program.

📄 ON THIS PAGE: [FAQs](#)

The following FAQs provide a broad overview of the Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP). The RRGF Draft Guidelines are currently the most detailed source of information on the RRGF. OPR staff will update the following FAQs as the RRGF receives feedback on the Draft Guidelines and releases the Final Guidelines.

What is the Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP)? ▾

Who is eligible to apply to the RRGF? ▾

# RRGP FAQs

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available on the [RRGP website](#).



# Background & Goals

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- ✓ Support regional partnerships of **local, regional, and tribal** entities' regional-scale climate resilience solutions.
- ✓ Invest in two grant types: **planning** and **implementation** grants. Incorporate capacity building activities into both grant types.
- ✓ **Round 1: \$9.4M Total**



# Resilience vs. Adaptation

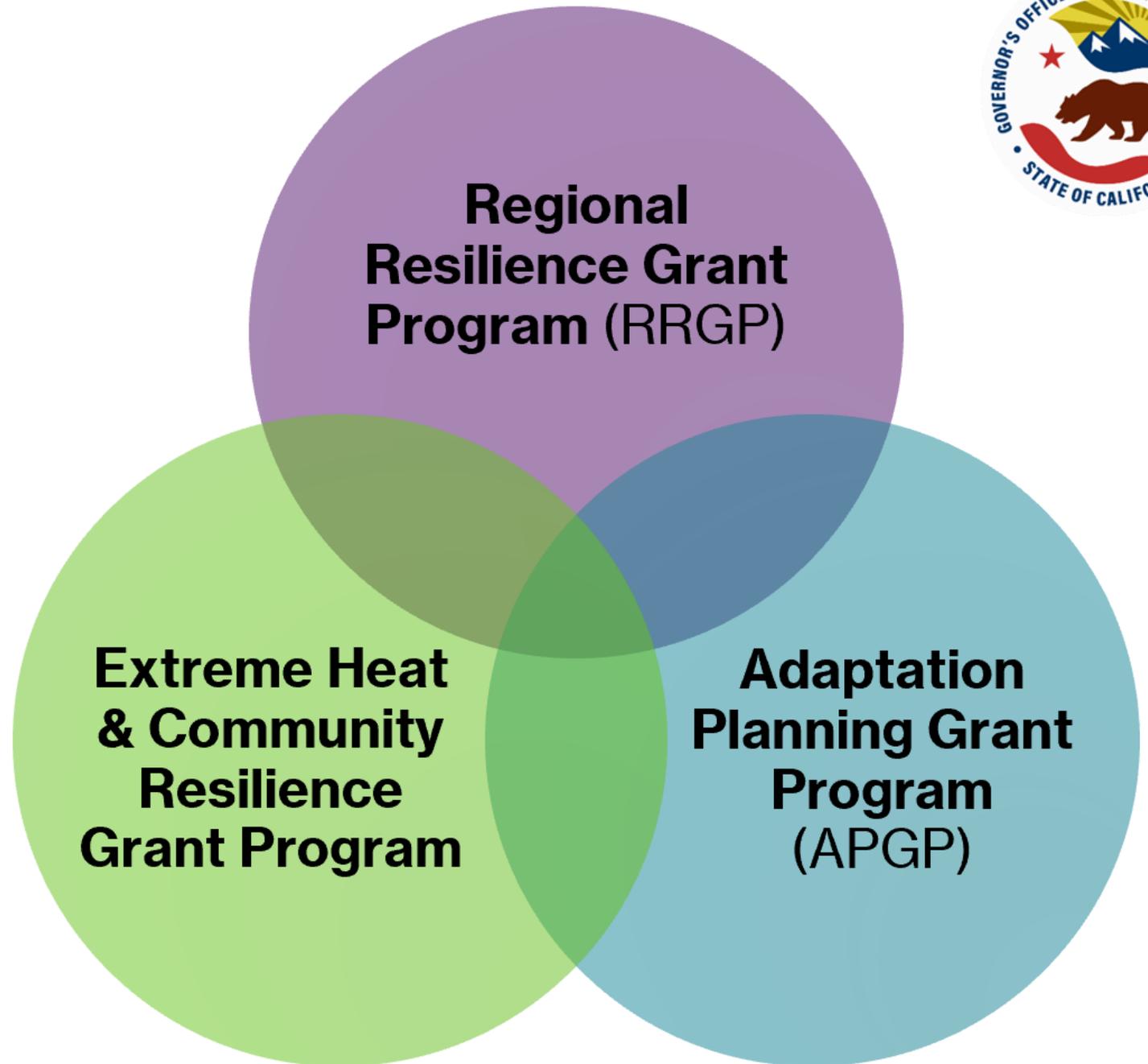
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**Climate Resilience:** the capacity of any entity to prepare for disruptions, recover from shocks and stresses, and adapt and grow from a disruption.

