

# CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS WEBINAR SERIES

**Local Governments** 

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# Tribal Recognition Statement

### Webinar Agenda

- 1) California Climate Investments Overview
- 2) Current & Upcoming Funding Opportunities
- 3) Program Spotlight: Institute for Local Government
- 4) Grantee Spotlight: City of Arcata
- 5) Question & Answer

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### Three ways to ask questions:

- 1. GoToWebinar "Questions" function
- 2. Direct message via Twitter: <a href="mailto:occupation"><u>@CAClimateInvest</u></a>
- 3. Email us at <a href="mailto:info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov">info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov</a>

Questions will be read out loud by the moderator.

**Note**: Detailed instructions can be found in the handouts section to the right.



## What is California Climate Investments?

A statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

### **Instant Poll**

1.	Have you ever applied for or received funding from a California Climate Investments program?
	Applied and received
	Applied and not received
	■ Not applied
	■ Not sure
2.	What is the most immediate barrier you are currently trying to navigate?
	Limited Capacity: In meeting current duties (e.g. grant admin)
	☐ Limited Capacity: In expanding work scope and projects (e.g. proposal development)
	Uncertainty in budgeting/funding
	Limitations in project/duty execution due to COVID restrictions











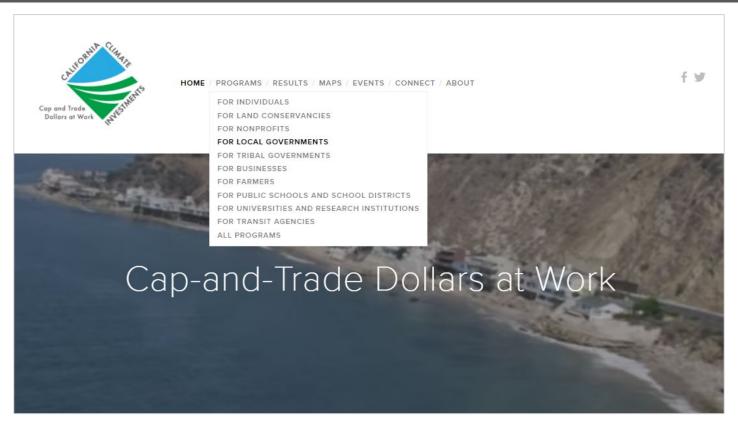








# Searching for Funding Opportunities: California Climate Investments



caclimateinvestments.ca.gov

### **Current Funding Opportunities: AHSC**

### Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Strategic Growth Council

### **Program Description**

AHSC creates healthier communities and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the supply of affordable housing near jobs, amenities, and transportation options.

#### Goal

To make it easier for Californians to drive less by making housing, jobs, and key destinations more accessible by walking, biking, and transit.

### **Application Process**

Applications typically require several strong partnerships. Applicants are encouraged to scope collaborators and seek technical assistance early in the planning process.

### **Funding Amount**

Maximum AHSC Program loan, grant award or combination thereof is \$30 million with a minimum award of \$1 million in all Project Area Types.

### **Application Timeline**

Winter 2020/2021: Deadline to Request AHSC Technical Assistance
Application period timeline upcoming
Sign up for program updates

#### **Contact**

Shep Wilburn <a href="mailto:shep.wilbun@sgc.ca.gov">shep.wilbun@sgc.ca.gov</a>

### **Resources Available**

AHSC Website

AHSC Video Resources

TA Resources

Program Fact Sheet

### **Current Funding Opportunities: LIWP**

### **Low Income Weatherization Project**

Department of Community Services and Development

### **Program Description**

Technical assistance/incentives for installation of energy-efficiency measures and solar photovoltaics in low-income single and multifamily dwellings in disadvantaged and other communities.

#### Goal

To save energy/generate clean renewable energy for low-income single-family households and multi-family affordable housing, while reducing residential energy expenses.

### **Application Process**

**Multifamily housing component**: Begin by completing the interest form. Program staff will reach out to interested applicants and free technical assistance is available **Farmworker Housing component**: At least 1 household member must be an agricultural employee and the household must meet program income guidelines. Upon qualification, a home inspection determines services installed

### **Funding Amount**

The percentage of the total project covered will vary by project, depending on property age and existing systems, feasibility of installation, and property owner financial resources.

