



With generous support from the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the University of California at Davis (UC Davis) and California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly SLO) are collaborating on the development and application of tools and training to support local and regional governments in California to reach their sustainability and climate planning goals and align them with the State’s climate commitments. We invite you to learn more about these efforts and the opportunity to serve as a project partner organization or in an advisory role. Interested parties may join us for one of two webinars. Details on this opportunity and the webinars are provided below.

Background

Led by Dr. Catherine Brinkley, Faculty Director of the UC Davis Center for Regional Change, this research project seeks to inform communities and state agencies about effective strategies for addressing climate action planning challenges and barriers to implementation at the local level. This effort seeks to engage local governments and their representatives in the implementation of tools to support climate planning, including the first databases of California General Plans and Climate Action Plans. You can learn more about the General Plan Database currently in beta mode [here](#). This project is also supported by Dr. Michael Boswell, Department Head of the Cal Poly SLO Department of City and Regional Planning, who developed the first database of Climate Action Plans.

Objectives

This effort has three major objectives:

- (1) identify barriers that local governments face in implementing climate action policies and ways in which these barriers can be overcome in alignment with the State’s climate commitments;
- (2) identify ways for CARB to support local governments and community-based organizations in tackling climate actions at the local level; and
- (3) conduct capacity-building sessions for local government and regional government representatives, community-based organizations, climate action advocates, and other

stakeholders around implementing priority climate policies, focused on education about state climate goals, resources, and priority policies using existing partnerships and networks.

Partnership Opportunity

UC Davis will contract with approximately five non-profit and community-based organizations for a series of more than a dozen capacity-building workshops for local and regional government agencies targeted for Fall 2023. Potential partner organizations will have a demonstrated track record of community engagement, education, and/or advocacy in one or more of the following cluster areas. Partner organizations will be vetted through a process to ensure an inclusive approach to represent California's geographic and demographic diversity. Contracts are anticipated to be approximately \$10,000 each for the period of May 2023-April 2024.

Focus Areas

Each contracting partner will support approximately two to three workshops in at least one of the cluster areas listed below. Contractors may propose to conduct workshops in more than one of these clusters but should demonstrate familiarity and experience with these areas. The seven cluster areas by county are:

- Southern Coastal: Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego
- Southern Inland: Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Riverside, Imperial
- Northern Inland: Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, Lake, Trinity
- Northern Coastal: Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma
- Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano
- Central Valley: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Sacramento, Yolo
- Central Coast: Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Ventura

Application Process

It is our intention for the application process to not put undue demands on partner organizations. We recommend that interested parties submit as many of the following

documents as they deem necessary to demonstrate how they meet the scoring criteria described below. Applicants should not be discouraged from applying if they have limited or no experience in one or more of the qualification areas.

- Contact information for applicant representative
- Resumes or CVs for team members
- Narrative describing how the organization meets the following scoring criteria, not to exceed three pages.
 - Demonstrated track record of community engagement, education, and/or advocacy in one or more of the cluster areas
 - History of commitment to climate action and/or environmental justice
 - Experience conducting workshops and/or delivering training
 - Experience working with local government officials
 - Qualifications of team members on topics of sustainability and climate planning, (such as resilience and adaptation)
 - Familiarity with land use planning, including General Plans and the State’s climate change policy framework, including the AB 32 Scoping Plan, SB 375, and other relevant legislation, regulations, and executive orders

Application materials should be submitted via [THIS SUBMISSION LINK](#) by the application period close date. We recommend submitting materials in Word or PDF format.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend an informational webinar or view recordings. Questions can be directed to crcinfo@ucdavis.edu. Questions submitted less than three business days before the application close date may not receive an answer before the application deadline.

Metrics for Partner Selection

Qualifications	Score
Demonstrated track record of community engagement, education, and/or advocacy in one or more of the cluster areas	25 points
History of commitment to climate action and/or environmental justice	25 points
Experience conducting workshops and/or delivering training	20 points

Experience working with local government officials	10 points
Qualifications of team members on topics of sustainability and climate planning, (such as resilience and adaptation)	10 points
Familiarity with land use planning, including General Plans and the State's climate change policy framework, including the AB 32 Scoping Plan, SB 375, and other relevant legislation, regulations, and executive orders	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

Webinars

Webinars will be held virtually via Zoom. The presentation portion of one of the webinars will be recorded and posted on the CRC website. A question and answer portion will follow the presentation. Please register for a webinar here: [Informational Webinar Registration](#).

Application and Project Timeline

Action	Date
Application released	9/19/2022
Webinars	9/ 26 /2022 10/ 6/2022
Application period opens	10/03/2022
Application period closes	10/28/2022
Application scoring completed	November 2022
Top candidates notified	12/1/ 2022

Contracting process	January 2023- March 2023
Contract start	May 2023
Contract completed	April 2024