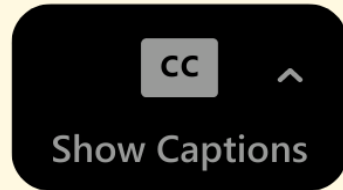




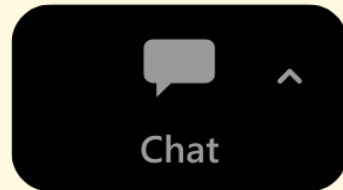
# HEAT & AIR QUALITY RESILIENCE (HAQR) WORK GROUP

Quarterly Meeting  
November 19, 2025

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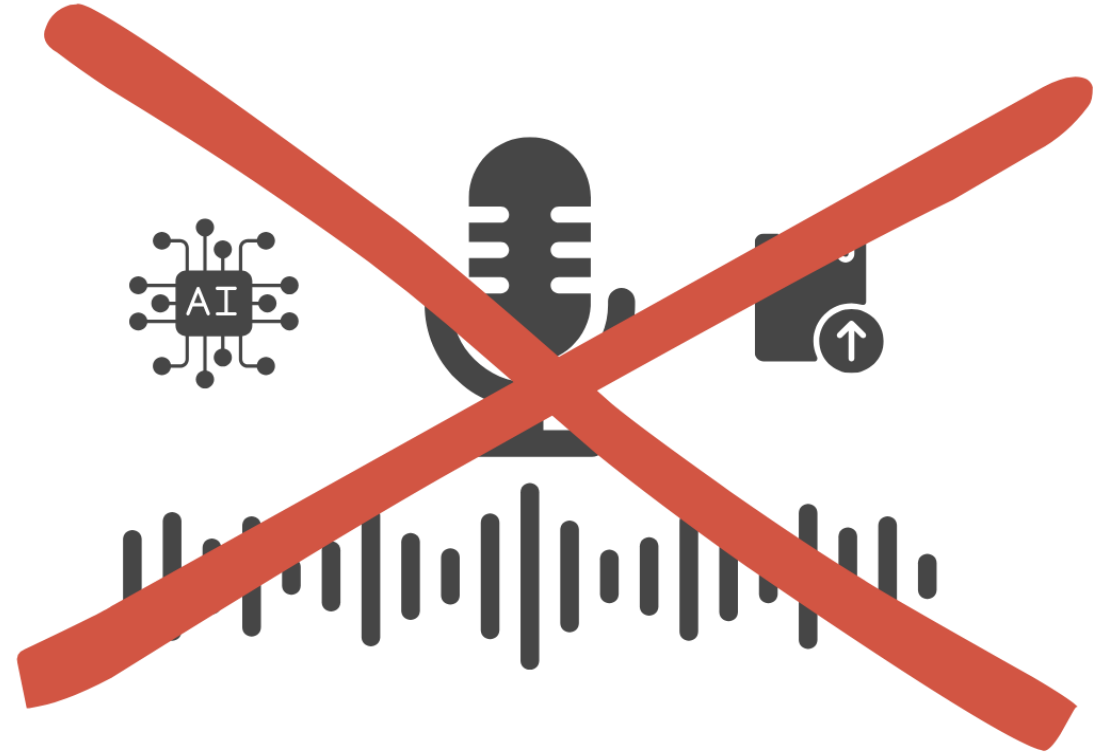
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# Meeting Objectives

- ✓ Review Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program (EHCRP) Round 1
- ✓ Explore EHCRP Round 2 opportunities

# Agenda

- Meeting Objectives
- Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program (EHCRP)
  - Round 1 Reflections
    - County of Santa Clara: Santa Clara County Extreme Heat Resilience Initiatives
    - City of San Jose: Extreme Heat Resiliency in Zero Emissions Neighborhood
  - Round 2 Updates and Resources
    - Summary of upcoming funding opportunity, key timelines, and available materials
- Facilitated Conversation on EHCRP Round 2 Opportunities
  - Share your organization's interest in applying for Round 2 and discuss potential areas for collaboration and alignment with community needs
- HAQR Information Share
  - Opportunity to share exciting updates, initiatives, or announcements from your organization
- Next Steps & Closing

# Thank You to our Co-Chairs C.J. and Marsha



**C.J. Gabbe**

Santa Clara University



**Marsha Hovey**

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# Santa Clara County Extreme Heat Resilience Initiative