### **Application Timeline**

Projects are accepted on a rolling basis

### Contact

LIWP@csd.ca.gov

### **Farmworker housing component:**

(833) FOR-LIWP; M-F 9:00-4:00 pm PST Assistance in English and Spanish with translation available for other languages

### **Resources Available**

### Multifamily housing component:

Application Forms and Resources
Sign up for updates

### Farmworker housing component:

Flier (Spanish)
Flier (English)

**Frequently Asked Questions** 

### **Current Funding Opportunities: SADW Fund**

### Safe and Affordable Drinking Water (SADW) Fund Program

California State Water Resources Control Board

### **Program Description**

Provides access to tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities

#### Goal

To provide access to safe, accessible, and affordable drinking water for all Californians

### **Application Process**

Pre-application through FAAST, followed by further staff assistance through the application process. Pre-applications can be submitted for a project at any stage

### **Funding Amount**

No cap to funding amount

### **Application Timeline**

Applications accepted year-round

### **Contact**

Office of Public Participation

SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/

Pre-application (FAAST):

faast.waterboards.ca.gov

### **Resources Available**

**Technical Assistance** 

<u>DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov</u>

### **Current Funding Opportunities: CAP**

### **Community Air Protection (CAP) Program**

California Air Resources Board

### **Program Description**

Incentive grants help owners of older, high-polluting vehicles and equipment replace them with newer models that have lower emissions, or zero emissions. CAP funds also support infrastructure projects, stationary source projects statewide and unique Community Identified Projects (CIP) that are in AB617 selected communities.

#### Goal

CAP Incentives reduce criteria pollutants, toxics and greenhouse gas emissions in Disadvantaged Communities, Low-Income Communities, and AB617 communities.

### **Application Process**

Applicants apply for funds with the local air pollution control district who review the project for eligibility based on the guidelines and ultimately selects the projects that receive funding based on local needs.

### **Funding Amount**

The CAP Incentive program has been appropriated \$704 million, though individual grant amount vary based on the project.

### **Application Timeline**

Check your local air district for full information regarding the application timeline

#### Contact

ab617incentives@arb.ca.com

### Resources

<u>CAP Guidelines</u> – Stationary Source Projects, CIP, and administration requirements

<u>Moyer Guidelines</u> – Mobile Source and Infrastructure Projects

### **Current Funding Opportunities: HVIP**

### **Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Project (HVIP)**

California Air Resources Board

### **Program Description**

HVIP makes zero-emission and Low NOx buses/trucks as affordable as their fossil-fueled counterparts at point of sale through providing discount vouchers

#### Goal

To accelerate the adoption of cleaner, more-efficient trucks/buses

### **Application Process**

Visit the CA HVIP website, select vehicle(s) from a catalog, contact affiliated vendors, provide vehicle domicile location & other info, purchase your vehicle!

### **Funding Amount**

Variable according to vehicle type and "disadvantaged community" designation

### **Application Timeline**

Anticipated early 2021

#### **Contact**

info@californiahvip.org

HVIP toll-free hotline: 888-457-HVIP

### **Resources Available**

CALSTART Funding Finder Tool fundingfindertool.org

### Note:

Funding for HVIP is currently provided by the Air Quality Improvement Program instead of California Climate Investments

### **Current Funding Opportunities: CVRP**

### **Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP)**

California Air Resources Board

### **Program Description**

CVRP offers rebates of up to \$7,000 for the purchase/lease of new, eligible zero-emission vehicles, including electric, plug-in hybrid electric and fuel cell vehicles.

#### Goal

To promote clean vehicle adoption in California

### **Application Process**

Online application via the CVRP website

**Eligibility:** All CA residents and eligible fleets; Portion of funds reserved for DACs and Lower-income residents statewide

### **Funding Amount**

Up to \$7,000 per eligible vehicle; One rebate limit per person

### **Application Timeline**

Apply within 3 months of purchase/lease of an eligible vehicle and until rebate funds are exhausted

### Contact

cvrp@energycenter.org

English: 866-984-2532 Español: 866-550-8130

### **Resources Available**

Full eligibility requirements:

<u>cleanvehiclerebate.org/eng/eligibility-guidelines</u>

### **Current Funding Opportunities: Clean Mobility**

### **Clean Mobility Options**

Administered by CALSTART and SUMC, through partnership with GRID Alternatives and LGC

### **Program Description**

**Clean Mobility Options** provides funding for zero-emission carsharing, carpooling/vanpooling, bikesharing/scooter-sharing, innovative transit services, and ride-on-demand services in underserved communities.