**Climate Adaptation:** when natural or human systems adjust to a new or changing environment

# Context:

New ICARP  
Grant  
Programs





# Key Program Priorities

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- Fund **regional projects**
- Align projects with **ICARP priorities** to reduce climate risks
- Address the **greatest climate risks** in each region
- Support **vulnerable communities**



# Anticipated Impacts of the RRGP

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- + Achieve a vision of collaborative resilience projects that reduce climate impacts in the near and long term
  - + New and existing collaboration
  - + Integrating local and traditional or tribal ecological knowledge
- + Support the full life cycle of regional resilience projects through planning and implementation phases
  - + Projects build capacity, focus on vulnerable communities, and support equitable outcomes

# Timeline

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**Listening Sessions**  
Summer  
2022

**Draft Guidelines  
Public Comment &  
Workshops**  
January –  
March 2023

**Solicitation  
Release &  
Application  
Support**  
June –  
August  
2023

**Application  
Due**  
August 29,  
2023

**Awards**  
November  
2023

Completed    In Progress    To Be Completed



# Feedback to Date

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Over **560** Organizations Engaged

Engagement Included:

- ✓ Public listening sessions
- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ Online survey
- ✓ Public comment period

# Community Feedback

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**1. Provide flexibility in defining regions.**

Allow self-identified regions.

**2. Fund sustainable staffing and strategic partnerships to build capacity.**

Support staffing capacity to ensure multi-scale collaboration and prioritize vulnerable communities.

**3. Streamline and simplify the grant application and reporting processes.**

Provide technical assistance and align with existing grant programs.

# Regional Focus

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## 1. Regional Definition

- Regions may be self-defined.
- Regions should share natural and built environment systems and climate risks.

## 2. Regional Partnership

- Regional partnerships required
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships with two or more jurisdictions involved.

## 3. Regional Diversity

- Fund at least one project from each of the California Climate Adaptation Strategy geographic regions.

# Grant Types

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## **Planning**

for applicants who want to involve their community in studying and determining how to address climate risks in their region. Funds can assess regional climate risks, create regional plans for resilience, prepare for implementation, and more.

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## **Implementation**

for applicants who already know some of the steps they need to take to address the climate risks in their region. Funds can support physical projects, like infrastructure, or non-physical projects, like programs or processes, that reduce climate risk.

# Examples of Eligible Activities

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## Planning

- Align plans for one or more climate hazards across multiple jurisdictions
- Conduct a regional-scale vulnerability assessment
- Form a regional climate collaborative

## Implementation

- Implement hazard-specific projects, like a wildfire fuel break project, sea level rise adaptation project, or a floodplain management project
- Implement existing state, local, or regional plans
- Implement a multi-hazard project, like a flood-after-fire project or an emergency response system

*Note: This list is not exhaustive. More examples available in program guidelines.*

# Required Costs

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**<5%** - Peer-to-Peer Learning

**3-15%** - Evaluation Activities

**<20%** - Administrative (Indirect) Cost Cap

# Eligible Costs

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Ensure that costs proposed in the project budget are eligible for funding. More detail is available in the guidelines.

