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CACE Program Overview

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Community Assistance for Climate Equity

Community Assistance for Climate Equity is a suite of capacity building programs that offer funding, trainings, technical assistance, and knowledge exchanges to ensure that under-invested communities can lead their own climate solutions.

Spectrum of TA

Capacity Building

- Education and awareness raising
- Trainings
- Skill building
- Community engagement
- Partnership development

Application Assistance

- Project scoping
- Grant writing
- Greenhouse gas quantification
- Budgeting support
- Narrative question review

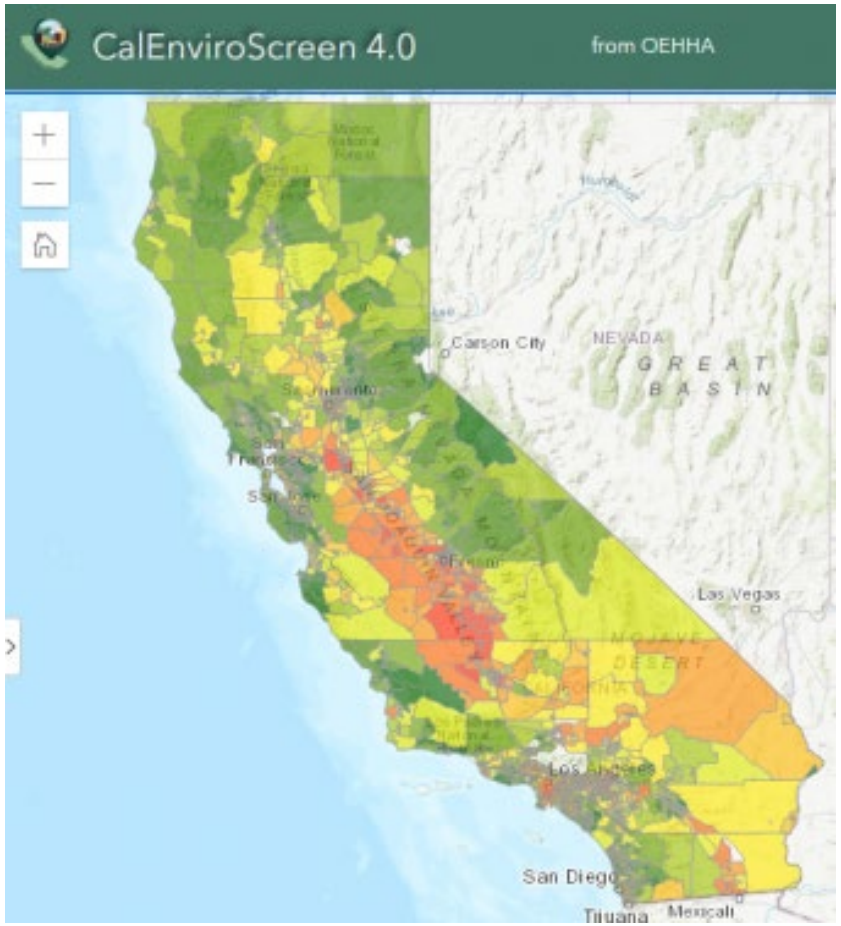
Implementation Assistance

- Project management support
- Reporting assistance
- Evaluation support
- Peer-learning facilitation

Why does technical assistance matter?

Underinvested communities in California have faced years of disinvestment and systemic discrimination.

As a result, these communities are the most vulnerable to severe climate impacts and often have the lowest capacity to access critical funding to address climate impacts.