**Needs assessment funding** supports interested applicants in identifying and understanding unmet mobility needs of communities to develop solutions in collaboration with residents

### **Application Process**

In past rounds, funding for eligible projects was typically filled on the first day of the application window opening. Interested applicants are encouraged to sign up for updates to be aware of any changes to the application process. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged take advantage of the provided technical assistance.

### **Funding Amount**

**Clean Mobility Projects**: Up to \$1,000,000 to launch and operate a clean mobility project. Up to \$600,000 can be awarded towards the expansion of an existing project.

Needs Assessment Projects: Up to \$50,000

### **Application Timeline**

Tribal communities application: Currently open!

Next funding round: Anticipated late Fall 2021
Sign up for timeline updates, program news and
events

### **Contact**

info@cleanmobilityoptions.org 626-744-5670

### **Resources Available**

Technical Assistance can be requested any time: Technical Assistance Request Form

### **Current Funding Opportunities: FPG**

### Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass (FPG) Grant Program CalRecycle

### **Program Description**

The construction, renovation, or expansion of facilities to increase in-state infrastructure to manufacture a finished product from California-derived, fiber, plastic, or glass or to increase in-state infrastructure for production of a fiber, plastic, or glass intermediate commodity that will be supplied to a manufacturing facility for the production of a finished product.

#### Goal

Lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing capacity or establishing new facilities in California

### **Application Process**

See live solicitation in late November/December. Applicants can visit the program website to view materials from previous funding cycles. Receive notifications by signing up for updates through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs ListServ.

### **Funding Amount**

To be announced

### **Application Timeline**

Solicitation: Late November/December

### **Contact**

Stanley Uyeda

<u>Stanley.Uyeda@calrecycle.ca.gov</u> <u>GHGReductions@calrecycle.ca.gov</u>

### **Resources Available**

Program website
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs ListServ
Apply through the GMS portal

### **Current Funding Opportunities: SALC**

### Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program

California Department of Conservation and Strategic Growth Council

### **Program Description**

SALC protects agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG-intensive uses by facilitating conservation easements and strategy plans, providing direct protection of at-risk lands.

#### Goal

To support California's need for agricultural conservation, economic growth, and sustainable development

#### **Application Process**

**Planning Grants**: Pre-proposal worksheet; Application; Agreement template **Acquisition Grants**: Pre-proposal worksheet; Acquisition application; Agreement template; CARB quantification methodology.

### **Funding Amount**

Planning Grants: Up to \$250,000

Acquisition Grants: No maximum award amount.

### **Application Timeline**

**Pre-proposals**: Early summer

Applications: Late summer/early fall

#### **Contact**

Virginia Jameson

SALCP@conservation.ca.gov

### **Resources Available**

Program staff provide application assistance, review project eligibility

### **Current Funding Opportunities: Forest Health**

### **Forest Health Grant Program (Forest Legacy Program)**

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

### **Program Description**

The Forest Health Program funds reforestation, forest fuel reduction, pest management, prescribed fire, forest biomass utilization, and conservation easements and/or land acquisition through the Forest Legacy Program.

#### Goal

To proactively restore forest health and conserve working forests, protect upper watersheds, promote carbon storage, and minimize forest carbon loss due to wildfires.

### **Application Process**

Eligible Applicants include local, state, and federal agencies including federal land management agencies; universities; special districts; Native American tribes; private forest landowners; and non-profit organizations.

Projects must focus on large, landscape-scale forestlands such as watersheds, firesheds, or larger logical management units. The total project are should aim to be no less than 800 acres in size; landscape units do not have to be contiguous.

