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Notice of Funding Availability Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program

TO: All Potential Applicants

FROM: Extreme Heat Program Staff, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY – TOTAL OF \$27.5 MILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AWARDS FOR ROUND 2 OF THE EXTREME HEAT AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAM

The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for Round 2 of the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (Extreme Heat Program) through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The Extreme Heat Program anticipates that \$27.5 million will be available for competitive awards in Round 2. Funding for the Extreme Heat Program is provided by the Climate Bond (Proposition 4) and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. All applicants must submit the Pre-Application Interest Form to access the Full Application Form via the online platform Submittable.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program will fund infrastructure projects to reduce the impacts of extreme heat and build community resilience. Projects will protect people most harmed by extreme heat, do so in partnership with the communities they serve, create infrastructure that fosters a sense of belonging, and ensure that investments contribute to lasting change.

LCI, through ICARP, administers the Extreme Heat Program and receives funds to implement it through the provision of grants and staff support. The Extreme Heat Grant Guidelines (Guidelines) contain information for potential applicants, including application components and criteria that will be used to review applications. Depending on the grant type, applications can request between \$750,000 and \$4.5 million in total state funding for infrastructure projects spanning from thirty to forty-eight months.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants may include, but are not limited to: Local and Regional Public Entities, California Native American Tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purposes of Chapter 905 of the Statutes of 2004 (Pub. Resources Code, § 21073), Community-Based Organizations, Public Higher Academic Institutions, and Coalitions.

Grant Types

LCI reserves the right to reallocate funds to future grant rounds in the event of undersubscription and/or awardee or applicant ineligibility.

1. **Early Infrastructure Projects:** A total of \$7.5 million will be available. Each award ranges from \$750,000 to \$1.2 million. Applicants must develop a heat-related infrastructure planning document that identifies where infrastructure will be deployed and how it will protect vulnerable populations from extreme heat within a defined geographic area. The planning document must be supported by an infrastructure demonstration project, and both must be completed within 30 months of the grant award start date.
2. **Advanced Infrastructure Projects:** A total of \$20 million will be available. Each award ranges from \$3 to \$4.5 million. Applicants must implement infrastructure that protects vulnerable populations from extreme heat. Projects must be informed by prior planning efforts that demonstrate a feasible infrastructure solution and a defined project location. Feasibility requirements are detailed in the Guidelines. Additionally, applicants must develop a Future Implementation Playbook that documents lessons learned and identifies opportunities to expand or replicate heat resilience investments in the future.

Applicants must demonstrate that construction will be completed within 48 months of the grant award start date.

Co-Applicant Requirements

A Co-Applicant is required to ensure each team has the expertise, community participation, implementation and operational capacity needed to deliver the project. The list below outlines how the requirement can be met based on the Lead Applicant type.

- **Local or regional public entity:** Co-Applicant must be a CBO or California Native American Tribe.
- **CBO:** Co-Applicant must be a local or regional public entity or California Native American Tribe.
- **Public higher academic institution:** Co-Applicant must be both a CBO and a local or regional public entity or California Native American Tribe.
- **Coalition:** Co-Applicant must be both a CBO and a local or regional public entity or California Native American Tribe.
- **California Native American Tribe:** No Co-Applicant required.

Exceptions for CBO Lead Applicants Without a Co-Applicant (Early Infrastructure Projects Only): CBO Lead Applicants that cannot apply with a local or regional public entity or California Native American Tribe at the time of application must include as part of their application a justification explaining barriers to applying with a Co-Applicant and plans to develop these partnerships as part of the grant; a letter of support from a local or regional public entity or Tribe, if possible; and include partnership development activities in the workplan and budget.

Application Process

Pre-Application Interest Form: Prospective applicants must complete a Pre-Application Interest Form to gain access to the Full Application. There are two submission windows. Applicants are encouraged to submit their Pre-Application Interest Form as soon as Window 1 opens, even if they do not plan on requesting technical assistance. The form includes the same questions in both windows and covers project name and type, project description, and assessment of whether the project is likely to receive funding priority points. Staff will provide feedback on eligibility and alignment with eligible activities within three weeks of each window closing.

- **Window 1 (Technical Assistance Request Available):** Opens June 16 and closes July 21 at 2:00 PM PST. Applicants may submit during this window whether or not they intend to request Technical Assistance.

- **Window 2 (No Technical Assistance Requests):** Opens July 1 and closes August 11 at 2:00 PM PST.

Full Application Form: Applicants who complete a Pre-Application Interest Form will receive a link to the Full Application along with their feedback. The Full Application includes narrative questions, a workbook with workplan and budget, and other documentation as applicable.

Applications must meet all the eligibility requirements upon submission. Once submitted, applications cannot be modified. Incomplete applications or materials submitted separately via email before or after the deadline will not be accepted.

The Full Application Form closes on October 13 at 2:00 PM PST.

After the application deadline, staff may request clarifying information or inquire as to where the application-specific information is located provided that such information does not affect the competitive rating of the application. No information, whether written or oral, will be solicited or accepted if this information would result in a competitive advantage to an applicant or a competitive disadvantage to other applicants.

Application Scoring

Extreme Heat Program staff will first review applications for eligibility and completeness. Eligible applications then move to scoring, which has three parts: an interagency review panel scores the narrative out of 55 points using the criteria in the Guidelines; applications claiming meaningful and direct benefits to Funding Priority Groups are scored out of an additional 15 points; and the workplan and budget are scored out of 20 points. Together, these add up to a single score out of 90 points.