Community Assistance for Climate Equity Programs & Initiatives

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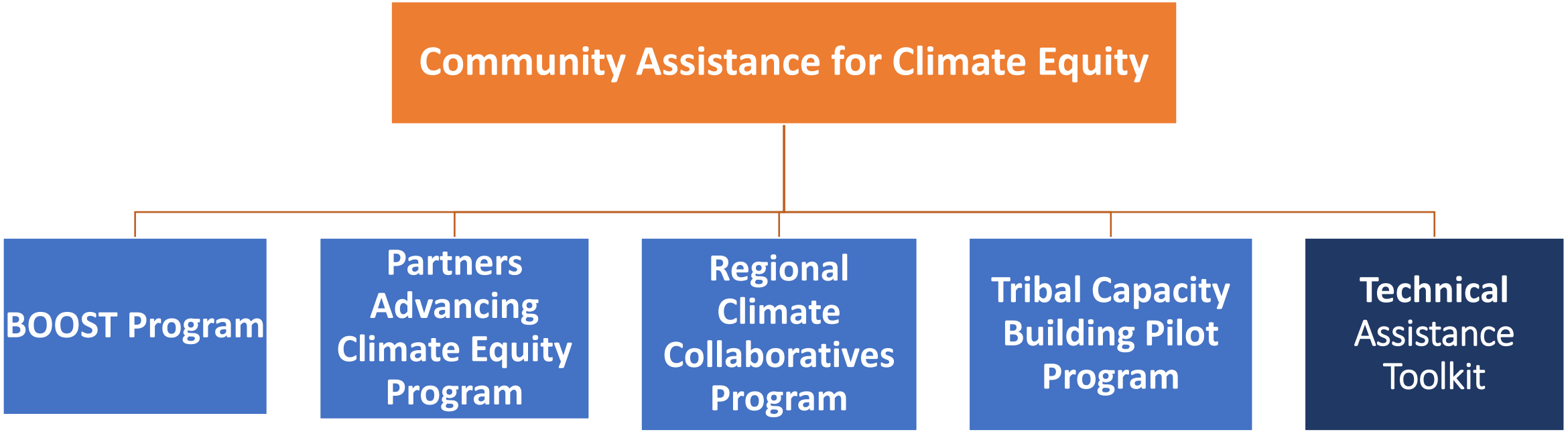
CACE Programs & Initiatives



BOOST

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Increasing local government capacity and addressing resource shortfalls by providing customized coaching—staff training, grant application support, and stakeholder and community engagement—to local governments.