### **Funding Amount:**

Minimum \$750,000 - Maximum \$5 million

### **Application Timeline**

Anticipated timeline pending

<u>Subscribe to CAL FIRE Grants Email Updates for timeline updates</u>

#### Contact

ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov or Contact the Forest Health Program Manager Julie Howard: (831) 345-4942

### **Resources Available**

See the program websites for additional information and an Application Workbook <a href="Program Website">Program Website</a>
<a href="2019-2020">2019-2020</a> <a href="Program Grant Guidelines">Priority Populations Evaluation Criteria</a>

### **Current Funding Opportunities: Fire Prevention**

### **Fire Prevention Grant Program**

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

### **Program Description**

The Fire Prevention Grant Program funds hazardous fuel reduction and removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees, fire prevention planning, and fire prevention education

#### Goal

To reduce the risk of wildland fires to habitable structures and communities, while maximizing carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitat and minimizing the uncontrolled release of emissions from wildfires.

### **Application Process**

Eligible applicants can complete an electronic application packet. A previous webinar and slides on the application process can be found on the program website. Additionally, applicants can review past solicitation materials and previous awards as a initial step to the planning process

#### **Funding Amount:**

Variable

### **Application Timeline**

Anticipated timeline pending

<u>Subscribe to CAL FIRE Grants Email Updates for timeline updates</u>

### Contact

FPGrants@fire.ca.gov or

Contact:

Diane Carpenter at (916) 568-3838, Adriana Negrea at (916) 568-2933, or Deepti Sharma at (916) 568-2925

### **Resources Available**

See the program websites for additional information and resources for disadvantaged and low income communities

### **Current Funding Opportunities: HSP**

### **Healthy Soils Program (HSP)**

California Department of Food and Agriculture

### **Program Description**

**Incentives Program:** Provides financial assistance for conservation management practices that improve soil health, sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **Demonstration Projects:** Compares the implementation of HSP practices to conventional practices and shares lessons learned with California farmers and rangers

#### Goal

To promote the development of healthy soils on California's farmlands and ranchlands

### **Application Process**

**Incentives Program:** Applications accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed in the order of receipt.

**Demonstration Projects:** Applications collectively undergo a 4-month review process

### **Funding Amount:**

Variable

### **Application Timeline**

Anticipated Fall 2021

#### **Contact**

Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation cdfa.hsp\_tech@cdfa.ca.gov

### **Resources Available**

Sign up for updates

### **Current Funding Opportunities: FARMER**

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

California Air Resources Board

### **Program Description:**

FARMER funds harvesting equipment, trucks, pump engines, tractors, utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) and other equipment used in agricultural operations<sup>1</sup>.

#### Goal:

To reduce emissions from the agricultural sector to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Application Process:**

Local air districts administer the FARMER Program for their region and select funded projects. Contact your local air district for information on how to apply.

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies by air district.

### **Application Timeline:**

Varies by air district

#### **Contact:**

Your local Air District

### **Resources Available:**

Air District staff may provide technical assistance to applicants as needed, including but not limited to, small growers in disadvantaged communities and low-income communities and households.

[1] Equipment funded must meet the definition of "agricultural operations", please refer to:

Agricultural Operations FAQ (ca.gov)

### **Current Funding Opportunities: CACC**

### **Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program**

CalRecycle; The California Alliance for Community Composting (CACC) Projects

### **Program Description**

The purpose of CCGS is to increase the number of community groups operating small-scale composting programs in green spaces and to increase capacity. Green spaces include community gardens, urban farms, and other public spaces.

#### Goal

Lower greenhouse gas emissions, promote community-based activities, reduce food and organic waste going to landfill, and provide compost to support climate adaptation projects

### **Application Process**

Project Site Applications are available at The California Alliance for Community Composting Projects webpage.

### **Funding Amount**

Funding Varies. Program will provide on the ground support to launch or improve community composting sites across the state.

### **Application Timeline**

Applications accepted on a rolling basis Priority deadline: November 24, 2020 Secondary deadline: December 15, 2020

#### Contact

cc4greenspaces@gmail.com
Heather Williams:
Heather.Williams@calrecycle.ca.gov
CCGP@calrecycle.ca.gov

### **Resources Available**

<u>California Alliance for Community Composting</u>
<u>Projects webpage</u>
Sign up for updates from CalRecycle

### **Current Funding Opportunities: GGRL**

### **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program**

CalRecycle

### **Program Description**

The purpose of GGRL is to fund construction, renovation, or expansion of facilities for preprocessing, digesting, or composting organics, or the preprocessing or manufacturing of value-added finished products using recycled fiber, plastic, or glass.