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# 2024 Application Highlights

## Project Vision

- Build extreme heat resilience among seniors, pilot innovative strategies grounded in local research, and expand access to cooling centers in disadvantaged communities

## Project Goals

- Implement a heat awareness campaign curated to seniors
- Increase access to cooling centers in disadvantaged communities
- Distribute heat relief kits to seniors and other vulnerable populations

## Partnerships

- Lead Applicant: County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability and Resilience
- Co-Applicant: Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
- Contributors:
  - Self-Help for the Elderly (SHFE)
  - Korean American Community Services (KACS)
  - Asian Americans for Community Involvement (ACCI)
  - Santa Clara University (SCU)
- Supporter:
  - Santa Clara County Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort (CADRE)

## Project Details

- Large Implementation Grant
- \$1.9 million project proposal





# Lessons Learned

- Highly competitive grant
- Application scored well, but not high enough to get funded
- Scope may have been too narrow
- Implementation vs collaboratives



# Extreme Heat Resiliency in Zero Emissions Neighborhood



**Seena Eghtedar-Shenas**

City of San José



**Sarah Emerson**

City of San José



# EXTREME HEAT AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAM GRANT IN ZERO EMISSIONS NEIGHBORHOOD

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**Presented to:** Heat and Air Quality Resilience Work Group Meeting  
November 19, 2025

**Presented by:** Seena Eghtedar-Shenas, Sarah Emerson



# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applied for Small Implementation Grant
  - Submitted Spring 2024, awarded Nov 2024, and contract executed May 2025
- No Co-Applicants or Contributors (no funded partners), but two Supporters
  - **McLaughlin Area Tenants (MAT)** – Local neighborhood association
  - **Project Hope** – City of San José community empowerment initiative that collaborates with marginalized communities to provide resources, offer support, and enact change
  - Climate Smart team has long-standing relationships with MAT and Project Hope through Zero Emissions Neighborhood (ZEN) pilot

