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# Funding Workbook for All California Tribes

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INVESTMENTS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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# Welcome to your Funding Workbook

## LET'S GET STARTED.

We'll start with a brief overview of what California Climate Investments is, provide a few examples of Tribal projects we have funded in the past, and walk you through how to use this workbook to see if any of our funding opportunities may be a good fit for your Tribe's projects and priorities.

### What is California Climate Investments?

California Climate Investments is a portfolio of over 80 State climate programs that fund projects and programs like:

- Community-led projects (e.g., community car sharing, composting),
- Household-serving voucher programs (e.g., rebates for the purchase of cleaner cars, woodstove replacements),
- Large-scale infrastructure projects (e.g., affordable housing, transit),
- And beyond.

### In the past, our programs have funded projects like...

- The Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owen's Valley's transportation needs assessment project which is preparing the Tribe to bring clean mobility options to their Tribal members.
- The Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians' air monitoring project which is developing an air monitoring network and helping implement public participation and education programs that raise awareness about the hazards of poor air quality and measures to avoid exposure.
- The Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians of California's hazard fuels reduction project which supports the Tribe in proactively addressing the risk of wildfire.
- The Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians' carbon sink demonstration farm project which implements a suite of demonstration carbon sink farming practices and includes monitoring and community outreach.
- And more!

Tribal Governments, Tribal-led and Tribal-serving nonprofits and businesses, and Tribal members are eligible applicants to many of our programs.

### Are our programs a good fit for you?

This workbook will guide you through the collection of California Climate Investments programs that Tribal Governments can apply to as lead applicants. You do not need to have a specific project in mind to use this workbook. We encourage you to look through the types of programs we offer and consider how they may support the priorities you have. Take a look, see if inspiration strikes, and let your creativity lead you from there.

## Who is this workbook for?

This workbook is intended to guide Tribal leaders and staff through key program details that may be critical in assessing fit. In this resource we consider Tribes that operate as government entities as well as those that operate via a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you would like to learn more about funding opportunities available to other eligible applicants like businesses or individual Tribal members, please [visit our website](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/cci-programs) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/cci-programs).

Throughout, we have included background, context, and tips to orient anyone who may be new to navigating climate programs offered by the State of California. If you are already familiar with California Climate Investments, some of the contents may be familiar or a good refresher. Feel free to move at your own pace. This tool is meant to be flexible and used in whatever way best supports your priorities and previous experience.

We hope that this resource is informative, approachable, and suitable to work through alone, as a team, or with the support of our California Climate Investments staff.

## How to use this workbook:

This workbook will walk you through five steps that will help you piece together whether our programs may be a good fit for your Tribe's capacity and priorities, and equip you with next steps:

### Step 1.

#### **California Climate Investments 101:** Page 4

This overview covers California Climate Investments' funding source, priorities, and other important introductory information.

### Step 2.

#### **Getting to know our programs:** Page 6

Look through descriptions of each of our programs and what they each aim to fund.

### Step 3.

#### **Taking a closer look:** Page 18

Assess fit by looking through compiled program details that may be of particular interest to Tribes.

### Step 4.

#### **What comes next?:** Page 36

Once you've identified programs of interest, this section offers next steps you can take to further determine fit and get ready to apply.

### Step 5.

#### **Your creative space:** Page 42

We've provided blank space to jot down your thoughts and ideas. You'll also find space for notes throughout this workbook.

## A few things to know about this workbook:

This workbook was published March 2024. Programs constantly evolve and adapt in response to feedback from the public, the latest information, and direction from State leadership. If you are wondering whether you are using the most up-to-date version of this workbook, [our website](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) will always house the latest available version. If you would like to receive a printed copy/copies, please reach out to us.

While this workbook aims to provide you the autonomy to work through this material at your own pace and as often as you'd like, California Climate Investments staff are only an email or phone call away and are happy to help. We can be reached at: [info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](mailto:info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) and 1-800-757-2907 (hablamos español).



# Step 1: California Climate Investments 101

## HOW CAN OUR PROGRAMS SUPPORT TRIBES?

California Climate Investments is a portfolio of programs that funds projects all throughout California. Our programs are connected through having the same funding source—the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund—and are united through core principles.

### Where does California Climate Investments funding come from?

The State of California has a Cap-and-Trade Program that generates proceeds through quarterly auctions. A portion of those proceeds are deposited into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Each year, California State legislators and the Governor’s Office engage in a process to decide which programs will be funded for any given fiscal year as well as what funding sources will pay for those programs. Any program that is paid for using money from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund is a California Climate Investments program.

### What does it mean to be a California Climate Investments program?

While our programs are run by agencies all throughout the State (State agencies), the overall California Climate Investments initiative is overseen by the California Air Resources Board, which serves as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund’s steward. This means that our job is to ensure that funds are used for their intended purpose and that programs accomplish these core principles:

- **Benefit Priority Populations:** A minimum of 35% of funds are required to benefit priority populations. As of May 31, 2023, 74% of funded projects have benefitted priority populations by either directly funding projects, vouchers, or resources in those areas. To learn more, [visit our website](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations).
- **Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Programs must reduce greenhouse gas emissions or facilitate reduction through activities like capacity building.
- **Maximizing Co-benefits:** Programs aim to fund projects that create benefits beyond greenhouse gas emission reductions. These benefits are different for each program.
- **Transparency and Reporting:** Programs report to California Climate Investments twice a year to provide data on what funds have been awarded, and project outcomes.

Fuller descriptions and resources related to these core principles are provided in [Appendix A](#).

### How can California Climate Investments support Tribes?

#### EXPLORING CALIFORNIA’S CLIMATE PROGRAMS

California Climate Investments offers a vibrant collection of climate programs under one umbrella. These programs are distributed throughout 20+ State agencies but share common goals and requirements. For capacity-limited Tribes and organizations that may be new to applying to California’s climate programs, we hope to offer a point of introduction to a portion of the wide collection of projects that can receive State climate funding. Tribes can explore the range of programs we offer without necessarily having a specific project in mind, just an overall sense of their priorities and interests. If our programs aren’t the right fit, we hope you explore other programs available through our State agency partners and other climate programs in general. We include a few other places you might look in [Appendix B](#) and [Appendix C](#).

## APPLYING AS A TRIBE

Tribes can participate in California Climate Investments programs through several avenues. Depending on each program's eligible applicants, Tribal Governments may apply directly as lead applicants, partner with local governments, partner with other Tribes, or apply through/in partnership with a nonprofit. Tribal members can also apply as individuals to programs, including many voucher programs. While this workbook will emphasize programs that Tribal Governments and nonprofits can apply to as lead applicants, we encourage you to visit our website to learn more about how our programs can support your broader Tribal community.

## QUALIFYING AS PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Lands under the control of federally recognized Tribes qualify as "disadvantaged communities" and benefit from being considered a priority population when applying to California Climate Investments programs, which may increase the chance of receiving an award. If your Tribe has federal recognition and land under your control has not been designated as a disadvantaged community, you can request a consultation through the California Environmental Protection Agency to have that land included. Visit the [CalEPA website](https://calepa.ca.gov/envjustice/ghginvest/) (calepa.ca.gov/envjustice/ghginvest/) to learn more about the consultation process and the disadvantaged community designation. To learn more about priority populations and see whether your project area currently qualifies, [visit our website](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations) and check out our [priority populations map](https://arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments) (arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments).

## SUPPORTING TRIBAL PRIORITIES

We know that cultural preservation is pivotally important to Tribes. Although our programs don't fund cultural preservation directly, many of our programs can play a role in supporting cultural preservation. For example, Tribal Governments or nonprofits may be able to secure buses or a carshare resource that may make transportation to culturally significant events or locations more accessible. Similarly, programs that fund composting, food waste prevention, or farming equipment may support Tribes who prioritize food sovereignty and cultural preservation through the growth, harvest, and trade of culturally significant food and medicine.

## What if my Tribe does not currently have federal recognition?

State initiatives have the important opportunity to support all California Tribes, especially those experiencing barriers to accessing federal resources. Informing Tribes that do not currently have federal recognition about our funding opportunities was a high priority in this workbook's design.

We offer many programs that do not require federal recognition to participate, or that you can participate in through partnerships. Also, Tribes that operate through a 501(c)(3) nonprofit can apply to programs and design projects that serve their Tribal members. [Step 3](#) of this workbook, which takes a closer look at program details, includes information on how a Tribe is defined for the context of each program, clarifies whether Tribes that do not currently hold federal recognition are eligible lead applicants, and specifies whether eligibility would require registration as a nonprofit.

