

**Note:** The questions below reflect the general scope and intent of what applicants will see on Submittable. Final questions and formatting may vary slightly on the platform due to software configuration and updates prior to launch.

## **Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program Round 2 Pre-Application Interest Form Draft**

Welcome to the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program (ICARP) [Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program \(Extreme Heat Program\)](#) Round 2 Application Process. The goals of the Pre-Application Interest Form are:

- Support applicants and Extreme Heat Program staff assess basic eligibility and whether the proposed early concept aligns with project eligibility.
- Identify applicants and areas of their application that will need support through our third-party technical assistance (TA). TA is only available to applicants that participate in the first Pre-Application Interest Form Window 1 (June 16, 2026 – July 21, 2026)
- To access the full application, prospective applicants must first complete the Pre-Application Interest Form. A link to the Full Application will be shared along with feedback.

Key information about the Extreme Heat Program is provided below; however, applicants are strongly encouraged to review the Guidelines in full before completing this form. For inquiries, contact Extreme Heat Program staff at [Extreme.Heat@lci.ca.gov](mailto:Extreme.Heat@lci.ca.gov).

### **Extreme Heat Program Background**

#### **Timeline**

- **NOFA, Guidelines, and Pre-Application Interest Form Window 1 Release:** June 16, 2026
- **Pre-Application Interest Form Window 1 Deadline:** July 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM
- **Pre-Application Interest Form Window 2 Release:** July 1, 2026
- **Pre-Application Interest Form Window 2 Deadline:** August 11, 2026, at 2:00 PM
- **Full Application Deadline:** October 13, 2026, at 2:00 PM

#### **Program Values**

1. **Harm Reduction** reflects a commitment to acting with urgency to reduce immediate heat-related illness and death, particularly in communities that face disproportionate exposure due to historic and ongoing inequities in infrastructure investment.
2. **Partnership** recognizes that effective solutions require both community knowledge and implementation capacity. Communities most affected by extreme heat bring critical lived experience and insight into local conditions, while public agencies and

other institutions provide the authority, resources, and scale needed to deliver infrastructure.

3. **Belonging** ensures that infrastructure is designed with and for the people who use it. Projects center the needs of communities through inclusive, community-driven design processes. They incorporate input from diverse residents, reflect local languages and cultures, and acknowledge past and ongoing harm.
4. **Lasting Community Benefits** recognizes that addressing extreme heat requires investments that extend beyond individual projects, contributing to the long-term resilience and well-being of communities vulnerable to extreme heat. Through activities, lessons learned, and relationships generated during the grant term, projects should build momentum for additional investment.

### **Project Types**

The Extreme Heat Program funds Early and Advanced Infrastructure projects to reduce the impacts of extreme heat, build community resilience, and create frameworks for change.

- **Early Infrastructure:** Grantees 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. Awards range from \$750,000 to \$1.2 million.
- **Advanced Infrastructure:** Grantees must implement heat-related infrastructure that protects vulnerable populations from extreme heat. Projects must be based on prior planning efforts that demonstrate a feasible infrastructure solution and a defined project location (see feasibility requirements in the Guidelines). In addition to completing the proposed infrastructure grantees 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. Awards range from \$3 million to \$4.5 million.

### **Instructions**

The Lead Applicant should submit one form per project. The information provided in this form will be utilized by the Extreme Heat Program staff to review project proposals and provide feedback on basic eligibility and whether early concepts align with project eligibility.

### **Lead Applicant Information**

1. Lead Applicant Organization Name:

2. Contact Name (Primary contact at Lead Applicant Organization):
3. Contact Email (Primary contact at Lead Applicant Organization):
4. Alternative Contact Name (Alternative contact at Lead Applicant Organization):
5. Alternative Contact Email (Alternative contact Lead Applicant Organization):
6. Lead Applicant Entity Type: [Drop down with eligible entities]
7. The following questions are purely for reference purposes and will not have an impact on your application assessment. Check all that apply:
  - My organization applied as a Lead Applicant to Round 1 of the Extreme Heat Program.
  - This is the first time my organization is applying as a Lead Applicant to the Extreme Heat Program.
  - I, or someone from my organization, attended a listening session in summer 2025.
  - I, or someone from my organization, attended a partnership support webinar in the fall 2025.
  - My organization has previous experience receiving state funding.
  - My organization has previously applied for other state funding for this project.
  - I, or someone from my organization, attended the Round 2 Draft Guidelines Public Comment Webinar in February 2026.

### **Project Information**

1. What is your project's title? **Note:** In 10 words or less, include your area of work and what your project will do. Aim for clarity and creativity - a title that helps reviewers understand and feel that purpose of your work (e.g., Chill Out, City of Seasons! From Riverside Street to the City: A Cool Corridor Demonstration and Master Plan).
2. Which type of project is this? [*skip logic: Early Infrastructure, Advanced Infrastructure*]
  - 2a. [Early Infrastructure option]:** Please describe your proposed demonstration project
  - 2b. [Advanced Infrastructure option]:** Please describe your proposed infrastructure project
3. Provide the location address for your demonstration or infrastructure project.
4. Provide the estimated dollar amount requested for your project (e.g., 1200000).
5. What is your proposed demonstration or infrastructure project, who will it serve, and how will it reduce harm from extreme heat?
6. All applications require a Co-Applicant. The Co-Applicant requirement varies depending on the Lead Applicant type (see Section 6. Eligibility of the Guidelines). Have you identified a Co-Applicant for your project?
  - Yes (continue to 6a)
    - 6a. Please provide the organization name, type, and summary of their role in the project: [*open ended*]

- No, we have not identified a Co-Applicant yet
- I am a Tribal applicant and will not be applying with a Co-Applicant
- I am a CBO Lead Applicant planning to apply without a Co-Applicant under the Early Infrastructure Projects exception (see Section 6. Eligibility of the Guidelines)

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### **Co-Applicant Requirement**

A Co-Applicant is required to ensure each team has the expertise, community participation, implementation and operational capacity needed to deliver the project. The table 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 or Tribal Entity:** No Co-Applicant required.