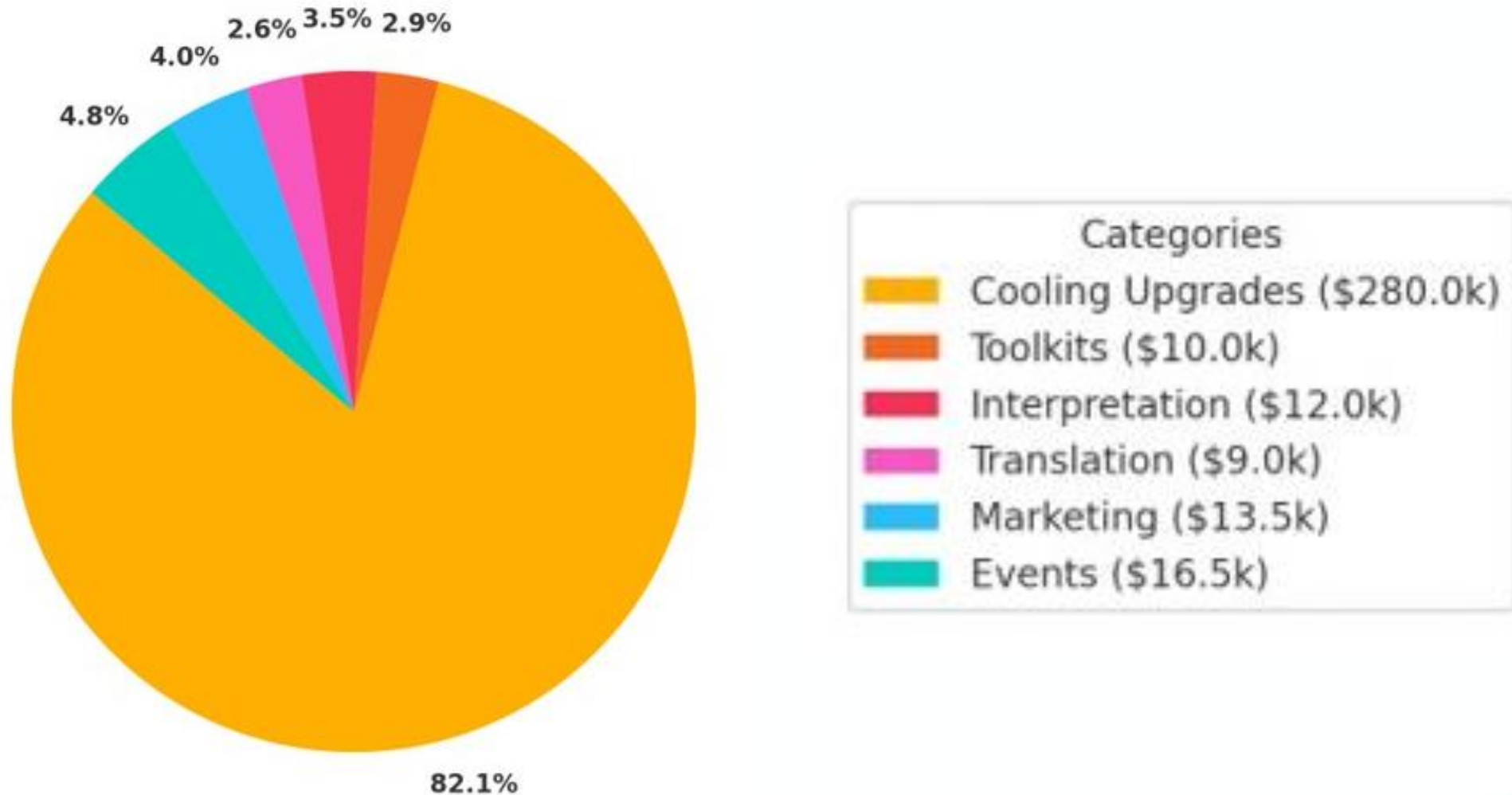


# ZEN BACKGROUND

- ZEN pilot
  - Santee selected as ZEN pilot neighborhood in 2022
- Projects completed related to
  - Urban greening (May 2023 – June 2025)
  - Building electrification (Mar. 2024 – May 2025)
- Current projects
  - Urban freight pilot (ongoing)
  - Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP) grant (June 2025 – Dec. 2027)



# EHCRP PROJECT OVERVIEW



# KEY EHCRP TASKS

## Five-phased project into Dec 2027:

- ▶ **Task 1:** Project design & kickoff with partners
- 📢 **Task 2:** Community engagement & outreach campaigns
- 📋 **Task 3:** Incentive program implementation (HVAC, weatherization, load control)
- ✓ **Task 4:** Monitoring & evaluation
- 📊 **Task 5:** Final reporting & lessons learned

# PROJECT GOALS

**Duration:** 30 months (June 2025 – Dec 2027)

**Purpose:** Partner with community-based organizations to increase community resilience to extreme heat through upgrades, outreach, and capacity-building

1. Upgrade Roosevelt Community Center
2. Reduce extreme heat impacts in high-burden communities; i.e. Santee neighborhood and surrounding equity communities
3. Enhance equity by prioritizing vulnerable neighborhoods
4. Distribute 100 heat resiliency toolkits and other educational resources to residents based on community input



# DESIRED RESULTS



INITIATE  
CLIMATE  
RESILIENCY HUB  
AT ROOSEVELT  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER



GREATER  
RESIDENT  
AWARENESS OF  
HEAT RESILIENCY  
MEASURES AND  
EDUCATIONAL  
RESOURCES



REPLICABLE  
MODEL FOR  
OTHER  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
IN SAN JOSÉ

# TIMELINE (30 MONTHS)



Months 1-6: Project design, initial outreach materials, kickoff meetings



Months 7-18: Incentive program roll-out and ongoing community engagement



Months 19-30: Implementation wrap-up, performance tracking, reporting

# ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS

- **City of San José, Energy Department:** Lead administration, reporting, oversight
- **Community Partners:** Project Hope, McLaughlin Area Tenants
  - Outreach, resident engagement, program participation
- **Contractors:** TBD
- **Other Collaborating City Departments:** Public Works; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services

# WORK COMPLETED TO-DATE

- Planning activities with McLaughlin Area Tenants and Project Hope
- Two community meetings
  - Councilmember engagement to increase support and visibility
- Community survey and results analysis
  - Survey indicated high interest in information about:
    - Incentive programs for renters and estimated savings from electrifying
    - Ways to stay cool at home, ways to recognize/treat heat illness, and checklist to prepare for emergencies/disasters
- Currently planning for extreme heat toolkits and outreach based on this input
- Upcoming work (2026-2027): toolkit distribution, continued community meetings, outreach, and rollout of implementation upgrades