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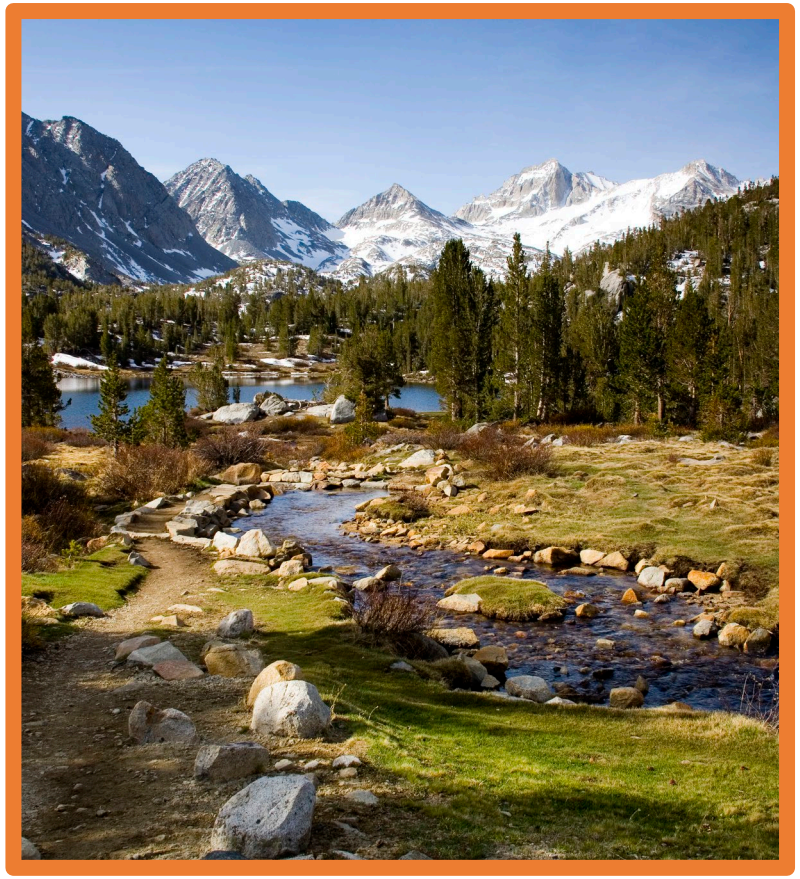
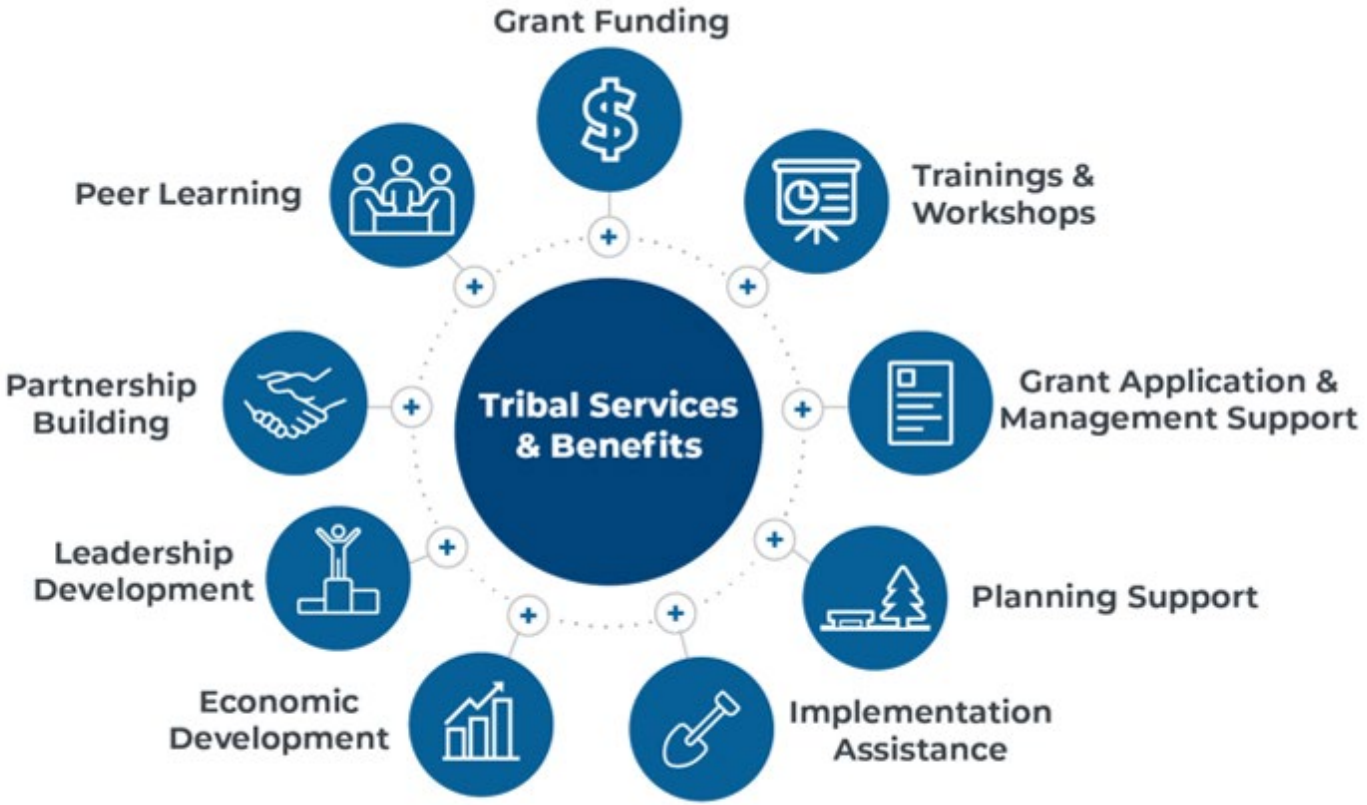
CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS
Cap and Trade Dollars at Work

Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program

- SGC's newest grant program that will provide funding and technical assistance to California Native American Tribes to build staff capacity and fill gaps to advance the tribe's climate-related work.
- The program will provide funding and tailored TA to 3-5 tribes to build long-term readiness to meet each tribe's climate goals.



Tribal Capacity Building Program Services



Regional Climate Collaborative Program

RCC funds coalitions of community-serving partners to:

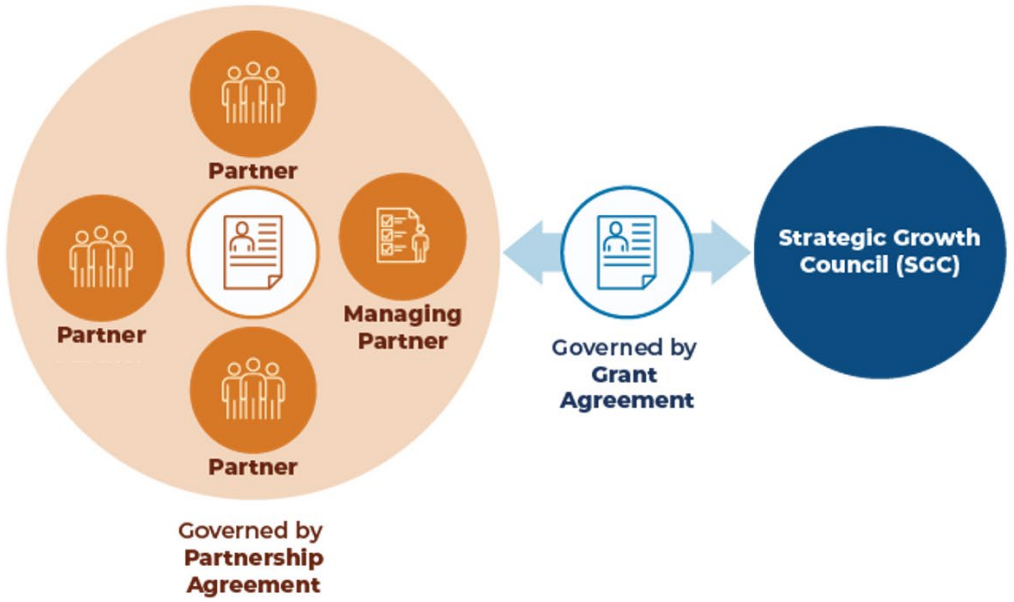
- Establish partnerships
- Align projects with funding opportunities
- Achieve plan and policy readiness
- Create a technical assistance network to pursue and implement investment in communities with the greatest need

Who is in a Collaborative?

Eligible Applicants

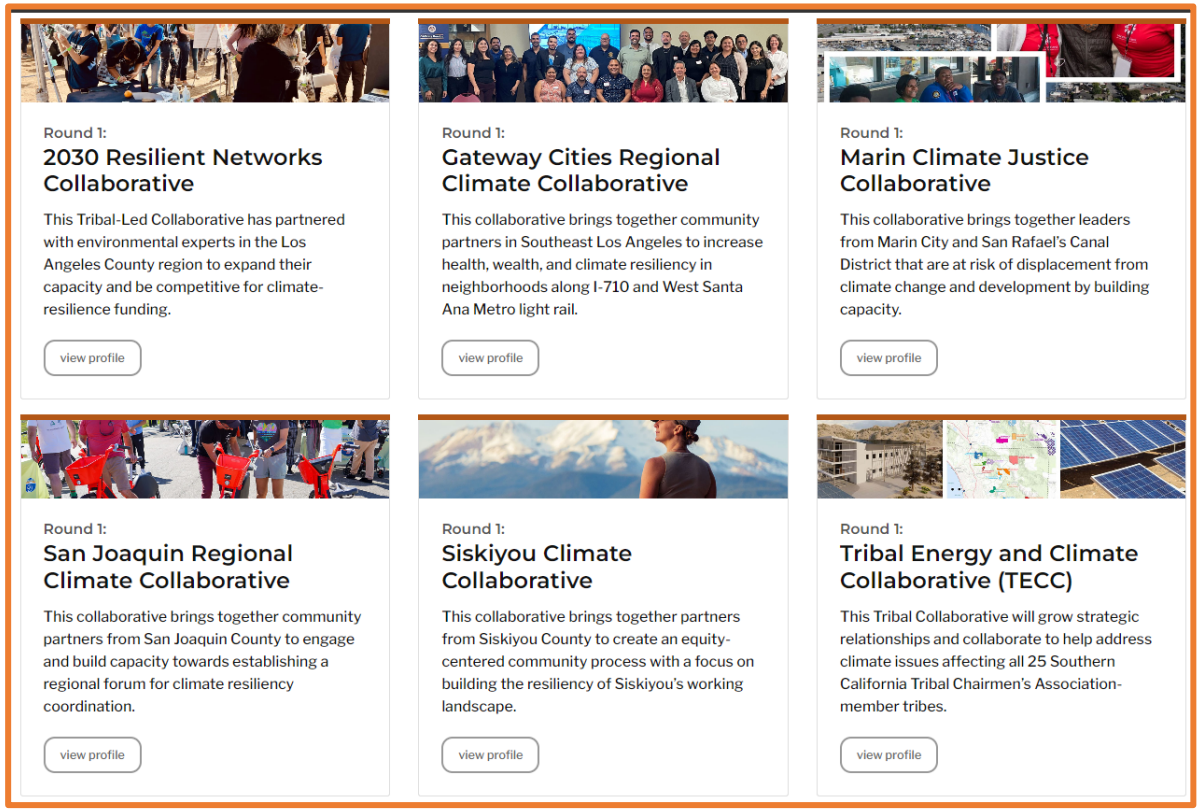
- California Native American Tribes
- Community-Based Organizations & Nonprofits
- Local Public Agencies
- Small Businesses
- Other organizations with a history of providing community-based outreach & technical assistance