## Planning & Implementation Projects:

- RRGPs costs (Peer-to-Peer Learning, Evaluation Costs)
- Staff costs
- Travel costs
- Administrative costs
- Engagement, Outreach, Education and Training

## Implementation Projects **Only**

- Direct costs
- Pre-development construction costs

# Applicants

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## Eligible Applicants

- Public Entities
- California Native American tribes
- Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Academic Institutions

## Regional Partnership

- Should involve two or more jurisdictions
- Varying partnership requirements depend on the Lead Applicant type

# Partnership Requirements

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## **California Native American tribes**

- Apply with at least one other California Native American tribe or public entity in another jurisdiction

## **Public Entities**

- Apply with at least one CBO and
- Apply with at least one public entity in another jurisdiction or at least one California Native American Tribe

## **Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**

- Apply with at least two entities (California Native American tribes or public entities) representing different jurisdictions.

## **Academic Institutions**

- Apply with at least two entities (California Native American tribes or public entities) representing different jurisdictions and
- Apply with at least one CBO

# Priority Communities & Set Asides

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- At least **51%** to projects that serve disadvantaged communities
- At least **10%** to projects that serve California Native American Tribes
- **At least one project** from each of the **nine geographic regions** defined by the California Climate Adaptation Strategy
- Fund at least **2 projects** to establish **tribal** and **rural** regional partnerships

# Activities

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## Eligible

- Activities should have a regional focus and align with one of the RRGP Goals
- Stronger projects will also be consistent with at least one climate-related state plan

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## Ineligible

- Legislative lobbying and lawsuits
- Environmental studies, plans, or documents normally required for project development under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

# Application Process

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## 1. Intent to Apply

- **Purpose:**
  - Evaluate applicant eligibility and potential for regional collaboration
  - Direct resources for technical support or other funding opportunities
- Will accept submissions on a rolling basis until applications are due
- Prospective applicants should fill out, to the best of their ability, details about the project and applicants

# Application Process

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## 2. Application Submission

- **Virtual** application submission through SharePoint Grants Portal
- **Application Workbook** includes an Applicant Summary, Work Plan, and Budget
- **Narrative questions** align with topical areas in the Scoring Criteria
- **Additional documentation:**
  - Proof of Alignment with Relevant Planning Processes
  - Community Engagement Plan (Optional)
  - Letters of Support (Optional)

# Scoring Criteria (100 points possible)

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- 1. Project Description & Goals** 15 points
- 2. Community Partnership, Needs & Priorities** 20 points
- 3. Climate Risks & Multiple Benefits** 20 points
- 4. Regional Partnership** 20 points
- 5. Organizational Capacity** 10 points
- 6. Budget** 15 points

# Project Description & Goals

(15 points possible)

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## **Project Description**

- Clearly describe project eligibility for RRGF
- Demonstrate alignment with relevant plans, programs, and policies

## **Who the Project Serves**

- Define target audience and beneficiaries
- Identify vulnerable communities as primary beneficiaries

## **Expected Project Outcomes**

- Describes short- and long-term outcomes
- Align with application components and goals

## **Work Plan**

- Detailed work plan with clear timelines, tasks, and deliverables

# Community Partnership, Needs & Priorities

(20 points possible)

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## **What the community's needs and priorities are**

- Describe community's needs and priorities
- Address current inequities and building resilience and capacity

## **Who identified the community's needs and priorities and how**

- Describe who identified the needs and priorities
- Show a meaningful, and inclusive community engagement process

## **How the community's needs and priorities informed the project design**

- Describe the community involvement in defining and designing the project
- Demonstrate strong community support

## **The project's community partnership and engagement plan**

- Describe the project's diverse community partnership structure
- Show the project includes vulnerable communities & considers accessibility

# Climate Risks and Multiple Benefits

(20 points possible)

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## **The region's greatest climate risks**

- Describe current and future climate risks
- Align greatest risks with RRGP focus areas (drought, flood, extreme heat, etc.)