**Questions?**



# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program

**Braden Kay**

California Governor's  
Office of Land Use and  
Climate Innovation



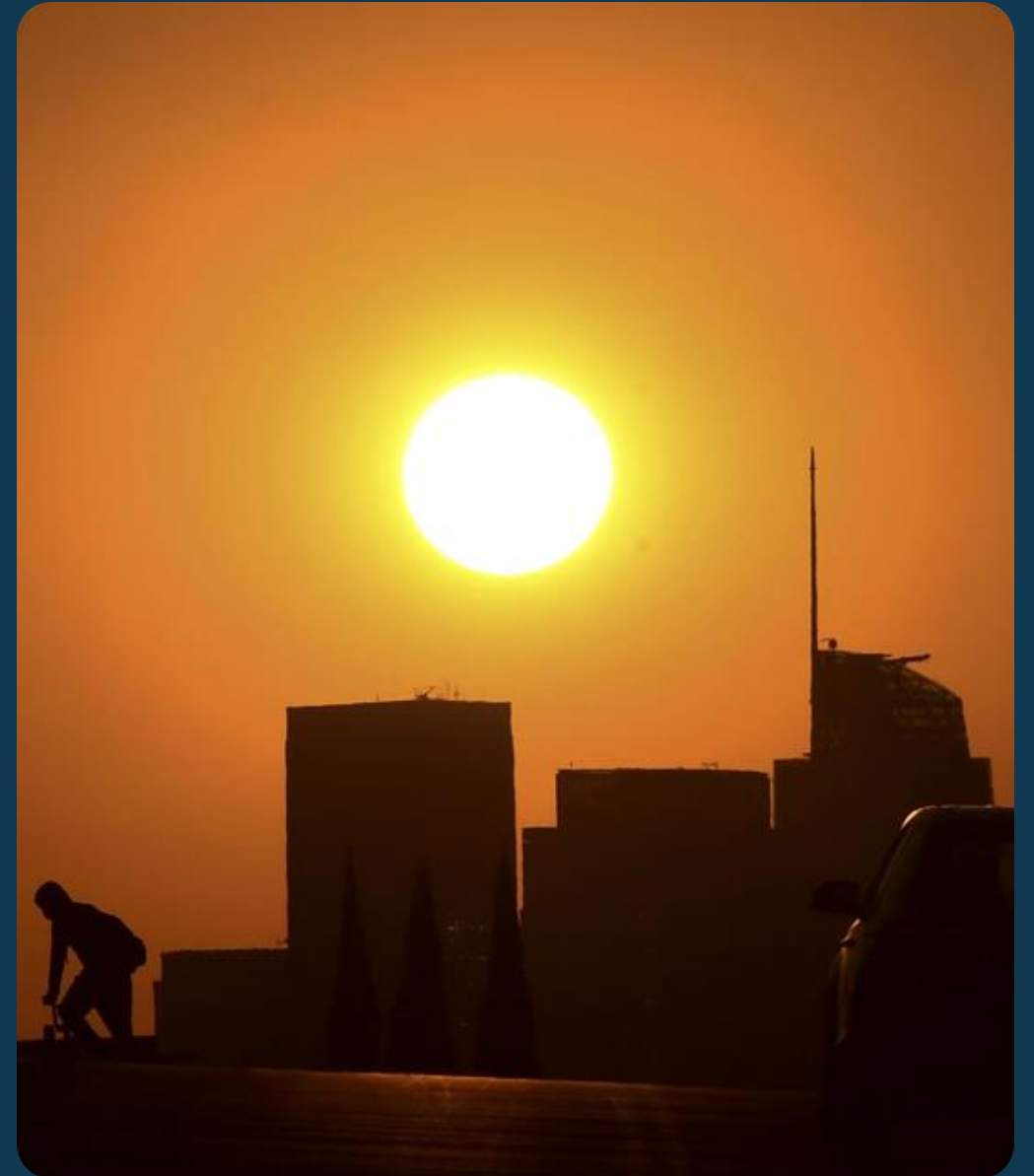
# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP) Community Input Session Report-Out

CA Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI)