#### Goal

To further the purposes of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (Assembly Bill 32), reduce methane emissions from landfills and further GHG reductions in upstream resource management and manufacturing processes.

### **Application Process**

For full information on materials visit the GGRL programs forms and documents page.

### **Funding Amount**

The maximum loan amount is \$2,000,000 or 75 percent of total project cost, whichever is less. An applicant can have more than one loan, up to \$5 million in total principal balances outstanding at any one time.

### **Application Timeline**

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

#### **Contact**

Bruce Quigley:

loans@calrecycle.ca.gov

### **Resources Available**

<u>Application Materials</u>
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs Listserv

### **Support Opportunity: TA**

### **Technical Assistance (TA) Program**

Strategic Growth Council

### **Program Description**

The California Climate Investments TA program provides direct application assistance, implementation assistance, and capacity building services to under-resourced communities across the state.

### Goal

To enable under-resourced communities to build community-driven leadership, collaborative partnerships, knowledge, and skills to access public funding and engage in climate action

### **Application Process**

Reach out directly to the contact for the funding program to see if TA is being offered and how you might receive assistance. Can additionally reach out to the TA program directly.

### **Application Timeline**

Runs in parallel with the program offering funds

### **Contact**

TA@sgc.ca.gov

### Searching for Funding Opportunities: Resources Beyond California Climate Investments

### **Funding Wizard**

California Air Resources Board

Local, state, and federal grants, rebates and incentives for sustainability projects

fundingwizard.arb.ca.gov

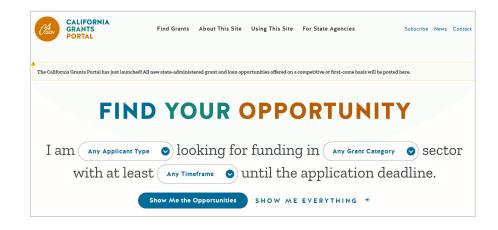


### **California Grants Portal**

California State Library

California State grants and loans offered on a competitive or first-come basis

### grants.ca.gov



## BOOST Program

**Karalee Browne Director** 















### **BOOST Program**

First of its kind technical assistance and capacity building program designed to advance social equity and climate action in ten cities and two regions with unique needs, capacities and opportunities.





### What Makes the BOOST Program Different

### Flexible and Comprehensive Technical Assistance

- **Duration:** The 18 month partnership helped cultivate trust, understanding and a keen knowledge about community needs and priorities.
- **Structure:** The partnership with SGC facilitated opportunities to better understand a variety of state priorities, programs and players, which supports long-term local—state relationship building.
- **Flexibility:** The ability to go beyond the original scope/MOUs allowed ILG to be responsive to the communities' evolving needs, particularly with COVID.
- **Holistic Approach:** Allowed ILG to connect partners with a variety of grant and funding opportunities, including federal, state, regional, philanthropic, to support priority projects.
- Communications Component: Fostered the opportunity to showcase unique needs/opportunities and best practices in a variety of community types.



### **BOOST Program Accomplishments**

- Applied for 24 grants earning \$51,140.308.
- •(Does not include19 LEAP/SB2 grants totaling \$6,320,000 or outstanding grants)

Grant Application Assistance  Facilitated dozens of partnerships with CBOs and private sector agencies for programs, projects and grants.

Partnership Development

 Connected all 12 communities to TA providers for AHSC, SALC,TCC, STEP, Prop 68, IIG, SB2 and LEAP.

Technical Assistance

 Provided ILG's comprehensive public engagement training and services to 4 BOOST cities.

Public Engagement Support  Secured a Civic Spark Fellow for 2 BOOST communities to assist with energyrelated projects.

**Capacity Building** 

 Secured resources to help 6 BOOST communities create Climate Action Plans. First time for 3!!

Climate Action/Resilience Planning



# Understand the Opportunity, Risk, Reward and Reporting of Each Grant

- Skim the overview and point system first. If you don't score in any one of the categories, reconsider applying.
- If your community is "disadvantaged" consider hiring a contract grant writer or grant writer position.
- Look at past awardees. This will give you an idea of the types of projects that are funded through the opportunity.
- Know the trade off. What are you not getting done in order to apply?