Collaborative Partnership Structure



RCC Round 1 Grantees

- 2030 Resilient Networks Collaborative (LA County)
- Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative (LA County)
- San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative
- Siskiyou Climate Collaborative
- Marin Climate Justice Collaborative
- Tribal Energy and Climate Collaborative (TECC) (San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial Counties)



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PARTNERS ADVANCING CLIMATE EQUITY

Increasing the capacity of local leaders to advance community-driven, equitable climate solutions at the pace and scale demanded by climate change and ongoing racial, social, and environmental inequity.

In partnership with:

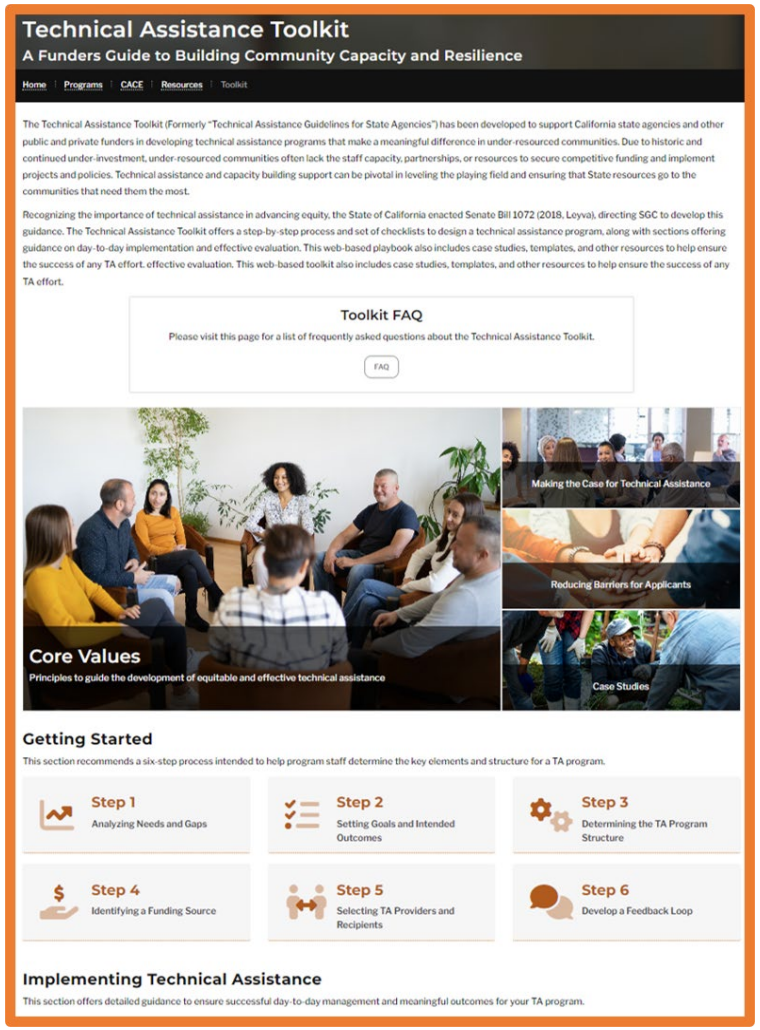
Local Government Commission · Climate Resolve · UPISF · Movement Strategy Center · The Greenlining Institute

Program Evaluation Findings

Capacity building activities continue to benefit recipients beyond the application phase

- **89%** of recipients agreed that receiving TA positively impacted their organization's capacity to **understand and engage in solutions to community change**
- **87%** of TA recipients indicated that receiving TA positively impacted their organization's capacity to **align projects or planning efforts to effective climate solutions**
- **75%** of recipients agreed that their TA provider positively impacted their organization's capacity to **engage in policy development, adoption, or implementation**

Technical Assistance Toolkit



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