October 2025

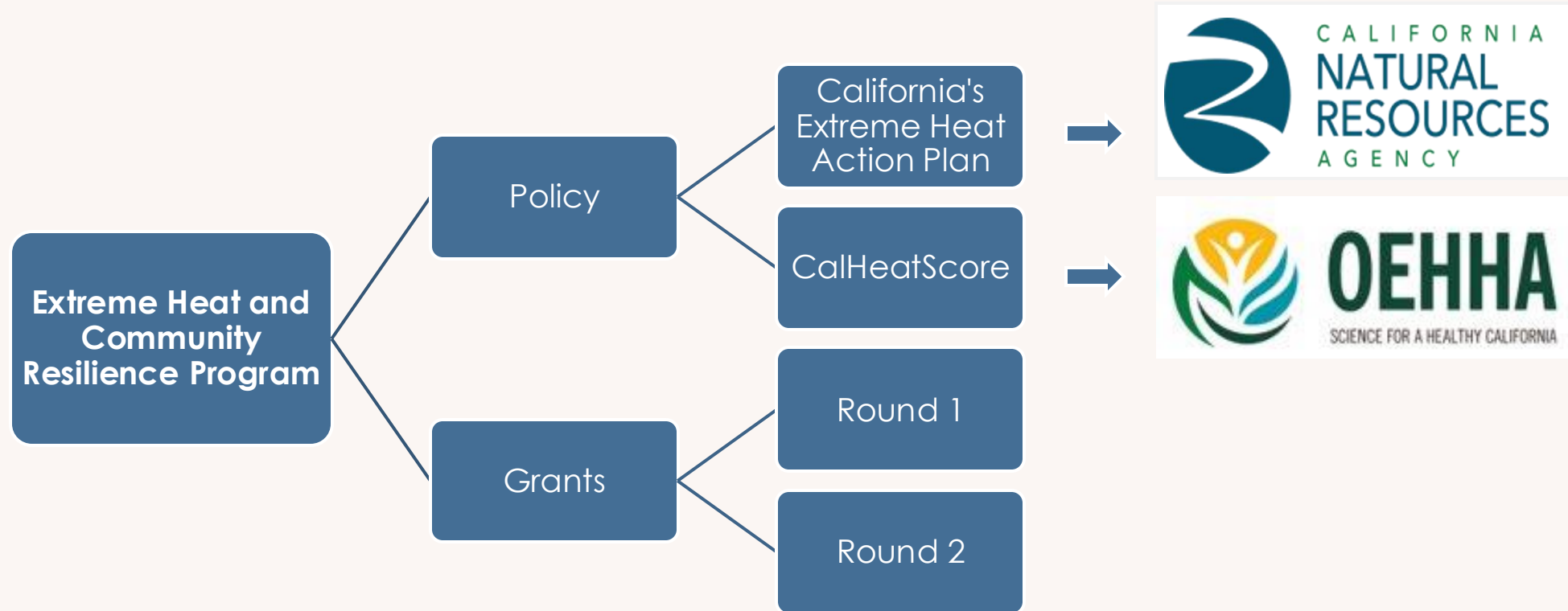


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# Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation



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# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Round 1 Grantees

