

Investigating funding/financing options for supporting climate adaptation in California

Initial thinking and project scoping

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Goals

- Advance the statewide policy conversation about supporting climate change adaptation and resilience through a variety of public and private funding and financing mechanisms.
- Prepare definitions and a practical framework for talking about adaptation funding and financing options with policymakers and key stakeholders.
- Identify gaps and potential opportunities for adjustment of existing funding and financing sources and/or creation of new ones, starting in priority sectors and contexts.

Anticipated approach

- Compilation and desk review of existing research
- Background conversations with experts in relevant fields, e.g., municipal finance, state funding sources
- Briefing to and feedback from key stakeholders
- Synthesis of relevant information
- Recommendations for areas of future work

Anticipated outputs

- White paper with recommendations; summaries of background conversations; communication materials

Potential initial priorities for research

- Water supply and wastewater management
- Coastal protection and flood control
- Measures to address heat and air pollution risks to communities
- Community capacity-building programs

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- Does the TAC have any overall feedback on project goals and structure?
- Are TAC members aware of examples of successful efforts to fund/finance adaptation in other contexts or geographies?
- What subject matter areas would be most useful for a group like RLF to explore?
- What experts should RLF consider talking to?