



SACOG Board of Directors

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Authorize EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant Application

Issue: SACOG recently partnered with several local member jurisdictions and partner agencies from around the region, and several national and international agencies in applying for the EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant.

Recommendation: Accept the recommendation of the Climate and Air Quality Committee that SACOG staff continue work on the EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant, and that if awarded, proceed with the work outlined in the scope of work.

Committee Action/Discussion: Working with staff from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), ICLEI, the Local Government Commission, and several local jurisdictions, SACOG has sponsored a regional application for the EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant. The grant, a \$10 million portion of the 2009 Appropriations Bill, will fund roughly 30 applicants with between \$100,000 and \$500,000 for greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction activities. The aim of the grant is to create documentable and replicable GHG reductions.

SACOG and partners have outlined a scope of work for creating a method, tools, and templates for the various phases of climate action planning work, which includes: inventories, climate action plans, public outreach, environmental analysis, plan integration with existing policies and programs, and process analysis and documentation. The grant application's total funding request is \$499,284, with a 50% local match of \$249,651. This match will come through in-kind staff time from a combination of SACOG, SMAQMD, and local staff attending working sessions for the inventories and climate action plans, reviewing documents, and holding public workshops. The proposed scope of work is attached.

The grant closed July 22, 2009, and funding is expected to be available in January 2010. Each grant recipient will be showcased through Showcase Communities conferences, a Showcase Communities website, and various EPA networks.

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Scope of Work

A. Emission Inventories and Climate Action Plans

1. Government Operations Inventories

- a. Up to four in-person working sessions conducted by ICLEI

Deliverables:

- Data collection forms and instructions
- Emissions Inventory Report Template (including Government Operations and Community)
- PowerPoint Templates for public presentation of data

- b. Government operations inventory data collection conducted by SACOG and local jurisdictions.

Deliverables:

- Government operations inventory for participating jurisdictions

2. Community Inventories

- a. Up to four in-person working sessions conducted by ICLEI, topics include:

Deliverables:

- Data collection forms and instructions
- Emissions Inventory Report Template (including Government Operations and Community)
- PowerPoint Templates for public presentation of data

- b. Community operations inventory data collection conducted by SACOG and local jurisdictions.

Deliverables:

- Government operations inventory for participating jurisdictions

3. Climate Action Planning

- a. Up to six in-person working sessions conducted by ICLEI, topics include:

Deliverables:

- Climate Action Planning Guidance Documents
- Quantification Tools for Climate Action Planning
- Climate Action Plan Template

- b. Local level climate action plans created from the regional template, and in conjunction with the ICLEI workshops.

Deliverables:

- Climate Action Plans for all participating cities and counties

B. GRIP Workshops

1. Populating the Scenario Tool

- a. Consultant will populate the GRIP scenario tool for the regional inventory.

Deliverables:

- Populated GRIP regional inventory

2. Creating GRIP Menu Interface

- a. Consultant will create a new menu driven for pre-programmed scenarios.

Deliverables:

- GRIP menu driven interface

3. Running the Scenario Sessions

- a. Consultant will conduct three (3) regional scenario formation workshops.

Deliverables:

- Three regional GRIP workshops

4. Final Report

- a. Consultant will generate a final report with details on regional and local level findings.

Deliverables:

- Final report

5. Local Level Scenarios

- a. SACOG will offer technical assistance for workshops using GRIP methods and tools.

Deliverables:

- Local level GRIP workshops
- Technical assistance

C. Climate Action Plan Implementation

1. Environmental Compliance

- a. Consultant will create a guidance document for environmental compliance

Deliverables:

- Guidance document

2. Policy/Program Compliance

- a. model building codes and ordinances

Deliverables:

- Building code and ordinance implementation guide

3. Process Documentation

- a. case study of process with final report

Deliverables:

- Final report