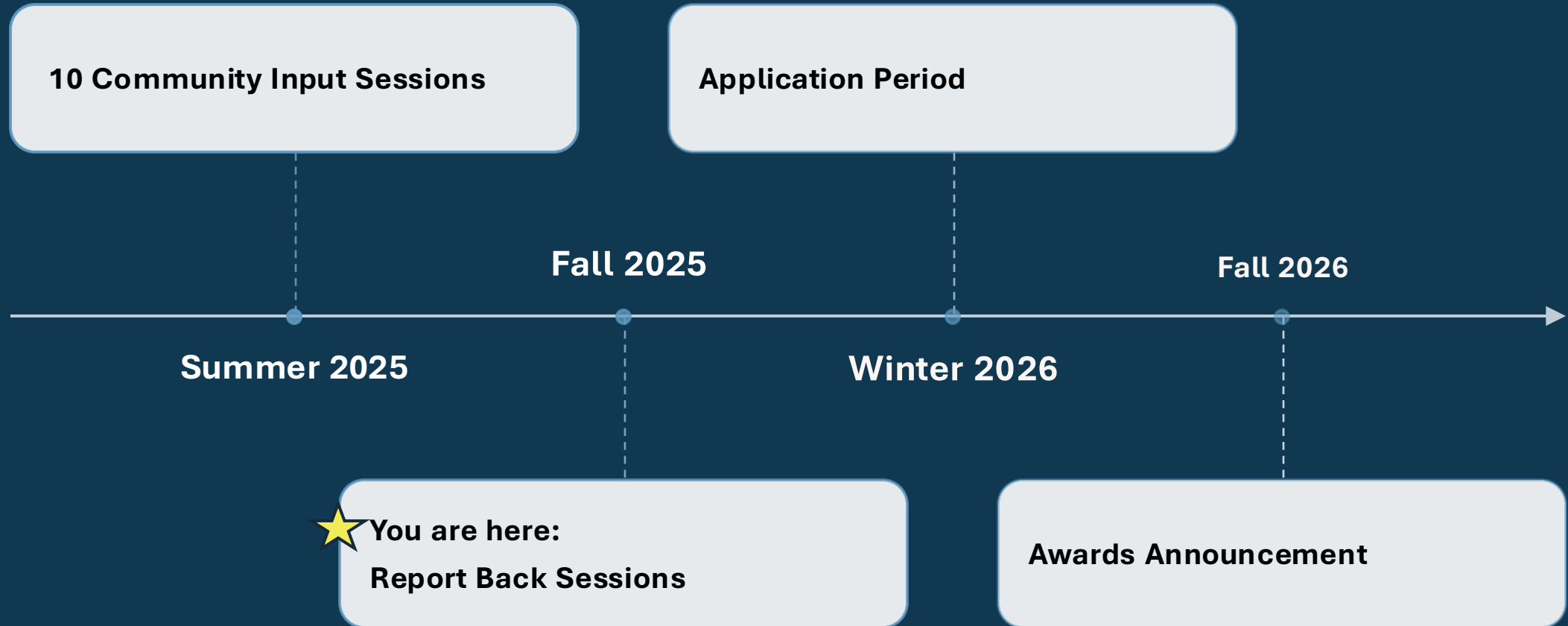
\$ 32 million awarded

 45 grants in 23 counties

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# Round 2 Timeline



# UPDATED Award Amounts

Total Funding Available: \$22.5  
Million for 30-month projects

	Project Amount	Infrastructure	Partnerships and Belonging
Early Transformative Infrastructure	\$600,000 - \$1M	25% Demonstration Project	15%
Advanced Transformative Infrastructure	\$2.5M - \$4M	70% to 85% Infrastructure	10%



- Tribes are exempt from the partnership requirement.

# Round 2 Funding



22.5 million allocated



Greenhouse Gas Reduction  
Fund and Proposition 4



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# Eligible Applicants



**Community Based Organizations (CBOs)**



**Local and Regional Public Entities**



**Public Academic Institutions**



**California Native American Tribes**



# Partnership Requirements

Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) ↔ Local or Regional Public Entities

Public Academic Institutions ↔ CBO and Local or Regional Public Entities

California Native American Tribes : None



# Finding your project partner

Statewide

Central Coast

Inland Desert

Los Angeles

North Coast

San Diego

San Francisco Bay Area

San Joaquin Valley

Sierra Nevada



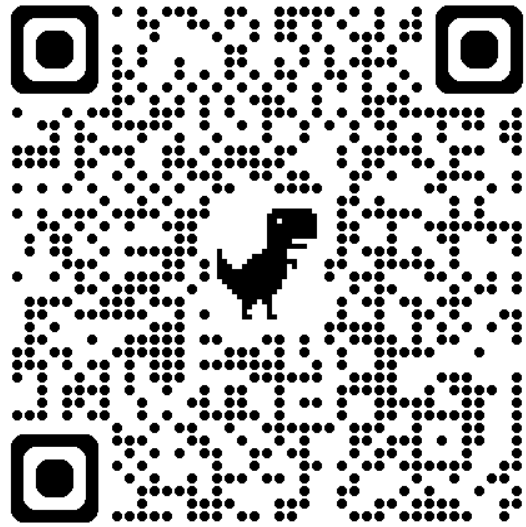
Partnership Hosting Tool

Register with QR Code

Deadline to add contact  
information 12/15

Online Form

# Thank You!



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## STAY CONNECTED



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**Questions?**



# **Facilitated Discussion on the EHCRP Grant**


# Report Outs

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# Thank you!

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## Next Quarterly Meeting

February 25, 2026  
10:30am – 12:00pm