### Take Advantage of All Technical Assistance

- Apply early for technical assistance opportunities, even if you may not be ready to apply for the grant in the current round.
- If there is no technical assistance offered, call the program manager.
- Make sure you understand "black out" periods for TA.
- Talk to local agencies that have had successful applications funded in the past. Get an idea of the work involved.





### **Engage you Community Early and Often**

- The deadlines for these grants often come quickly. In many cases you can use past engagement efforts, if they occurred in a reasonable timeframe.
- Many CCI programs require a partnership, favor applications with a strong community leadership/input.
- Invest in educating and empowering your community. Your agency can't do everything.





### Partner to Add Capacity

- "Float" the idea of applying. You will discover other agencies and organizations that may be considering applying too.
- Coordinate with other internal departments to understand their needs and capacity to help.
- Look to regional agencies, tribes, special districts and nonprofit organizations to leverage resources and data.
- It's about the journey, not the destination. Make sure you will get something out of the process, even if your grant application is not selected for funding.





### **Promote Your Success**

- Use newsletters and social media to let your community know you have applied.
- Reach out to the local paper when you receive the award, and many times throughout the project. Be sure to include your partners.
- Look to share your stories at conferences, in case stories and through other peer learning forums.





## City of Arcata



**BOOST Support Recipient, AHSC Grantee** 

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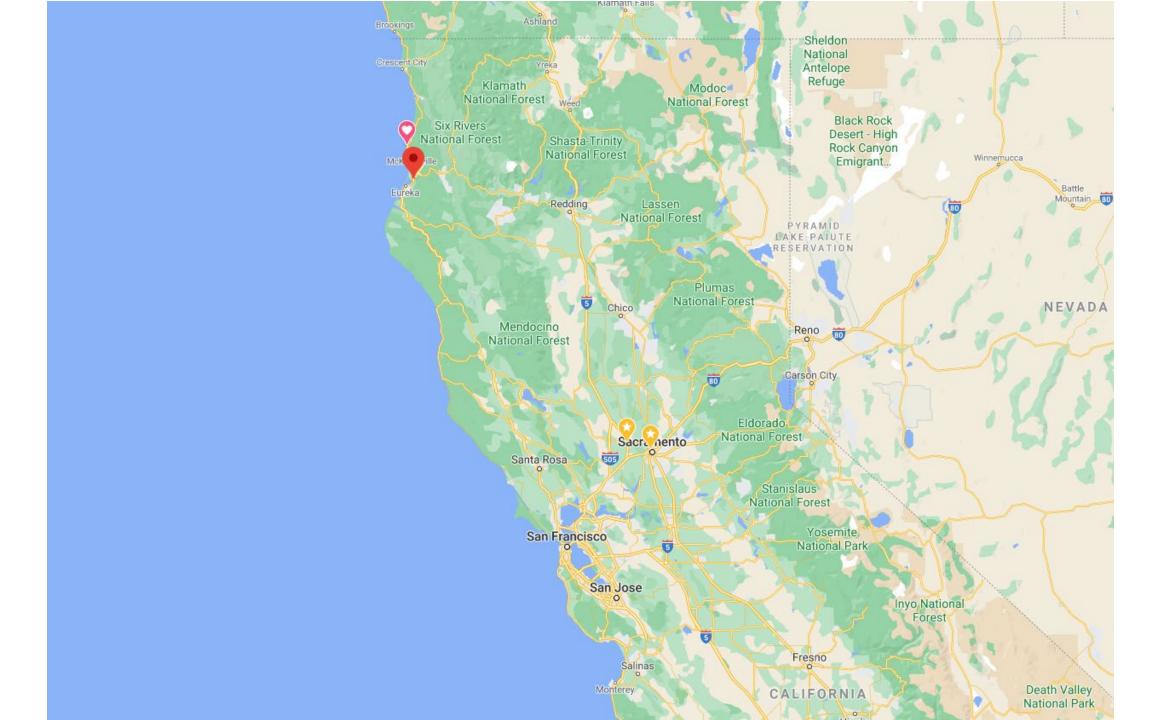