While having federal recognition can facilitate qualifying as a disadvantaged community and by extension, a priority population, Tribes that do not currently hold federal recognition can still qualify as priority populations if their project area is within a disadvantaged community or low-income community. To see whether your project area qualifies your project for priority population benefits, check out our [priority populations map](https://arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments) (arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments).

# Step 2: Getting to know our programs

## CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS FROM A TO Z

Now that you know a little bit about us, what we do, and how we can support Tribes, we'd like to introduce you to our programs. Over the lifetime of California Climate Investments, we have guided over 80 programs housed in over 20 State agencies. In this section of the workbook, we will go over 29 of the programs that are currently within our portfolio that Tribal Governments and nonprofits can apply to as lead applicants. Depending on when you are using this workbook, some programs may not be open for applications at this time. Here, we'll start with the full scope of programs and in [Step 4](#), go over next steps, including identifying application timelines.

On pages 8 through 17, we have included short descriptions of each of our programs in alphabetical order. Each program description also includes:

- A checkbox to mark down programs that sound interesting to you
- Icons to quickly identify the type of projects each program funds
- Icons to quickly identify how each program may support Tribal cultural preservation
- A link to the program's website

We've also included space for notes to jot down any ideas that come to mind as you work through this section. Grey boxes below program descriptions to provide additional context and information as needed.

### Supporting Tribal cultural preservation

While our programs don't fund Tribal cultural preservation directly, many of our programs can play a supporting role. If you have a specific Tribal cultural preservation priority in mind and want to do a quick scan for programs that can support that priority, keep an eye out for these icons as you work through Step 2. You can find these icons next to each program description. Tribal cultural preservation priorities our programs may be well positioned to support include:

<b>T</b>	Transportation access to cultural activities/gatherings & sites of cultural importance
<b>FM</b>	Food sovereignty & traditional medicine
<b>CB</b>	Cultural burning
<b>L</b>	Land purchasing or land conservation
<b>CA</b>	Supporting land & ecosystems through climate adaptation
<b>I</b>	Educational events that can support avenues for intergenerational information sharing
<b>E</b>	Supporting basic needs for elders
<b>All</b>	Programs that fund capacity building that may support all of the above priorities



This is not an exhaustive list of Tribal cultural preservation priorities. Rather, we are including priorities we see the opportunity to support. As we learn more from our Tribal partners and grantees, we hope to gain a greater understanding of Tribal cultural preservation priorities that could be funded by existing California Climate Investments programs. If you have priorities that are not on this list, please let us know for future workbook versions. We can be reached at [info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](mailto:info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) and 1-800-757-2907 (hablamos español).

### How to navigate this section:

1. Grab something to write with and set aside some time to read through the program descriptions on pages 8 through 17.
2. Decide if there are any Tribal cultural preservation priorities you want to keep an eye out for and familiarize yourself with what those icons look like.
3. Use the checkboxes next to each program description to mark up programs of interest.
4. While we provide websites for each program in case you want to learn more at this stage, you do not need to look at program websites to move on to the next step. In **Step 4**, we'll cover visiting these websites, including key information that you might want to look out for.

By looking at the full collection of programs, you may come up with ideas you weren't expecting. We often find that potential applicants are surprised at the range of projects our programs fund. We encourage you to mark up this workbook to take note of any programs that sound interesting, inspire ideas, or sound useful for your Tribe's needs.

Making notes and checking off programs of interest may make revisiting the workbook easier and allow you to revisit ideas you come up with now that you want to pursue at a later time. If you need more room, check out **Step 5** on Page 42 where we have provided additional space for brainstorming, ideas, and notes.

### Is any information confusing?

As you look through, if you find yourself wanting additional support, reach out to us! We know that there is a lot of information to digest and we're here to help. California Climate Investments staff can answer your question or help connect you with someone who can. We can be reached at [info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](mailto:info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) and 1-800-757-2907 (hablamos español).

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## CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

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### **Advanced Technology Demonstration & Pilot Projects**

This program provides grants for pre-commercial demonstrations and pilots of advanced vehicles, engines, equipment, vessels, and transportation systems with supporting infrastructure.

[bit.ly/ATDPPcci](https://bit.ly/ATDPPcci)

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### **Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program**

This program provides funding that supports infill affordable housing development as well as sustainable transportation infrastructure. Affordable housing developers can apply in partnership with local jurisdictions, including a Tribal Entity, to build housing and improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as fund transit facilities and operations. AHSC has a funding goal to award at least one project per round from an eligible Tribal Entity. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/AHSCcci](https://bit.ly/AHSCcci)

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### **Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)**

This program provides grants to implement nondigester practices that reduce dairy and livestock manure methane emissions, such as solid separation or conversion from flush to scrape manure collection in conjunction with a manure treatment or drying practice, compost bedded pack barns, and enhanced pasture-based management practices. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/AMMPcci](https://bit.ly/AMMPcci)

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### Clean Mobility Options (CMO)

This program provides funding in support of clean mobility projects, such as electric carsharing, bike sharing, vanpooling, and other clean mobility options, as well as community transportation needs assessment projects in disadvantaged, low-income, and Tribal communities. Technical assistance is available.



[bit.ly/CMOhelpcci](http://bit.ly/CMOhelpcci)



### Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)

This program provides vouchers for zero-emission off-road equipment, such as forklifts, transport refrigeration units, terminal trucks, commercial harbor craft, switcher locomotives, and other zero-emission off-road equipment used in, agriculture, and construction.



[bit.ly/CalCOREcci](http://bit.ly/CalCOREcci)



### Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)

This program provides vouchers for purchase or lease of clean trucks and buses with set-aside funding for public transit agencies, public school buses, drayage trucks, and small fleets.

[bit.ly/CalHVIPcci](http://bit.ly/CalHVIPcci)



### Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption

The Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Program helps natural resources and human communities along California's coast and around San Francisco Bay adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Conservancy supports multi-benefit projects that use natural systems to assist communities in adapting to the impacts of climate change.



[bit.ly/CRPCAcci](http://bit.ly/CRPCAcci)

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### Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)

The Air Grants Program is meant to provide support for community-based organizations and California Native American Tribes to participate in the Assembly Bill 617 process, and to build capacity to become active partners with government to identify, evaluate, and ultimately reduce air pollution and exposure to harmful emissions in their communities. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/CAGcci](https://bit.ly/CAGcci)



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### Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)

This program supports communities in applying to California Climate Investments and other climate-related funding programs. The CACE Program aims to make the process fairer for applicants that may lack the capacity to successfully access these funds, particularly those that live in the State's most disadvantaged communities.

[bit.ly/cciCACE](https://bit.ly/cciCACE)



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### Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)

This program provides grants to create, expand, and improve small-scale composting programs located in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

[bit.ly/ComCompostcci](https://bit.ly/ComCompostcci)



CA

### Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)

This program awards grants for the implementation of dairy digesters on California dairies that result in long-term methane emission reductions from dairy manure while mitigating or minimizing adverse environmental impacts.

[bit.ly/DDRDPcci](https://bit.ly/DDRDPcci)

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### Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)

This program provides energy efficiency upgrades such as appliance replacements, insulation and lighting upgrades, solar PV, and health and safety improvements for farmer-occupied housing at no cost to residents.

[bit.ly/FHSFEESP](http://bit.ly/FHSFEESP)



### Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)

The purpose of this program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by establishing new or expanding existing food waste prevention projects (source reduction or edible food recovery for people) in California to reduce the amount of food being disposed of in landfills.

[bit.ly/FWPcci](http://bit.ly/FWPcci)



### Forest Health Program

This program provides grants for active restoration and reforestation activities aimed at providing more resilient forests by funding activities such as forest fuels reduction, prescribed fire, pest management, reforestation, and biomass utilization.

[bit.ly/FHcci](http://bit.ly/FHcci)

*The Forest Health Program has a partner program that is tailored to Tribes called Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants. While Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants is not a California Climate Investments program, we wanted you to know that this program exists and may be a good fit if you were considering the Forest Health Program. In Step 3, where we will dig into program details, we will cover the Forest Health Program. However, program staff for Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants have provided all of the same information for their program and we have included that in Appendix B. We encourage you to take a look to decide which program best suits your needs.*

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### Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)

This program funds scientific research projects on topics related to forest health and wildfire. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/FHRPcci](https://bit.ly/FHRPcci)



### Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)



This program provides incentives to replace older, higher-polluting agricultural vehicles and equipment with cleaner options. To learn more about the program, please see the program website at [bit.ly/carbFARMER](https://bit.ly/carbFARMER) or contact your local air district. The California Air Resources Board provides funding to local air districts to administer the FARMER Program for their region.

