



# Adaptation Planning Grant

Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program

The Adaptation Planning Grant funds holistic climate adaptation plans that address various climate risks. To promote equitable access to the grant, staff have reduced barriers for applicants from disinvested communities and prioritized funding applicants from communities that are most vulnerable to climate change. Staff offer technical assistance, support peer-to-peer learning, and encourage equitable decision-making.



## **CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE**

Due to climate change, California communities are experiencing more frequent and severe floods, wildfires, droughts, and extreme heat events. Achieving resilience to climate change impacts requires climate adaptation. Climate adaptation involves adjusting natural and human systems to evolving environments, while resilience is the capacity of an individual community, organization, or natural system to prepare for disruptions, recover from shocks and stresses, and adapt and grow from disturbances.

## WHAT DOES THE ADAPTATION PLANNING GRANT FUND?

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The program provides funding for an array of climate adaptation planning activities, including:

- » **Exploring and Initiating:** Capacity building, community outreach and engagement, and identifying community goals.
- » **Assessing Vulnerabilities:** Creating climate vulnerability assessments, conducting risk assessments for hazard events, completing studies to address climate impacts, engaging with the community to identify strengths and impacts.
- » **Defining Adaptation Frameworks:** Adopting plans to integrate climate risk, implementing climate action and adaptation plans, developing comprehensive mitigation strategies, engaging community to identify local strategies.
- » **Implementing and Monitoring:** Developing hazard mitigation plans, preparing action plans and grant applications, establishing monitoring and evaluation programs, updating policies to include climate risk, preparing project sites, and engaging the community.

## HOW DOES THE APGP PRIORITIZE EQUITY, INCLUDING FUNDING THE COMMUNITIES MOST VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE?

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Racism, classism, and other historic and systemic factors put some communities at greater risk of climate hazards than others. In response, OPR prioritizes funding applicants whose projects will involve communities that are particularly vulnerable to climate change. The Adaptation Planning Grant team recommends applicants use one of the following tools to identify these communities: CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (CES), California Healthy Places Index (HPI), Climate Change & Health Vulnerability Indicators for California (CCHVI), AFN Web Map, and FEMA's Social Vulnerability Scores.

The Adaptation Planning Grant team also prioritizes funding for specific groups such as California Native American tribes, disadvantaged communities, and/

or Small and Rural Communities as identified by the [ICARP Mapping tool](#). Communities may be considered disadvantaged or under-resourced based on factors like geography, public health, environmental hazards, and socioeconomic conditions. Prioritizing funding the communities most vulnerable to climate change ensures equitable distribution of Adaptation Planning Grants.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR AN ADAPTATION PLANNING GRANT?

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Non-profits, local public entities, California Native American tribes, and community-based organizations are eligible to apply.

## HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

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Round 2 will fund \$9.5M in awards. Grants range from \$100,000 - \$650,000.

## PROGRAM TIMELINE

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- » **November - December 2023:** Round 2 draft guideline public comment period
- » **February 16, 2024:** Notice of Funding Availability, Final Guideline and Application Materials Released
- » **May 20, 2024:** Pre-Application Interest Form Due
- » **June 3, 2024:** Round 2 Application Due Date
- » **August 2024:** Round 2 Awardees Posted
- » **December 2024 – January 2027:** Round 2 project implementation

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Visit the [Adaptation Planning Grant webpage](#) for more information.