

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

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SUBJECT: Authorize General Manager to submit Grant Application to the California Strategic Growth Council for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

ISSUE:

Shall the Board of Directors authorize General Manager to submit Grant Application to the California Strategic Growth Council for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Update?

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors Authorize the General Manager to submit a Grant Application to the California Strategic Growth Council for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Update.

BACKGROUND:

The California Strategic Growth Council is accepting grant applications for Community Resilience Centers (CRC). The CRC program has two main focuses, creating Community Resilience Centers and improving upon existing centers and funding year-round services and ongoing programming that will build overall community resilience. HPUD would be eligible for funding year-round services and ongoing programming. This includes construction for infrastructure repairs and improvements for greater overall community resilience.

The application opens July 2023, with the application being due in early September 2023. The first round of awards will be in December 2023.

Attached is the grant factsheet for the grant for your consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:
NONE.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that HPUD authorize General Manager to submit Grant Application to the California Strategic Growth Council for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Update.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not authorize GM to submit grant application to CSGC
2. Provide alternate direction to staff



Community Resilience Centers Program

Strengthening community resilience in neighborhoods across California



The Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program will fund neighborhood-level resilience centers to provide shelter and resources during climate and other emergencies, as well as year-round services and programming that strengthen community connections and ability to withstand disasters. CRC takes a holistic approach to building community resilience by bringing together a comprehensive set of infrastructure upgrades, service delivery, and supportive programming that are developed and implemented in partnership with neighborhood residents.

In the 2021–2022 Climate Resilience budget, SGC was allocated \$100 million to implement the Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program. Trailer bill language from Senate Bill 155 (2021) specified that \$25 million will be available in the 2022–2023 fiscal year and \$75 million in the 2023–2024 fiscal year. SGC kicked off the program guidelines development process in July 2022 and is committed to robust stakeholder engagement and interagency collaboration in the program design and implementation phases.

WHAT DOES CRC FUND?

The CRC program funds new construction and upgrades of neighborhood-level resilience centers across the state that will support communities during climate and other disasters, as well as build long-term resilience, preparedness, and recovery operations for local communities. SGC will provide funding that supports the ability of community-serving institutions to serve as comprehensive emergency response centers, as well as for year-round services and programming. The CRC program will provide funding for both planning and implementation grants.

Examples of possible CRC costs include, but are not limited to:

- » Comprehensive retrofits that support the resilience center's ability to provide shelter during emergencies, such as solar installation, energy and water efficiency appliances and upgrades, broadband infrastructure, and water and energy storage systems
- » Upgrades to surrounding area that support accessibility and function of the center, such as community gardens, shade trees, and low-carbon transportation to and from the resilience center
- » Engaging local leadership and grassroots organizations in civic and community development, and climate resilience awareness and activities
- » Local workforce development and job force training programming
- » Distribution of community services and resources such as food, clean water, and personal protective equipment
- » Programming that supports disaster preparedness, such as first responder training for climate emergencies

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

CRC applications must involve multistakeholder partnerships and demonstrate involvement of community-based organizations and community residents within governance and decision-making processes.






SGC anticipates that eligible applicants will include, but not necessarily be limited to:


- » California Native American Tribes
- » Community-based organizations
- » Community development financial institutions
- » Faith-based organizations
- » Foundations
- » Joint powers authorities
- » Nonprofits
- » Libraries
- » Local government agencies
- » Schools
- » Small businesses