Local air district contact information is available at [bit.ly/FARMERdistrict](https://bit.ly/FARMERdistrict).

*The Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) program is administered by the local air districts throughout California. This means that depending on which air district you live in, specific requirements or available resources may vary. In this workbook, we include general/typical responses, but encourage you to reach out to your local air district to learn more. Please note that while Tribes may generally qualify, an air district may not choose to/be able to fund a Tribe if the Tribe's land is outside of their district's boundary.*



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## Healthy Soils Program (HSP)

This program has two components. The Healthy Soils Incentives Program provides financial incentives for on farm implementation of conservation management practices that improve soil health, sequester carbon, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Healthy Soils Demonstration Projects showcase on farm implementation of Healthy Soils practices to support farmer/rancher outreach and education. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/HealthySoilsci](https://bit.ly/HealthySoilsci)

*The Healthy Soils Program offers funding to:*

- An administrator who then administers awards on the program's behalf and
- Awardees who apply for funding to carry out projects.

*In this workbook we will focus on Tribes interested in carrying out projects. If you are interested in becoming an administrator for this program, please contact program staff.*



## High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP) Program

CWDB provides grants to industry-led H RTPs to address the need for quality jobs that simultaneously promote long-term environmental sustainability and climate resilience for the state, economic equity and mobility for workers, skills, and competitiveness for high road employers.

[bit.ly/H RTPcci](https://bit.ly/H RTPcci)



## Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables

This program provides technical assistance and incentives for the installation of energy-efficiency measures and solar photovoltaics in low-income multi-family affordable housing serving priority populations. These projects reduce both residential energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions.

[bit.ly/MFEEARcci](https://bit.ly/MFEEARcci)

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### **Organics Grant Program (ORG)**

Grants for projects that expand organic recycling and food recovery efforts. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/OGPcci](https://bit.ly/OGPcci)



### **Planning and Capacity Building Program**

Planning and Capacity Building projects are intended to increase transportation equity for priority populations by improving the local understanding of residents' transportation needs, helping develop organizational and community capacity building so communities are ready to plan for clean transportation solutions, and preparing communities to implement community-identified projects that fill transportation gaps and improve clean transportation access.

[bit.ly/PCBcci](https://bit.ly/PCBcci)



### **Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program**

This program provides grants for manufacturing projects that expand paper, plastic, and glass recycling.

[bit.ly/FPG2cci](https://bit.ly/FPG2cci)

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### Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program

The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund is a part of the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program. SAFER is a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities designed to meet the goals of safe, accessible, and affordable drinking water for all Californians. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/SAFERcci](https://bit.ly/SAFERcci)



### Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program

This program provides planning, capacity, and acquisition grants to protect at-risk agricultural lands from conversion to more greenhouse gas intensive uses. Funds can be used by eligible applicants to purchase conservation easements or fee title from landowners to protect the property’s agricultural uses, and/or in partnership with Tribal entities to protect land use to promote healthy trees and perennial forbs for the cultivation of foods, herbal medicine, fibers, and dyes. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/SALCcci](https://bit.ly/SALCcci)



### Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)

This program offers funding for community-scale clean transportation and land use projects in disadvantaged and low-income communities. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/STEPcci](https://bit.ly/STEPcci)

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### Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps

This program trains California Conservation Corps members to conduct energy surveys as well as retrofit lighting and controls in public buildings.

[bit.ly/CalEnergyCorps](https://bit.ly/CalEnergyCorps)



*The Training and Workforce Development Program for both Energy Corps and Forest Health offer two forms of support:*

- *Hands-on workforce development training for the general public, including Tribal members.*
- *Support for projects related to energy or forest health through supplying a workforce*

*In this workbook, we will focus on Tribes interested in getting workforce support for their projects. If you are interested in learning more about the hands-on workforce development component of the program, please visit the program website or contact program staff to learn more.*



### Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health

This program trains California Conservation Corps members to conduct fuel reduction, reforestation, wetland restoration, urban forestry, and urban greening projects.

[bit.ly/CalConservationCorps](https://bit.ly/CalConservationCorps)



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### Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

This program funds hazardous fuels removal, wildfire prevention planning, wildfire prevention education, and wildfire prevention research with an emphasis on improving public health and safety. Technical assistance is available.

[bit.ly/WPGPcci](https://bit.ly/WPGPcci)



### Woodsmoke Reduction Program

This program provides financial incentives to Tribal members and households residing on Tribal lands within participating districts to replace older, higher-polluting wood stoves, inserts, or fireplaces used for primary space heating with cleaner burning and more energy-efficient home heating. Apply through participating air districts.

[bit.ly/WRPcci](https://bit.ly/WRPcci)

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# Step 3: Taking a closer look

## DO ANY PROGRAMS LOOK INTERESTING? LET'S GET INTO THE DETAILS

### Three things to know before you jump in:

1. In this section of the workbook, we compile answers to topics we've heard are important for Tribes to be able to assess whether a program may be a good fit. Not every topic will be a priority to each Tribe. We encourage you to focus on those that are most important to you and your needs.
2. We have included descriptions of what these topics mean, context, tips, and links to resources. These descriptions are not definitions, but rather, are meant to guide anyone who may be new to applying to a State program and would like a quick orientation to these terms and topics. Explanations of how table entries are coded can be found within these descriptions.
3. We've picked the topics covered here based on feedback we've heard from Tribal leadership and staff, and State staff. Are any topics that are important to you missing? Let us know! We always want to know how our resources can better serve you and your broader community.

### Why are programs so different from each other?

As you look through the information in this section, you'll notice just how unique each program is. These differences come about for a wide range of reasons. The specifics of a program may be decided by law, State agency leadership, a State agency's legal team, or program staff. Throughout this section we point out where Tribes might want to engage in conversations with program staff to voice their needs or strategize on how to design their project to best fit their capacity and priorities.

In some cases, State agencies partner with third party administrators like local air districts who decide program details based on the needs of their region. In this case, you'll see that some entries in these tables vary by the air district that is disbursing the funds. We will discuss how to learn more about these programs in [Step 4](#).

### Is any information confusing?

As you look through, if you find yourself wanting additional support, reach out to us! We know that there is a lot of information to digest and we're here to help. California Climate Investments staff can answer your question or help connect you with someone who can. We can be reached at [info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](mailto:info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) and 1-800-757-2907 (hablamos español).

## How to navigate this section:

The topics in this section are organized into four groups to help you prioritize what is most important to you. Use the tables on this page to check off the topics you'd like to focus on and then turn to the appropriate page to learn more.

### CONSIDERATIONS UNIQUE TO TRIBES

Topics related to eligibility, Tribal sovereignty, earmarked resources, and program experience with funding Tribes.

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- Resource and funding set-asides (Page 20)

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- Office space (Page 22)

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- Priority population benefits (Page 24)

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- Previous Tribal grantees (Page 24)

### SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL APPLICANTS

Topics related to needs assessment and planning funding, and hands-on support.

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# CONSIDERATIONS UNIQUE TO TRIBES

## Eligible Tribal applicants

Navigating eligibility can be complicated, particularly for Tribes that do not currently hold federal recognition. Here, we list who is an eligible Tribal applicant for each program:

<b>F</b>	Tribes who have federal recognition qualify as an eligible applicant
<b>HC</b>	Tribes who appear on the Native American Heritage Commission list are eligible
<b>NP</b>	Tribes who operate through a 501(c)(3) nonprofit are eligible
<b>PP</b>	Tribes must qualify as Priority Populations to apply
<b>DAC</b>	Tribes must qualify as Disadvantaged Communities
<b>A</b>	All Tribes can apply, regardless of federal recognition status, appearing on the Native American Heritage Commission list, or operating through a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

## Resource and funding set-asides

Some programs offer “set-asides,” which are funds or resources that are earmarked for Tribes or separate solicitation cycles specifically for Tribes. This lets Tribes apply without competing with other applicant types. These are coded as:

<b>F</b>	Funding set-aside (a portion of available funds are earmarked for Tribes)
<b>S</b>	Solicitation cycle set-aside (an application cycle that is only open to Tribes)
<b>N</b>	No set-aside (Tribes apply alongside all other applicants)
<b>TA</b>	Technical Assistance is set-aside for Tribes
<b>E</b>	Tailored Tribal engagement and support assessing project compatibility
<b>AD</b>	Resource and funding set-asides are determined by air district that awards funds
<b>*</b>	Tribes operating through a nonprofit can qualify for the set-aside

For programs with set-asides, information included in this workbook relates to their set-asides.