Top-scoring applicants are then invited to a final interview or site visit, scored out of 10 points, bringing the cumulative score to a possible 100 points. Extreme Heat Program staff recommend awards based on that cumulative score, and LCI makes the final decisions.

Basis of Appeals

1. Upon receipt of a notice that an application has been determined to be ineligible, fail threshold review, or was not awarded based on final scores, applicants under this NOFA may appeal such decision(s) to LCI pursuant to this section.
2. Applicants may not appeal a decision based on another applicant's point score, award, denial of award or other matter related to the fitness of another applicant.
3. The appeal process provided herein applies solely to the decision of LCI made in this program NOFA and does not apply to any decisions made with respect to any previously issued NOFAs or decisions to be made pursuant to future NOFAs announced by LCI.

Appeal Process and Deadlines

This NOFA provides two categories of appeal. Each is governed by its own deadline and conditions below. To appeal, applicants must submit a formal letter on organizational letterhead, signed by an authorized representative, sent to Extreme.Heat@lci.ca.gov. Appeals based on new evidence or changes to the application will not be considered. LCI's written determination may include a request for clarifying and/or corrective information. For purposes of this section, "clarifying information" includes information and/or documentation that resolves ambiguities in any application materials that will inform the Extreme Heat Program's threshold, scoring and feasibility determinations.

1. **Funding Priority Points Determination:** After staff notify an applicant through Submittable of the Funding Priority points determination, an applicant who disagrees with the Funding Priority points determination of their application may appeal. The appeal must be received by LCI within one week of the date of the Submittable notification. The letter must explain why the applicant disagrees and how the application, as submitted, meets all four meaningful-and-direct-benefits criteria. Determinations not appealed within the deadline are final. LCI will respond within two weeks with a final decision.
2. **Eligibility and Final Application Outcomes:** Applicants may appeal LCI's determination that an application is incomplete, has failed threshold review, or has otherwise been disqualified. The appeal must be received by LCI no later than 15 days from the date of LCI's determination letter. The letter appeal must state all relevant facts, arguments, and evidence, and identify the specific section(s) of the application supporting the appeal. LCI will respond within forty-five days with a final decision.

Appeal Decision

Any request to appeal to LCI's decision regarding an Extreme Heat Program application shall be reviewed for consistency with the Guidelines, its goals, and this NOFA. All decisions rendered are final, binding, and conclusive, and constitute the final action of LCI. For more information on the appeal process, please refer to Section 6. Eligibility and Section 7. Funding Priorities of the Guidelines.

Grant Application Support

Extreme Heat Program staff will provide Technical Assistance to selected applicants and at other support events open to all.

1. **Technical Assistance (TA):** The Extreme Heat Program will offer technical assistance through a third-party provider to support applicants in developing

their Full Application. Priority will be given to Funding Priority applicants, unawarded Round 1 applicants, and those without grant-writing support. Assistance may include one-on-one meetings, email guidance, templates, and feedback on application sections. Applicants must submit a Pre-Application Interest Form during Window 1 to request assistance. Technical assistance does not include full application reviews or drafting narratives and does not guarantee funding.

2. **Other Support:** Extreme Heat Program staff will host optional events during the application period, including informational sessions, workshops, webinars, and office hours. All events will be accessible virtually and by phone. Dates and details will be posted on the Extreme Heat Program [webpage](#) once confirmed.

Questions

During the application process, direct questions to Extreme Heat Program staff through the address or contact information listed below:

Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program

Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation 1400 Tenth St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone: (916) 322-2318 - Email: Extreme.Heat@lci.ca.gov

Questions may be submitted during optional virtual events or in writing using the contact information above. Staff will compile responses into a question-and-answer document posted on the Extreme Heat Program [webpage](#) and shared with all Pre-Application Interest Form respondents. Note that verbal communication with staff is not binding on the state.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

State Prevailing Wages

Program funds awarded under this NOFA are subject to State prevailing wage law, as set forth in Labor Code Section 1720 et seq., and require the payment of prevailing wages unless the project meets one of the exceptions of Labor Code 1720 (c) as determined by the Department of Industrial Relations. Applicants are urged to seek professional advice as to how to comply with State prevailing wage law.

Disclosure and Application of Information

Information provided in the Extreme Heat Program applications will become a public record available for review pursuant to the Public Records Act. As such, any materials provided will be disclosable to any person making a public records request. Applicants should use discretion in providing information that is not specifically requested, including, but not limited to, bank

account numbers, personal phone numbers and home addresses. By providing this information in an application, the applicant waives any claim of confidentiality and consents to the public disclosure of all submitted material. Awarded applications will be posted on the Extreme Heat Program website.

Right to Modify or Suspend

The Extreme Heat Program reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, amend, or modify the provisions of this NOFA at any time, including without limitation, the amount of funds available hereunder. If such an action occurs, Extreme Heat Program staff will notify all interested parties via email and will post the revisions to the Extreme Heat Program website.

Conflicts

In the event of any conflict between the terms of this NOFA and either applicable state or federal law or regulation, the terms of the applicable state or federal law or regulation shall control.

RESOURCES AND QUESTIONS

Information about the Extreme Heat Program, including the Guidelines, application resources, technical assistance, and other resources can be found at the following website:

<https://www.lci.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/extreme-heat-community-resilience/>

Questions may be directed to the Extreme Heat Program by email at Extreme.Heat@lci.ca.gov.