## **Whether the application addresses the region's greatest climate risks**

- Demonstrate how the project specifically addresses climate risks
- Demonstrate maximized resilience and address multiple risks

## **Methods the project will use to address the climate risks**

- Evaluate resilience opportunities during project design
- Apply systems-level thinking, problem-solving, and climate projections

## **The multiple benefits the project offers**

- Demonstrate comprehensive community benefits, prioritizing vulnerable communities
- Show benefits beyond climate resiliency, spanning sectors and addressing climate issues

# Regional Partnership

(20 points possible)

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## **The regional partnership structure (i.e., applicant and co-applicants)**

- Demonstrate how the diverse partnership will result in effective response to climate risks
- Include capacity building for partners that represent vulnerable communities

## **Partner responsibilities and long-term goals**

- Commit to equity, self-governance, sustainability, and timely implementation
- Explain how you will evaluate progress, use findings, and collaborate meaningfully

# Organizational Capacity

(10 points possible)

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## **Administrative Experience**

- Demonstrate ability to manage grants, coordinate diverse partners, and ensure financial tracking and accountability
- Demonstrate commitment, readiness, and capacity of regional partners for timely and budget-conscious implementation

## **Programmatic Expertise**

- Commit to equity, self-governance, sustainability, and timely implementation
- Explain how you will evaluate progress, use findings, and collaborate meaningfully

## **Plans to Meet Capacity Gaps**

- Describe strategies to close capacity gaps
- Reflect sustainable staffing levels for capacity building

# Budget

(15 points possible)

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## **Align with the RRGP**

- Only include eligible costs based on RRGP Guidelines
- Allocate 3-15% for Evaluation Activities and up to 5% for Peer-to-Peer Learning

## **Align with the project goals and work plan**

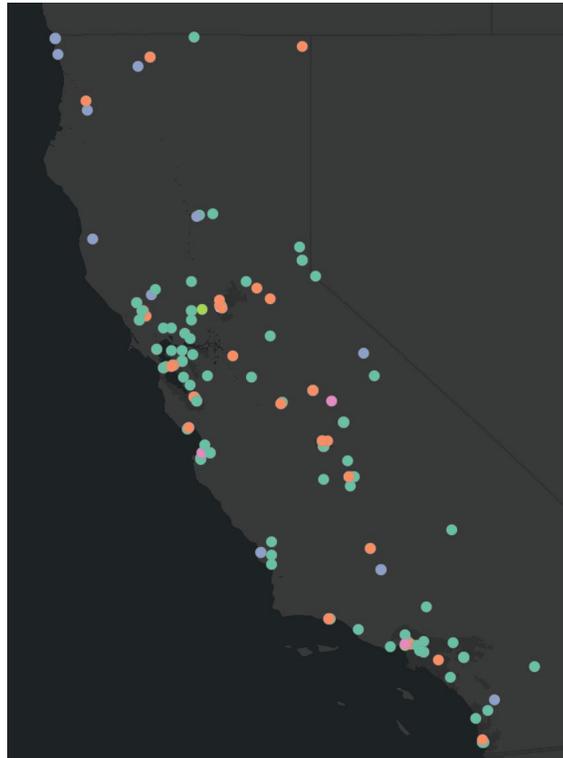
- Include reasonable tasks, deliverables, and consider the grant timeline
- Align budget with project goals and activities

## **Be detailed and complete**

- Outline proposed activities by task and line item and allocate responsibilities and resources across co-applicants
- Demonstrate understanding of proposed activities, partners' strengths and experience, and include supporting justifications

# Application Resources To Form Regional Partnerships

Contact Map (SharePoint Site)



[LinkedIn Networking Group](#)

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Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Grants Networking Group