## Location disclosure

Data sovereignty can be immensely important to ask about before you apply. Project locations you submit when you apply or are conducting your project, may become public record by default. This can be tenuous, particularly if the project location discloses the location of culturally significant sites. If the project you have in mind relates to a site of cultural significance, we encourage you to speak with program staff to ask about options to anonymize specific locations and details as early as possible. Here we code location requirements as:

<b>R</b>	Location disclosure of the project site or equipment use/storage site is required
<b>D</b>	Need for location disclosure depends on the project
<b>F</b>	Awardees are provided options on how they define the project site (for example where equipment is registered vs. where it is operated)
<b>N</b>	Location disclosure of the project site is not required/does not apply
<b>A</b>	Location disclosure is required to receive a higher award

**Table 1: Considerations unique to Tribes, including eligibility, set-asides, and location disclosure**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Eligible Tribal applicants</b>	<b>Resource &amp; funding set-asides</b>	<b>Location disclosure</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	F, HC, NP	F, TA	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	A	F*, TA*	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	F, NP	N	D
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	HC, NP	F*, TA*	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	A	S*	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	A	N	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	F, HC	N	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	A	AD	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	A	E*	R
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	A	N	D
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	F, PP	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	A, PP	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	A, DAC	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	A	TA*	D
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	A, PP	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	A	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	A	N	R



# CONSIDERATIONS UNIQUE TO TRIBES (CONTINUED)

## Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Some programs may require a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity. Waivers are used as a way to limit indemnification of the State and allow the State to enforce agreements. Waivers result from California's limitations in working with Tribes on a Nation-to-Nation basis because California is a State and not a country. Waivers may differ between State agencies, with each agency's legal team determining which scenarios waivers are meant to cover. Some examples might be:

- To protect the State from lawsuits in scenarios like a passerby being injured or affected by a grantee's project.
- To give the State the ability to recover funds should a project never be carried out.

Any waiver of sovereign immunity would be for the sole and limited purpose of enforcing the terms of the agreement. Waiver language would address issues like who can bring a claim and in what forum, the duration of the waiver, potential relief, and the scope of authority of those executing the contract. Because waivers vary from agency to agency, the language Tribes may be asked to sign can result in very different experiences. While some components of these waivers may be deemed legally necessary by a State agency, there may be room to negotiate specific language within the waiver to arrive at an agreement that better aligns with your Tribe's needs.

For Tribes that operate as a nonprofit or in partnership with a nonprofit, we encourage you to reach out to program staff to request clarification on whether you would be required to sign a waiver. In some scenarios, a nonprofit may not be required to sign a waiver, but it might be required of a partnering Tribe. Applying as a nonprofit may be one way to navigate a scenario where Tribal leadership will not sign a waiver but would like to bring a project to their Tribe.

<b>A</b>	A waiver is always required to receive funding
	* A Tribe applying as a nonprofit will need to sign a waiver to receive funding
	# A Tribe applying as a nonprofit might need to sign a waiver to receive funding
<b>N</b>	A waiver is never required to receive funding
<b>P</b>	The need for a waiver will depend on the project
<b>F</b>	A waiver is only required for Tribes with federal recognition
<b>Alt</b>	A waiver alternative is offered through modified Terms and Conditions

## Office space

Some applications may require a physical address for application submission which may be difficult to obtain for Tribes without a centralized headquarters. We've included whether that is a program requirement so Tribes know to identify partners that may be able to support them in acquiring a space or address.

<b>Y</b>	A physical address is required to apply
	* A mailing address is needed but doesn't have to be an office or headquarters
	+ A mailing address is typically required but ultimately decided by air district
<b>N</b>	A physical address is not required to apply

**Table 3: Considerations unique to Tribes including waivers and office space**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity</b>	<b>Office space</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	N	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	A	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	N	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	F	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	N	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	F	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	P, F	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	N	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	N	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	Alt	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	N	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	N	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	Alt	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	N	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	N	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	N	Y+
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	N	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	P	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	N	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	A*	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	A#	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	A*	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	A#	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	P	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	A#	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	N	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	N	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	N	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	N	N

# CONSIDERATIONS UNIQUE TO TRIBES (CONTINUED)

## Priority population benefits

Each California Climate Investments program sets targets on the minimum percentage of funds they will aim to award to projects benefiting priority populations. Qualifying as a priority population can come with advantages like extra points awarded during application scoring. This column notes whether qualifying as a priority population is required to apply and whether there are benefits in the application process that come from that qualification. Please note that many programs do not require you to qualify as a priority population to apply, and we encourage Tribes to apply regardless of qualifying as a priority population. To learn more about priority populations and see whether your project area qualifies, [visit our website](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations) and check out our [priority populations map](https://arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments) (arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments).

<b>F</b>	Priority populations are eligible for a higher amount of funding
<b>S</b>	Priority populations receive advantages during application scoring and selection
<b>T</b>	Tribes receive priority for selection, regardless of Priority Population status
<b>R</b>	Either priority population status or a disadvantaged community designation is required to receive funding (varies by program)
<b>AD</b>	This is decided by the air district that awards funds

## Previous Tribal grantees

Knowing whether a program has had experience with a Tribal grantee can tell you a lot. Also, the existence of previous Tribal grantees allows for the potential to connect and hear first-hand experience. However, identifying Tribal grantees has been a challenge for State agencies. Each program is unique, funding different types of projects using a variety of ways to distribute funds. For example, voucher or rebate programs are open to a wide set of applicants like community members and may not collect information regarding Tribal affiliation. Also, if a Tribe applies through a nonprofit, business, or as part of a partnership, we may not be able to determine whether that applicant can/should be considered a Tribal applicant. In short, any program listed to have funded a Tribe is confirmed to have awarded funds to a Tribal Government or Tribal-led entity and is a conservative reflection of which programs have previously awarded funds to Tribal Governments, Tribal-serving entities, and Tribal community members.

<b>Y</b>	This program has previously awarded a Tribe(s)
<b>N</b>	This program has not awarded a Tribe yet
<b>DNC</b>	This program does not collect this information
<b>TL</b>	This program has not awarded a Tribe but has funded projects on Tribal lands

**Table 4: Considerations unique to Tribes including priority population benefits and previous Tribal grantees**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Priority population benefits</b>	<b>Previous Tribal grantees</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	S, R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	-	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	S	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	F	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	F	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	T	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	-	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	S	TL
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	S	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	R	DNC
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	S, T	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	S	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	-	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	AD	DNC
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	S, T	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	S	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	S	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	S	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity & Resilience (SAFER) Program	-	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	S, T	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	S	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	S	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	S	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	F	N

# SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL APPLICANTS

## Needs assessments and planning

Having an exact plan for a project can be difficult and may require a lot of resources. Some programs support applicants by funding “needs assessments” or offering “planning grants” that fund you to do the in-depth project planning you need. Applicants can then use what they learn to apply for funding.

<b>A</b>	Needs assessment funding offered
<b>PG</b>	Planning grants offered
<b>%</b>	A specified amount of awarded funds can be earmarked for planning
<b>N</b>	No funding is earmarked for needs assessments or planning
<b>N/A</b>	This type of support does not apply, awardees receive workforce support, not funding

## Technical assistance

“Technical Assistance” is assistance that is provided by program staff or a third party that can include a wide range of support like help completing an application or calculating project benefits. Here is the type of assistance available for each program:

<b>P</b>	Pre-application assistance
<b>S</b>	Application submission assistance
<b>I</b>	Implementation assistance (when the project is being carried out)
<b>N</b>	No technical assistance provided
<b>AD</b>	Technical assistance may be provided through the air district awarding funds
<b>X</b>	Program staff directly implement portions of this project

Ask your program of interest about what type of support is offered so that you can take full advantage of the support systems in place. Assistance provided is decided by the program and could be shaped based on feedback. We encourage Tribes to let programs know what assistance they need if it is not currently offered. Programs with an asterisk (\*) ask applicants to apply to technical assistance. Be on the lookout for those deadlines, they are often early in the process.