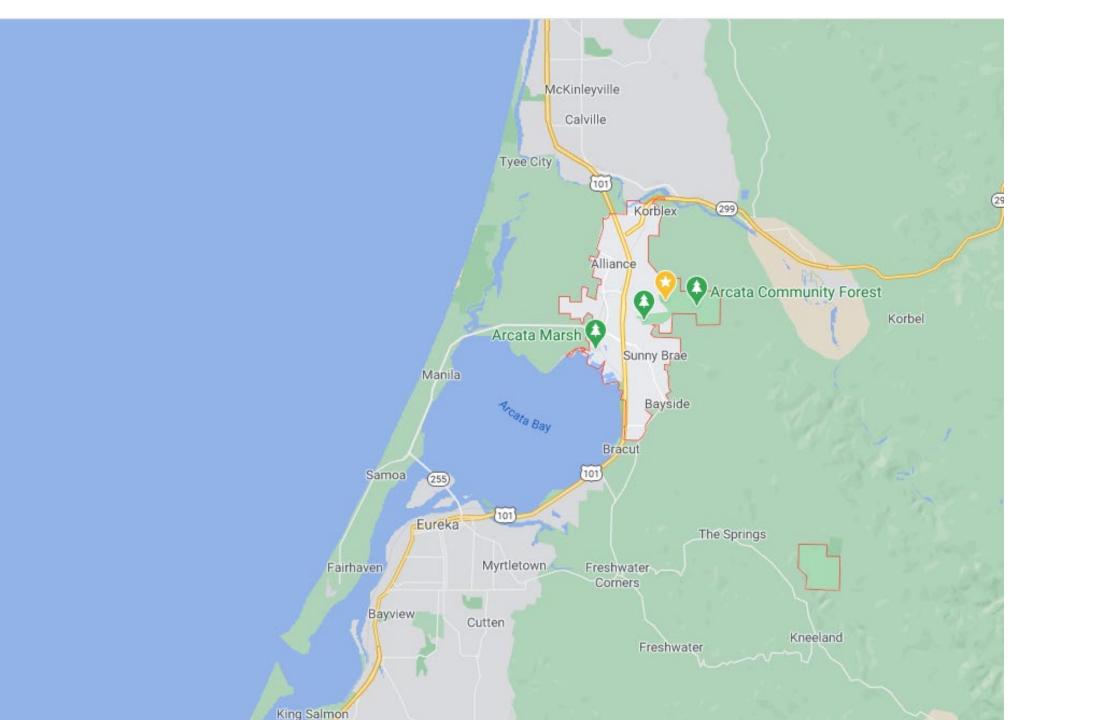
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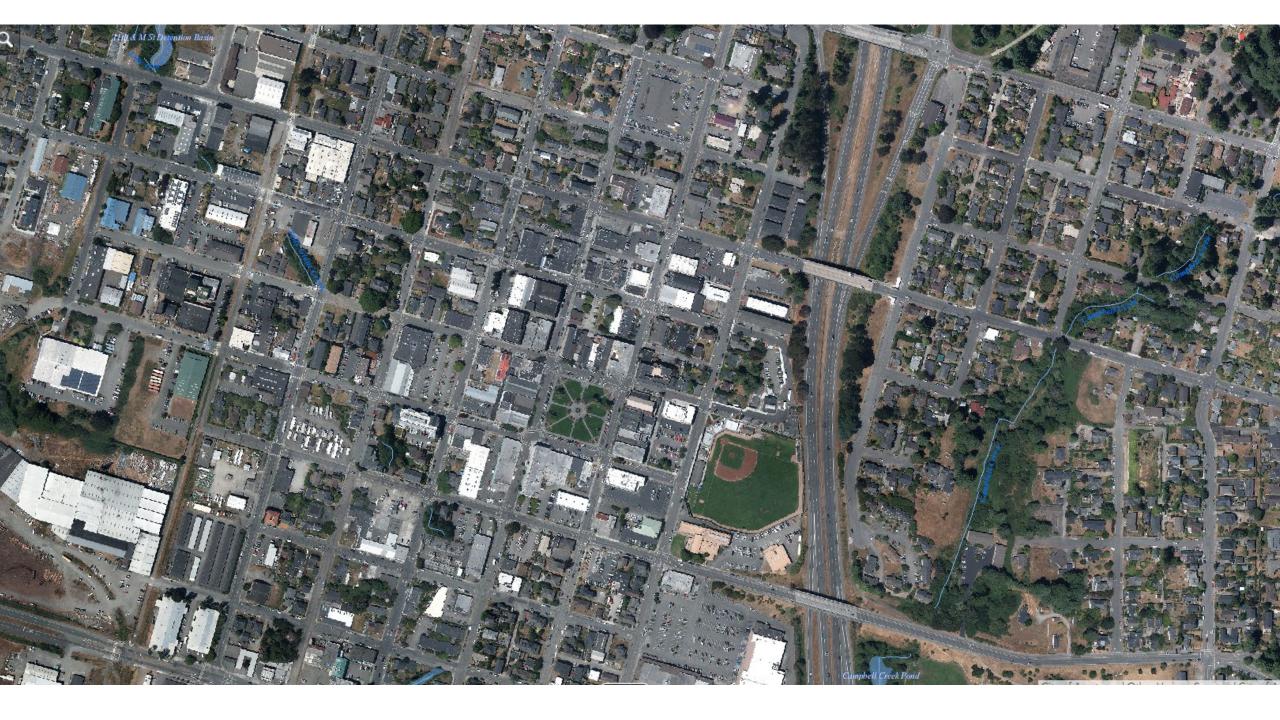