Unlisted group  
6 members

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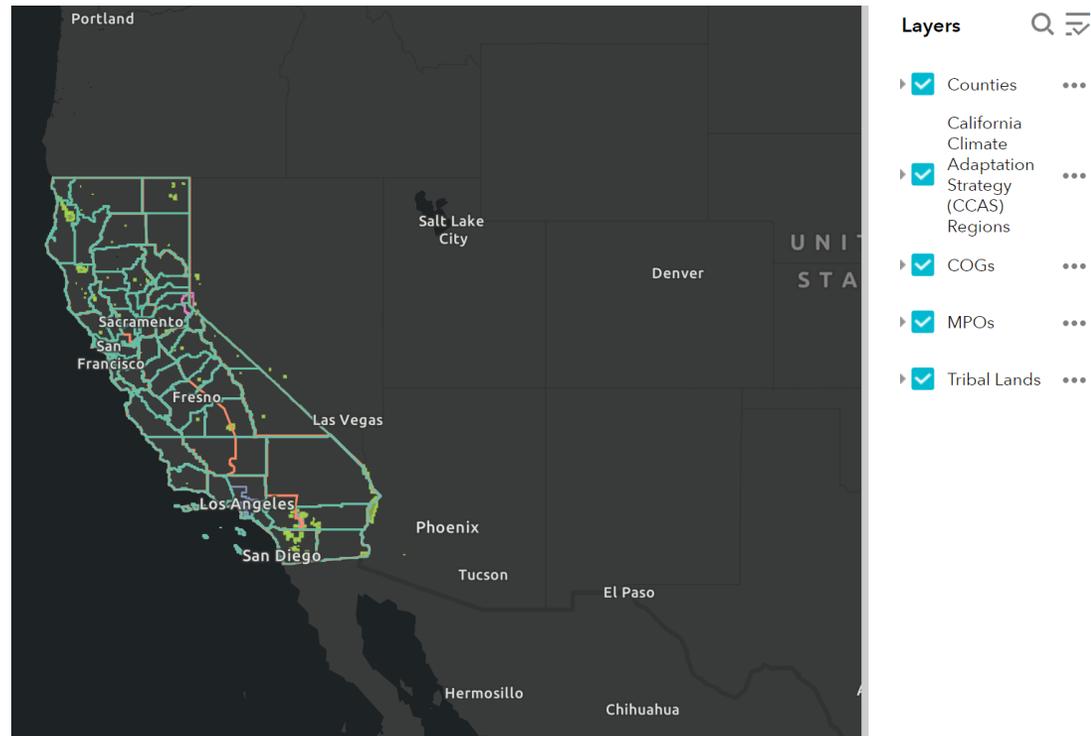
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# Application Resources To Explore Regional Boundaries

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## Regions Map (SharePoint Site)



# Program Expectations

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## **Action Plan**

- Developed at the beginning of the grant term
- Identifies key activities, member roles and responsibilities, and timelines
- Builds on Work Plan and community partnership plan
- Guides implementation and holds partners accountable

## **Evaluation**

- Progress reports
- Regular check-ins

# Next Steps

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- Review the Final Guidelines and Application Materials
- Submit an Intent to Apply Survey
- Attend office hours or an additional workshop
- Submit application by August 29, 2023, at 5 p.m. PST

# Other Relevant Grant Opportunities

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## OPR & SGC Programs:

- Adaptation Planning Grant Program (OPR)
- Tribal Research Grant Program (OPR/CEC)
- Community Resilience Centers Grant Program (SGC)
- Regional Climate Collaboratives (SGC)
- Transforming Climate Communities (SGC)

## Other State Programs:

- Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (DOC)
- Forest Health Grants (CALFIRE)
- Local Coastal Program Grants (CCC)
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program (DWR)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant Programs (CDFW)

# Related ICARP Initiatives

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## Grant Programs:

- ICARP [Adaptation Planning Grant Program](#)
- ICARP [Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program](#)
- [Tribal Research Grant Program](#)

## Resources

- [Adaptation Clearinghouse](#)
- [CalAdapt](#)

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# Thank You!

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