## Reporting and invoicing support

Reporting allows the State to confirm that funds are used for their intended purposes. It also allows the State to share the outcomes from these projects with the public. However, reporting may be overwhelming, particularly for first-time grantees. We strongly encourage Tribes to speak with program staff early to learn about the type of information that needs to be collected and the format the information will need to be submitted in. Spending time developing templates to collect information early can make a big difference in streamlining your experience as a grantee.

<b>T</b>	Program staff provide templates
<b>S</b>	Program staff provide staff support
<b>TA</b>	Program staff provide technical assistance support
<b>R</b>	Program staff provide general requirements, not active support or templates
<b>AD</b>	Available support is determined by the air district that awards funds
<b>N</b>	Recipients are not required to complete invoicing and reporting



**Table 5: Support for Tribal applicants**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Needs assessments &amp; planning</b>	<b>Technical assistance</b>	<b>Reporting/invoicing support</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	N	N	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	N	P*, S*	T, S
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	N	P, S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	A	P, S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	N	S	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	N	P	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	A, PG	P, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	N	P, S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	N	P*, S*, I*	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	N	P, S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	N	N	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	N	N	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	N	S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	10%	P, S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	N	P, S	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	N	AD	AD
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	N	P, S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	PG	P, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	N	P, S, I	TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	N	S	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	A, PG	S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	N	S	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	PG	P, I*, X	T, S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	N	P, S, I	T, S
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	A, PG, 49%	S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	N/A	P	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	N/A	P	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	PG	P, S, I	T, S, TA
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	N	N	T, S

# CAPACITY CONSIDERATIONS

## Advanced pay

Awards are often paid in-arrears, where a Tribe submits an invoice after work is completed, often quarterly, and funds are then reimbursed for labor and project costs. This can create barriers for Tribes that don't have the resources on hand to pay for project work up front. Many programs may not have the necessary legal authority in place to provide advanced payment, despite this being a common need. Some programs have developed solutions to provide funding up-front to ease the economic burden a payment in-arrears system can create. Here we note whether programs offer advanced pay at this time:

<b>Y or %</b>	Advanced pay is available
%	Percentages note caps on how much of the total award can be paid in advance
<b>Y</b>	No caps, though funds may be provided in batches (for example, 25% at a time)
<b>+</b>	Advanced pay is capped at a particular dollar amount, not a percentage of funds
<b>*</b>	The percentage of advanced pay available may vary depending on the project
<b>N</b>	Advanced pay is not available

Where multiple percentages are listed, programs offer different advanced pay caps depending on what the funds are used for (for example, equipment purchase vs. labor).

## Payment wait time (approximate)

State payment processes for delivering funds may take longer than expected. The State has many checks and balances in place to ensure accurate payment, which can result in long wait times. Here, we have listed approximate wait times:

<b>#</b>	Wait time in days (d), months (m), or years (y)
<b>*</b>	There is no set invoicing frequency, meaning that Tribes can invoice as needed.
<b>N/A</b>	This program offers workforce support, not an exchange of funds
<b>AD</b>	Wait times depend on the air district awarding the funds or equipment

Please note that these are meant to guide planning, but may differ depending on, for example, the need to revise invoices. To expedite payment, we encourage funding recipients to develop invoicing templates early and consult program staff on what their invoicing requirements are.

Listed wait times include time between the full contract execution or award notice (depending on the program) and when Tribes may expect to receive their first check or deposit. These wait times include the 45 days the state requires for processing invoices where applicable. They also take into account how frequently invoicing occurs (for example, quarterly invoicing). Where one-time advanced payments are available, these wait times note how long Tribes may need to wait before the next payment is issued.

**Table 6: Capacity considerations including advanced pay and payment wait time**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Advanced pay</b>	<b>Payment wait time</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	N	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	N	3*m
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	25%	6-8m
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	N	6m
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	N	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	N	1-2m
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	Y+	2m
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	90%	45d*
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	N	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	25%	0m
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	N	6-10m
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	Y	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	N	5-6m
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	25%	45d
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	Y	2m
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	N	AD
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	25%	3m
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	N	5m
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	N	1-2y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	N	6m
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	N	3m
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	N	6m
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	25%*	6m
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	N	45d
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	Y	45d*
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	N	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	N	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	50%, 25%	45d
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	N	N/A

# CAPACITY CONSIDERATIONS (CONTINUED)

## Suggested preparation time

Capacity needed to complete an application can be difficult to determine because what may be considered a “light lift” for some applicants may be a barrier for others. To get the clearest view of the capacity a particular program may require, we encourage you to look at their past application materials when possible. For Tribes that prioritize programs that may be quicker to apply to, here we note how far in advance of the application process programs recommend that you begin collecting materials. Entries in this table are number of months. An “AD” entry denotes that wait times depend on the air district you apply through. Specific project types like infrastructure projects may require permits. Processes to acquire these can vary widely and we have not included a time estimate for acquiring permits in this section. We encourage you to speak with your Local Enforcement Agency early to identify whether you might need permits for your proposed project.

## Repeat funding

Some programs allow the same grantees to reapply with a new project idea even if they have already been awarded funds previously. Here we note whether funding is:

<b>O</b>	One-time funding that can only be applied to once
<b>R</b>	One-time funding can be re-applied to by proposing a new or expanded project
<b>+</b>	Tribes may be able to receive two awards within one cycle if funds remain
<b>*</b>	Applicants can apply to and receive funding for more than one project per cycle
<b>U</b>	Funding that can be used to upkeep a previous project

No programs currently have caps on how many projects a Tribe can receive funding for, as long as projects are for separate solicitation cycles. One exception is needs assessments, where Tribes may only be able to receive one needs assessment award before they apply to execute a project.

## California Environmental Quality Act analysis

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is a California law that aims to ensure that land use decisions consider impacts on natural and human environments. If your project area is within lands under the control of a federally recognized Tribe, these lands would fall under federal jurisdiction and would likely be subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). If your project area is on lands not under the control of a federally recognized Tribe, the need for a CEQA analysis may depend on the project you are proposing.

<b>Y</b>	CEQA analysis is generally always required for the projects this program funds
<b>N</b>	CEQA analysis is generally never required for the projects this program funds
<b>P</b>	CEQA analysis may be required, depending on the proposed project
<b>*</b>	CEQA is not required by the program but may be required by local agencies

For programs that are marked as “Y” or “P,” we encourage you to reach out to program staff to better understand any CEQA requirements that may come up for the project you are designing. If a CEQA analysis is not something your Tribe has the capacity for, speaking to program staff may help you design your project in a way that can better align with your current capacity. Please note that any information submitted by Tribes pursuant to the CEQA process are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. You can learn more about CEQA at [opr.ca.gov/ceqa/](http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/).

**Table 7: Capacity considerations including suggested preparation time, repeat funding, and CEQA analysis**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Suggested preparation time (months)</b>	<b>Repeat funding</b>	<b>CA Enviro. Quality Act analysis</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	12-18	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	6-24	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	3-5	O	P*
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	12+	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	-	R+	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	-	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	-	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	4.5	U	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	1	O	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	3.5	R+	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	6-8	O	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	2-3	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	2-3	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	6-12	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	3	R*	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	AD	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	1-2	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	3-6	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	2-3	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	-	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	3	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	-	R	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	12	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	6-12	R	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	3	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Training & Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	3-6	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Training & Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	3-6	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	-	R	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	AD	O	N

# FUNDING DETAILS

## Matching funds

Matching funds are funds you received from another source that you plan to combine with the funding you are asking for to carry out one overall project. Matching funds may be required or given additional points in scoring. These are coded as:

<b>R</b>	Matching funds are required
<b>E</b>	Matching funds are encouraged and are given additional points in scoring
<b>N</b>	Matching funds are not required and do not get scoring advantages but may be allowed
<b>P</b>	Matching funds may be required depending on the project
<b>W</b>	This program waives matching funds requirements for Tribes

Please note that certain funding sources cannot be matched with each other, often for legal reasons. If you have existing funds you hope to leverage, we encourage you to reach out to program staff to make sure the two funding streams are compatible.

## Max award

Maximum award amounts are listed with “K” for thousands of dollars or “M” for millions of dollars.