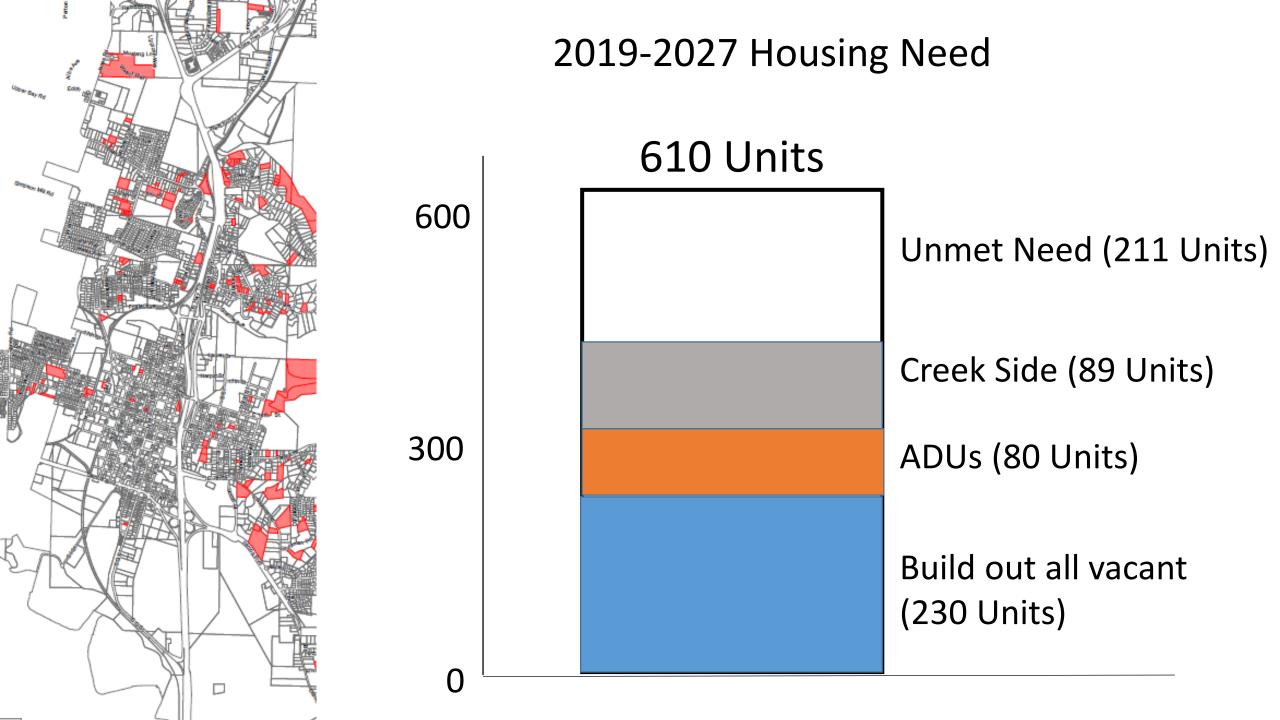
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# Q&A

# Thank You!

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www.cityofarcata.org/150/Community-Development