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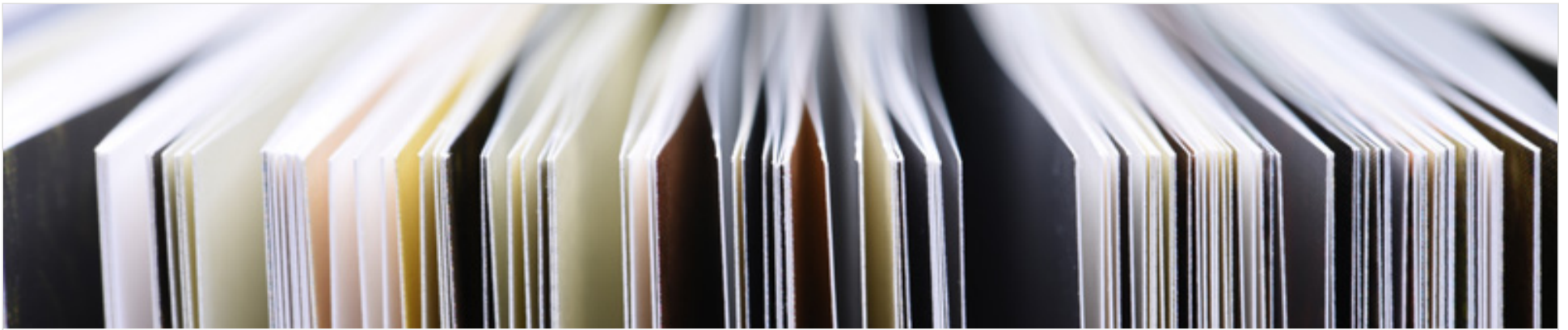


Vision

SGC’s CRC program will fund new construction and upgrades of neighborhood-level resilience centers to provide shelter and resources during climate and other emergencies. The program will also fund year-round services and ongoing programming that build overall community resilience.



crc program factsheet 



Resources

Find all the CRC materials you need here, including our program guidelines, frequently asked questions, and other useful tools.



crc resources








Program Updates

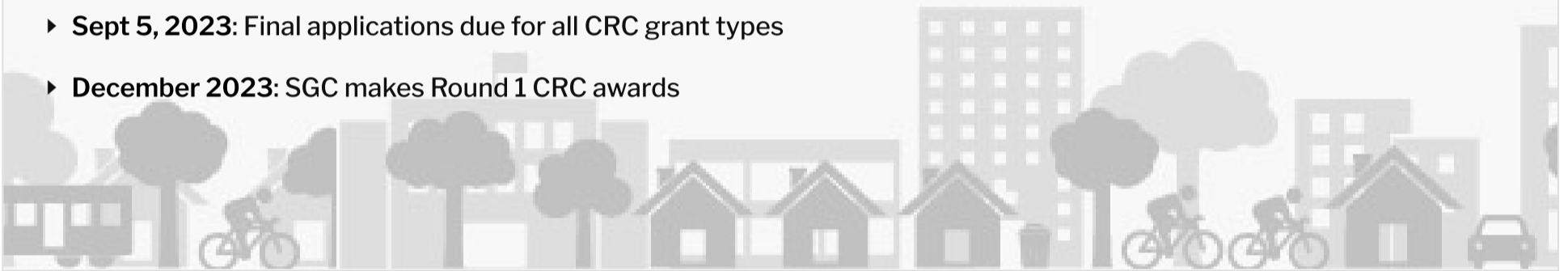
- ▶ [Press Release: California Announces Nearly \\$100 Million in First Round of Funding to Build Resilience Centers Addressing Extreme Heat and Other Climate Impacts - Strategic Growth Council](#)
 - ▶ [Public Comment Period Now Open on the CRC Round 1 Draft Guidelines](#)
 - ▶ [Additional Funds, Direction, and Advance Pay for SGC's Community Resilience Centers Program](#)
 - ▶ [Press Release: Governor Signs Advanced Pay Pilot Legislation to Support Equitable Access to State Funding](#)
 - ▶ [SGC's Community Resilience Centers Program Receives Additional Funds](#)
 - ▶ [SGC Launches Development of Community Resilience Centers \(CRC\) Program](#)
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Program Timeline

Here is the anticipated timeline for the CRC program. Dates are subject to change.

- ▶ **December 2022:** [Round 1 Draft Guidelines](#)  release for public comment
- ▶ **Dec-Jan 2023:** Round 1 Public Workshop Series
- ▶ **April 2023:** Council adopts [CRC Round 1 Final Guidelines](#) 
- ▶ **May 26, 2023:** [Pre-Proposal](#)  & [Notice of Funding Availability](#)  (NOFA) release
- ▶ **June 16, 2023:** [Pre-Proposal Form](#)  due - Implementation Grant Applicants only
- ▶ **July 2023:** Full Application Materials release, applications open
- ▶ **July – Aug 2023:** CRC team hosts virtual Office Hours
- ▶ **Sept 5, 2023:** Final applications due for all CRC grant types
- ▶ **December 2023:** SGC makes Round 1 CRC awards



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