<b>V</b>	Award amounts will vary depending on the project type. In the case where programs offer equipment rebates/vouchers, this depends on what equipment is being acquired.
<b>*</b>	These maximum award values tend to remain consistent or change only slightly between cycles (no asterisk means that these values may change significantly from year to year)
<b>N/A</b>	Does not apply, this program provides equipment, resource, or reimbursement

Multiple numbers correspond to different project types. We encourage you to learn about how projects are scored by looking at program materials and/or asking program staff. Some programs weigh the amount of funding requested in deciding whether to grant an award. Many programs are happy to fund projects below the maximum amount so that applicants don't feel the need to take on a project not aligned with their capacity. Similarly, many programs also like to see partners fairly compensated, and enough funds and time built in to support project success. We encourage Tribes to ask for the resources and financial support they need to complete their projects. If no amount is listed, the max award varies depending on how much funding the program receives.

## Time to spend funds

Many programs have strict deadlines around when their funds must be awarded and the timeframe for grantees to spend awarded funds. This can be important to know early on to ensure that delays don't result in the inability to spend funds, which may result in an inability to complete the proposed project and be compensated for the full project cost.

<b>#</b>	Number of years a grantee has to spend funds and complete the project
<b>L</b>	The liquidation date of the funds determines this, ask program staff for more information
<b>P</b>	Time to spend down funds varies based on the project
<b>N/A</b>	This does not apply, the program awards equipment, resources or reimbursements

**Table 8: Funding details including matching funds, max awards and time to spend funds**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Matching funds</b>	<b>Max award</b>	<b>Time to spend funds (years)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	R	V	2-4
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	N	50M*	5-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	N	750K*	2.5+
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	N	1.5M, 100K	1, 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	N	V	L
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	N	N/A	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	N	-	L
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	N	300K*	L
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	N	250K	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	N	V	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	R	1.6M*	2.5-3+
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	E	N/A	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	N	V	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	E	7M*	6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	E	500K*, 100K*	2-4, P
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	R	V	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	N	5M, 100K	3
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	P	500K, 5M, 15M	1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	P	V*	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	N	V	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	N	500K	2-3
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	N	V	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	N	V*	P
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	W	V, 250K*, 500K*	2-3
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	N	N/A	3.5-4
<input type="checkbox"/> Training & Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	W	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Training & Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	W	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	N	5M	L
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	N	V*	2

# FUNDING DETAILS (CONTINUED)

## Indirect cost rate cap

Many programs have a maximum percentage of funds that can be billed towards indirect costs. What is included under “indirect costs” can vary by program and may include operational needs, which are things like staff time, facilities and administrative costs, utilities, and overhead. Here we list the maximum percentage of funds that can be used towards indirect costs.

<b>N</b>	This program has no cap on indirect costs
<b>N/A</b>	Indirect costs do not apply because this program provides equipment or a resource
<b>V</b>	Indirect cost caps depend on the project
*	Only specific project-types receive funding for indirect costs
+	Applicants may be able to request a higher cap, though this may require justification (for example, a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the federal government)

Please note that these caps may not include consultative or subcontractor costs. Depending on the program, these may be billed separately or may be subject to a different cap.

## Staff time project cost

Limits on how much staff time that can be billed towards completing a project are denoted as:

<b>Y</b>	There are limits on the total staff time that can be compensated using awarded funds
*	Staff time is capped because it falls within a broader eligible cost that has a cap. For example, there might be no specific cap for staff time, but the total staff time and remaining administrative or indirect costs might fall within an overall cap.
+	Staff time for specific positions/roles may have caps
<b>N</b>	There are no limits on the total staff time that can be compensated using awarded funds
<b>N/A</b>	This does not apply, the program awards equipment, resources or reimbursements

Please note that staff time project cost applies only to staff time required to complete a project and does not apply to staff time required to prepare and submit an application. One exception may be participating in a program that funds capacity building or technical assistance, which may fund time associated for designing a project and submitting applications to secure funding for that project.



**Table 9: Funding details including indirect cost rate caps and staff time project costs**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Indirect cost rate cap</b>	<b>Staff time project cost</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	8%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	22-42%, V	22%, 42%
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	N	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	N	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	20%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	20%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	30%+	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	25 -40%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	N	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	20%	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	10%	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Program	12%+	Y
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	12%+	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	25%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	20%+	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	5%	Y*
<input type="checkbox"/> Organics Grant Program (ORG)	5%	Y+
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Capacity Building Program	15%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	5%	Y+
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	25%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	20%*	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	1%	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	12%+	N
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodsmoke Reduction Program	10%	Y*

# Step 4: What comes next?

## YOU'VE EXPLORED OUR PROGRAMS AND DUG A LITTLE DEEPER TO SEE IF THEY MAY BE A GOOD FIT

### Where do you go from here?

Did you find a program you are potentially interested in? In this section we'll walk through next steps you can take to learn more and give you contact information so you can start to connect.

But first, if none of our programs were a good fit, we encourage you to:

1. **Reach out to us!** It is invaluable for us to hear where there is room for our existing programs to be more inclusive of your needs. It helps us guide our programs and informs how we can use our position to encourage practices that lead to greater access.
2. **Check out Appendix B.** One of our State agency partners let us know they have a program outside of the California Climate Investments portfolio that is tailored to Tribes. We wanted to highlight them in case this program is of interest to you. Program staff have volunteered the same information we gathered for California Climate Investments programs.
3. **Check out Appendix C.** We've included information on search engines you can use to find other funding opportunities available through the State of California. We've also included a resource related to technical assistance.

We hope to have you as a grantee one day, but in the meantime, if there is anything we can do to help you find the right funding opportunity for you, please let us know.

### SOME IDEAS ON NEXT STEPS

1. Visit the program's website.
2. Reach out to program staff.
3. Develop your partnerships.
4. Get involved.
5. Connect with us and stay in touch.

Let's get into how each of these suggestions can help you prepare to apply or further assess fit.

#### Visit the program's website:

We know that websites often have a lot of information, and it can be hard to know where to start. Here are few things you might want to look for:

- When is the next application cycle/solicitation? Is an anticipated timeline posted? Are there any workshops or webinars coming up?
- Are there any materials related to the last cycle that you can reference? This can be helpful to get an early understanding of what putting together an application might require.

Getting the most up-to-date information on programs that are run in partnership with air districts may require first identifying whether your air district participates in that program. To start, [check what air district covers your area](http://arb.ca.gov/california-map-local-air-district-websites) (arb.ca.gov/california-map-local-air-district-websites).

## Reach out to program staff to:

- **Verify.** We made sure to include the latest available information in this workbook but things may have changed depending on when you are interacting with it. To make sure you are working with the latest information, contact the program you are interested in to verify that this information will continue to be true for the next application cycle.
- **Prepare.** No one knows program timelines better than program staff. We encourage you to reach out and ask if there is a tentative timeline you can start preparing for. Timelines are rarely published ahead of time because changes that can occur between award cycles may be unpredictable. However, program staff will often be able to tell you if the program expects to open in the near future or further out. The earlier you ask, the earlier you can plan, and the more time you have to maneuver any unforeseen challenges!
- **Connect.** One of the most common ways program staff share information about upcoming application cycles is through newsletters or emails. Sign up for the program's listserv if they have one and make sure it isn't going to spam. This will help you be among the first to know.
- **Inquire.** Do you need any partnerships to apply? Are there things program staff recommend you start working on ahead of the next cycle? Program staff can be an untapped resource of tips and guidance. They've seen what applicants struggle with and are often happy to help others avoid the same obstacles. If a program has not previously funded a Tribe, connecting early on is a great way for you to voice things you are concerned about. Program staff may be able to provide support or even make changes to the program where possible.