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### **Funding Priorities Points: Preliminary Assessment**

The following questions are intended to help staff conduct a preliminary assessment of whether your project will provide meaningful and direct benefits to one of the Funding Priority Groups. Applicants should answer to the best of their ability. Responses can be updated in the Full Application.

Program staff will provide feedback on the likelihood of receiving funding priority points based on these responses, though this is not a final determination. Final points will be awarded based on narrative responses and a certification of meaningful and direct benefits submitted as part of the Full Application. The list below summarizes the points available for each Funding Priority Group. For full information on eligibility and how points are awarded, see Section 7: Funding Priorities of the Guidelines.

- **California Native American Tribes:** 15 points
- **Severely Disadvantaged Communities:** 15 points
- **Vulnerable Populations:** 12 points
- **Disadvantaged Communities:** 10 points

### **1. Funding Priority Group Selection**

From the dropdown, select one Funding Priority Group your project will provide meaningful and direct benefits to:

- Federally recognized Native American Tribe or a non-federally recognized Native American Tribe on the California Tribal Consultation [List](#) maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission **(if selected, continue to 1a)**
- Severely Disadvantaged Community or Disadvantaged Community **(if selected, continue to 1b)**
- Vulnerable Population **(if selected, continue to 1c)**
- None of the above

### **1a. California Native American Tribe**

If your project will provide meaningful and direct benefits to a federally recognized Native American Tribe or a non-federally recognized Native American Tribe on the California Tribal Consultation List, provide the name of the Tribe below.

- Name of Tribe: [Insert name]

### **1b. Severely Disadvantaged or Disadvantaged Community**

If your project will provide meaningful and direct benefits to a Severely Disadvantaged or Disadvantaged Community, use the [2024 Climate Bond Disadvantaged Communities Map](#) to identify the communities your project will serve. See Appendix E: Guide to Assessing Funding Priority Points for support. Indicate up to five communities below.

- **Community 1**
  - Census Tract GEOID #: [open field]
  - (S)DAC Status: [dropdown]
- **Community 2**
  - Census Tract GEOID #: [open field]
  - (S)DAC Status: [dropdown]
- **Community 3**
  - Census Tract GEOID #: [open field]
  - (S)DAC Status: [dropdown]
- **Community 4**
  - Census Tract GEOID #: [open field]
  - (S)DAC Status: [dropdown]

- **Community 5**
  - Census Tract GEOID #: [open field]
  - (S)DAC Status: [dropdown]

### **1c. Vulnerable Population**

If your project will provide meaningful and direct benefits to a Vulnerable Population, use the [Vulnerable Communities Platform](#) to identify the communities your project will serve. See Appendix E: Guide to Assessing Funding Priority Points for support. Indicate up to five communities below.

- **Community 1**
  - Tract or Block Group #: [open field]
  - Climate Now Score: [open field]
  - Social Score: [open field]
- **Community 2**
  - Tract or Block Group #: [open field]
  - Climate Now Score: [open field]
  - Social Score: [open field]
- **Community 3**
  - Tract or Block Group #: [open field]
  - Climate Now Score: [open field]
  - Social Score: [open field]
- **Community 4**
  - Tract or Block Group #: [open field]
  - Climate Now Score: [open field]
  - Social Score: [open field]
- **Community 5**
  - Tract or Block Group #: [open field]
  - Climate Now Score: [open field]
  - Social Score: [open field]

### **Technical Assistance**

The Extreme Heat Program staff is working with a third-party technical assistance (TA) provider to support applicants in meeting grant requirements and developing a competitive application. Applicants interested in receiving TA will be prioritized depending on need and if their projects represent or directly benefit a Funding Priority Group. If selected for TA, the TA

providers will set up a virtual meeting to discuss your project and identify areas for support. TA may consist of the following:

- One-on-one meetings with the applicant team to discuss your project, program requirements, and recommendations for a competitive application.
- Email updates on program deadlines, resources, and program questions.
- Frameworks, tools, and templates provided to applicants.
- Review and feedback on sections of your application. The TA team will not be able to provide full application reviews or assist with the development of your application (e.g., drafting narrative).

1. Are you interested in being considered to receive Application TA from the Extreme Heat Program 3<sup>rd</sup> party TA provider? (Y/N) [*skip logic to question below if yes*]
2. If yes, what are your existing organizational capacity limits and how would you benefit from technical assistance? [Open ended]
3. Do you have, or do you anticipate engaging with or receiving assistance from, a consultant, outside grant writer, or another technical assistance provider in developing this project proposal? (Y/N)

**Before You Submit:**

1. Is there anything else you would like to share? [Open-ended]
2. Do you grant permission for Extreme Heat Program staff to share your email, organization name, and project location with other entities working with LCI? (This information may be shared with LCI partners after grant award to assist with evaluation of project elements.) (Y/N)

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