## Develop your partnerships

- **Partnerships are best started early.** Programs may require narrative on how partners have informed the project design. This is done to discourage applicants from listing a partner for optics instead of substantively integrating their perspectives into the project design. Having early relationships in place can facilitate exchanging ideas and, in turn, will help make the case for why your project accurately reflects the priorities of all partners involved.
- **Partnerships can be strategic.**
  - This workbook covers funding opportunities available to Tribal Governments and nonprofits. However, you can expand the programs you can participate in through partnerships. For example, are there programs that businesses can apply to that look interesting? Partnering with a business to apply can provide mutual benefits. The same goes for entities like local governments, transit agencies, universities, and more.
  - You can also strategically partner with other Tribes. If you are worried about your capacity to manage the requirements of a project, is there a Tribe that you have a positive relationship with that has more capacity? Partnering in this way may alleviate administrative burden while still allowing projects that can benefit your Tribe.
- **Community Connections.** If you are looking for partners but are having a hard time finding one, [try our Community Connections tool](#). Community Connections is a database of potential partners that are eager to work with others to design California Climate Investments projects. Joining the database is their way of saying "I'm interested and open to being reached out to!" Consider exploring the database and adding your Tribe so that others can find you. ([caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/communityconnections](http://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/communityconnections))

## Get involved

### GET INVOLVED TO SHAPE THE PROGRAMS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

While there are dimensions of program design that program staff don't have the authority to change, potential applicants often have more power than they think. Program staff determine what to prioritize when updating the program based on the feedback they hear. The more often they hear about specific hurdles, the higher of a priority addressing those hurdles tends to be. Here are a few ways you may consider sharing your recommendations, ideas, and needs:

- **Draft guidelines.** Programs often publish draft versions of their “program guidelines.” Program guidelines and draft guidelines list things like the type of projects they will prioritize, eligible activities for that application cycle, application requirements, and more. Draft guidelines often have a public comment period where potential applicants can voice changes they would like the program to make ahead of releasing the formal call for applications. Comments do not need to be detailed or lengthy, though they can be. They can be as simple as letting program staff know that the application is too long, or that there are requirements that do not work well with your Tribe's needs.
- **Workshops and webinars.** Many programs will hold virtual or in-person events leading up to the application cycle. These often will synthesize the requirements in the draft guidelines and provide a space to ask questions or deliver recommendations directly to staff. Subscribing to program newsletters is often the best way to learn more about these events.

### GET INVOLVED TO SHAPE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS

California Climate Investments also has avenues related to program design, scope, and scoring that we invite you to participate in. Information on these can be found on our [public participation page](#) ([caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/public-participation-opportunities](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/public-participation-opportunities)). Here, we highlight a few:

- **Funding Guidelines.** The Funding Guidelines for Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments provide direction to make sure programs are designed with our core principles in mind. We will be updating this document throughout 2024 and will have a public workshop to share proposed updates. The best way to stay up-to-date is [subscribing to our newsletter](#) ([bit.ly/CCINewsNow](https://bit.ly/CCINewsNow)). Learn about our core principles in [Appendix A](#).
- **Investment Plan.** Every three years, the Department of Finance submits an Investment Plan in consultation with CARB. The Investment Plan is used to recommend priority investments for the consideration of the California Legislature. Ultimately, it is then up to the Legislature and administration on how they take action on the recommendations. CARB will have a public process in 2024 during the development of the Investment Plan. The Department of Finance is expected to submit the 5th Investment Plan no later than January 2025.
- **Quantification methodologies.** California Climate Investments develops methodologies and calculator tools to help programs estimate greenhouse gas emission reductions and co-benefits. These tools help programs estimate the benefits a project will bring and may be used by the State agencies during project selection. Each of these tools is available for public comment and we invite feedback on the ease of use of these tools as well as the science and data used to calculate benefits. [Visit our website](#) ([www.arb.ca.gov/cciresources](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cciresources)) to learn more and see which tools are open for comment.

## Connect with us and stay in touch

We're rooting for you. Supporting Tribes is an evolving area for California Climate Investments and we are consistently learning to improve. This workbook is one way we are trying to do that, and it is a direct result of the stories we've heard and interactions we've had with Tribes. While we don't design the programs under our stewardship, we can play a supporting role as you navigate bringing resources to your Tribe. Here are some ways you might interact with us so we can better understand your needs.

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS WORKBOOK

What did you like? What was confusing? What information is missing from this resource? Did you find programs you are interested in? We're eager to know. We strive to keep the elements you like while working on new ways to approach elements that could be improved, and it all starts with what we hear from you. We are also always looking to identify other resources we can create to support potential applicants. Even if what you'd like to tell us doesn't quite fit within what is covered in this workbook, we still welcome the communication.

### ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS WE CAN HELP ANSWER?

We're here to help. If we don't know the answer, we have relationships with each of our programs and can help connect you with the right person.

### DO YOU NEED MORE COPIES OF THIS WORKBOOK?

Whether you need the most up-to-date copy, want additional copies for your team, or just want a new workbook, let us know. We'll put some in the mail for you.

### STAY UP-TO-DATE

The best way to learn about the newest information and resources is by subscribing to our newsletter. Our newsletter includes announcements, project stories, and information on upcoming funding availability. You can subscribe to our newsletter by visiting [bit.ly/CCINewsNow](https://bit.ly/CCINewsNow).

### REACH US

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☎ 1-800-757-2907 (hablamos español)

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## Giving you a head start

To support you through some of these next steps, we have included website and contact information for each program on the next page.

**Thank you for exploring what we have to offer.  
We can't wait to see what projects you come up with and  
we hope to have you as a grantee soon!**

**-YOUR CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS TEAM**

**Table 10: Website and contact information for California Climate Investments programs**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	<a href="https://bit.ly/ATDPPcci">bit.ly/ATDPPcci</a>	Earl.Landberg@arb.ca.gov
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/AHSCcci">bit.ly/AHSCcci</a>	AHSC@sgc.ca.gov
Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	<a href="https://bit.ly/AMMPcci">bit.ly/AMMPcci</a>	cdfa.oefi_ampp_tech@cdfa.ca.gov
Clean Mobility Options (CMO)	<a href="https://bit.ly/CMOhelpcci">bit.ly/CMOhelpcci</a>	Ava.Yaghoobirad@arb.ca.gov, (916) 229-0957
Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive (CORE)	<a href="https://bit.ly/CalCOREcci">bit.ly/CalCOREcci</a>	info@californiaCORE.org
Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers Program (HVIP)	<a href="https://bit.ly/CalHVIPcci">bit.ly/CalHVIPcci</a>	(888) 457-HVIP
Climate Ready Program and Climate Adaption	<a href="https://bit.ly/CRPCAcci">bit.ly/CRPCAcci</a>	Emely.Lopez@scc.ca.gov
Community Air Grants Program (Air Grants Program)	<a href="https://bit.ly/CAGcci">bit.ly/CAGcci</a>	AirGrants@arb.ca.gov
Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)	<a href="https://bit.ly/CACEcci">bit.ly/CACEcci</a>	CACE@sgc.ca.gov
Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant (CCG)	<a href="https://bit.ly/ComCompostcci">bit.ly/ComCompostcci</a>	GHGReductions@CalRecycle.ca.gov
Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP)	<a href="https://bit.ly/DDRDPcci">bit.ly/DDRDPcci</a>	cdfa.oefi_ddrdp_tech@cdfa.ca.gov
Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	<a href="https://bit.ly/FHSFEESP">bit.ly/FHSFEESP</a>	(866) 675-6623
Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program (FW)	<a href="https://bit.ly/FWPcci">bit.ly/FWPcci</a>	GHGReductions@CalRecycle.ca.gov
Forest Health Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/FHcci">bit.ly/FHcci</a>	ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov
Forest Health Research Program (FHRP)	<a href="https://bit.ly/FHRPcci">bit.ly/FHRPcci</a>	ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov
Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)	<a href="https://bit.ly/carbFARMER">bit.ly/carbFARMER</a>	Evan Powers, (916) 282-6273, farmer@arb.ca.gov
Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	<a href="https://bit.ly/HealthySoilscqi">bit.ly/HealthySoilscqi</a>	cdfa.HSP_Tech@cdfa.ca.gov
High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP)	<a href="https://bit.ly/H RTPcci">bit.ly/H RTPcci</a>	Solicitations@cwdb.ca.gov.
Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables	<a href="https://bit.ly/MFEEARcci">bit.ly/MFEEARcci</a>	(866) 675-6623
Organics Grant Program (ORG)	<a href="https://bit.ly/OGPcci">bit.ly/OGPcci</a>	GHGReductions@CalRecycle.ca.gov
Planning and Capacity Building Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/PCBcci">bit.ly/PCBcci</a>	movingca@arb.ca.gov

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/FPG2cci">bit.ly/FPG2cci</a>	GHGReductions@CalRecycle.ca.gov
Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/SAFERcci">bit.ly/SAFERcci</a>	SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov, (916) 445-5615
Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/SALCcci">bit.ly/SALCcci</a>	Shanna.Atherton@conservation.ca.gov
Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)	<a href="https://bit.ly/STEPcci">bit.ly/STEPcci</a>	step@arb.ca.gov
Training and Workforce Development Program - Energy Corps	<a href="https://bit.ly/CalEnergyCorps">bit.ly/CalEnergyCorps</a>	Larry.Notheis@ccc.ca.gov, (916) 341-3180
Training and Workforce Development Program - Forest Health	<a href="https://bit.ly/CalConservationCorps">bit.ly/CalConservationCorps</a>	Larry.Notheis@ccc.ca.gov, (916) 341-3180
Wildfire Prevention Grants Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/WPGPcci">bit.ly/WPGPcci</a>	WPGGrants@fire.ca.gov
Woodsmoke Reduction Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/WRPcci">bit.ly/WRPcci</a>	woodsmokereduction@arb.ca.gov

# Step 5: Your creative space

TAKE NOTES, WRITE COMMENTS, BRAINSTORM,  
AND PLAN

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# Appendix A

## CORE PRINCIPLES

### What are priority populations and how do these programs benefit them?

Priority populations are communities and individuals that live in disadvantaged communities and/or low-income communities and households. The “disadvantaged community” designation is defined by the California Environmental Protection Agency while “low-income communities and households” is defined relative to a statewide threshold (below to 80% of the state median income) or relative to a county-wide threshold set by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Lands under the control of federally recognized Tribes qualify as disadvantaged communities while landless Tribes or Tribes without federal recognition may qualify as priority populations depending on where they operate and where their projects are located. To learn more about priority populations and see whether your project area qualifies, [visit our website](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/priority-populations) and check out our [priority populations map](https://arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments) (arb.ca.gov/cci-535investments).

By statute, at least 35% of our funding must benefit priority populations. We set targets with or for each program every year that they receive funding to ensure that the overall portfolio of programs can meet this requirement. However, this is a minimum target that we strive to exceed. As of May 31, 2023, 74% of funded projects have benefitted priority populations by either directly funding projects, vouchers, or resources in those areas. Benefits provided to priority populations depend on each program’s design and goals and can be as varied as expanding access to transportation, to increasing green spaces, to capacity building.

### How are greenhouse gas emissions reduced through these programs?

Each California Climate Investments program funds a unique set of projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a variety of ways. This can look like funding the exchange of higher polluting equipment or vehicles for cleaner alternatives, supporting the adoption of clean transportation options, funding workforce development that increases access to jobs while supporting emerging sectors, conserving land, preventing food waste, and much more.

Some programs require that applicants estimate the projected greenhouse gas emission reductions of their projects, which California Climate Investments supports by providing calculation tools. Depending on the program, greenhouse gas emission reductions may be one of the things program staff consider when deciding which projects to award. Check the program’s website or guidelines to see if calculations are required and access available calculation tools.

## What are co-benefits and how are they maximized?

We know the priorities and needs of each Tribe and community are unique and crucial. It can be difficult to know what to prioritize and invest capacity into when there are many needs to address. We strive to support projects that are multifaceted and provide a variety of benefits once complete. For example, while a tree-planting project may reduce greenhouse gases, if designed thoughtfully, it can also reduce noise pollution, provide places to gather and play, return traditional foods and medicines to the landscape, help cool buildings, and serve to create shaded areas that help during times of high heat. Each program has their own set of co-benefits they will provide, and California Climate Investments supports programs by creating co-benefit assessments they can use to evaluate applications and estimate outcomes.

## Why is transparency and reporting a core principle?

California Climate Investments works with the Department of Finance to release an annual report detailing how funds have been used, what percentage has been invested towards priority populations, the benefits projected to date, and includes a selection of profiles of projects across the State. This allows the Legislature and public to see that funds are used responsibly and for their intended purpose. It also provides an avenue of accountability to ensure that areas of the State most impacted by climate change benefit from the existence of these programs. California Climate Investments also releases mid-year data updates between annual reports to support consistent access to information. The latest reports and data can always be found on our website's [Annual Report page](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/annual-report) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/annual-report)

# Appendix B

## ONE MORE PROGRAM FROM OUR STATE AGENCY PARTNER

### Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants Program

Tribal Wildfire Resilience grants fund planning and implementation projects that serve California Native American Tribes and advance wildfire resilience, forest health, and cultural use of fire. These projects address critical needs in tribal communities, and may include:

- Cultural and prescribed burns
- Creation and maintenance of shaded fuel breaks
- Forest and wildfire resilience projects such as dead and dying tree removal, understory thinning and/or removal, tree or other native and/or traditional vegetation plantings
- Forest health projects that provide benefits such as increasing biodiversity and improving access to and use of traditional foods and culturally significant species
- Workforce Development and training programs in fire, forestry, and related Traditional Ecological Knowledges
- Mapping projects
- Development of restoration plans, fire or forest management plans
- Biological and cultural surveys
- Environmental compliance and permitting

**Program website:** [www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/tribal-wildfire-resilience](http://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/tribal-wildfire-resilience)

**Program contact information:** [TribalWildfireResilienceGrants@fire.ca.gov](mailto:TribalWildfireResilienceGrants@fire.ca.gov)

**Table 11: Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants Program Summary table**

<b>Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants Program Summary</b>	
State agency administering this program:	CAL FIRE
Tribal Cultural Preservation	This program can be used to support priorities like: Food sovereignty and traditional medicine; cultural burning; land purchase or land conservation, ecosystems climate adaptation support; opportunities for intergenerational information sharing.
Eligible Tribal applicants	Tribes must either have federal recognition or appear on the Native American Heritage Commission list to be eligible to apply
Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity	Not required
Location disclosure	Type of location disclosure depends on the project
Office space	An address is needed but not an office or headquarters
Priority population benefits	Priority population requirements do not apply
Previous Tribal grantees	Yes
Resource and funding set-asides	This program offers a dedicated Tribal solicitation cycle, funds set-aside for awards to Tribes, and technical assistance dedicated to Tribes. Tribes that apply as nonprofits qualify for these set-aside funds and resources.
Needs assessment and planning funding	Planning grants are available
Technical assistance	This program offers assistance in the pre-application, application, and implementation phases. The support is directly from staff and is not formal technical assistance.
Reporting and invoicing support	Staff support and templates are offered
Suggested preparation time	~2 months to apply once a project idea is identified
Repeat funding	There are no limits to how many times Tribes can apply for funds and funds can be used to maintain previous projects or begin new ones
Advanced pay	Up to 6 months of work and no more than 25% of the grant amount at a time
Payment wait time	Approximately 6 months estimated from grant funding offers announced to first payments. Though this may vary because it is a new program. For active grants, 45 days from complete invoice to payment.
CEQA analysis	Generally required, quick for planning grants
Match funding	Matching funds are not required or awarded extra points but may be allowed
Maximum award	\$5,000,000; this max award generally stays consistent
Indirect cost rate cap	The indirect cost rate cap is 12%. At CAL FIRE's discretion, this may be raised to 13-20% upon review of justification
Time to spend funds	2-4 years
Staff time	No limits

# Appendix C

## HELPFUL TOOLS AND RESOURCES

### Searching for funding

There are several search engines California uses to provide funding information to prospective applicants. Below, we are sharing a few search engines where you can find programs similar to the programs we offer:

- [California Grants Portal](https://grants.ca.gov) (grants.ca.gov): California State grants and loans offered on a competitive or first-come basis.
- [Funding Finder Tool](https://fundingfindertool.org) (fundingfindertool.org): Medium-and-Heavy-Duty Alternative Fuel Vehicle and infrastructure programs.
- [Empower Innovation](https://empowerinnovation.net) (empowerinnovation.net): A network of funding opportunities, curated resources, and a platform to connect with people and organizations working towards a clean economy.
- [Moving California](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/movingca/about.html) (ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/movingca/about.html): A mixture of mobile incentive programs known as Low Carbon Transportation (LCT) which are funded and brought to you through California's cap-and-trade auction proceeds. Incentives help accelerate the State's transition to low carbon passenger and freight transportation.
- [California Climate Action](https://climateaction.ca.gov) (climateaction.ca.gov): State and local programs that can help you save money and make the transition to a greener, sustainable future, whether you rent an apartment or own a home.

The [California Climate Investments website](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) (caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) can also serve as place to find programs as new programs are added to the California Climate Investments portfolio.

### Technical assistance and support

- [Environmental Protection Network](https://environmentalprotectionnetwork.org) (environmentalprotectionnetwork.org): Pro bono Capacity-building technical assistance.



## OFFERING OUR GRATITUDE

We would like to thank the Tribes who have taken the time to engage with us as we developed this resource and throughout our learning journey. It is our hope that this resource serves you as you continue to navigate California's climate funding opportunities. Through the Funding Workbook, we hope that the experiences and expertise you have shared with us can support Tribes who may be new to these funding opportunities or are facing similar hurdles.

With immense gratitude and appreciation, thank you.

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