

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT, SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE, AND EQUITABLE CLIMATE AND RESILIENCE METRICS

SUMMARY

The City of Berkeley has been awarded \$497,042 to update the Safety Element of its General Plan, develop an Environmental Justice Element for this plan, and create metrics that will help monitor and measure the achievement of the City's climate and resilience goals. Along with its partners, the Ecology Center and the Berkeley Climate Equity Collaborative, the City will focus on community-driven planning methods as they update the General Plan and create opportunities for community engagement.

Currently, the city of Berkeley faces sea level rise, extreme heat, and flooding among a wide array of environmental hazards. With this grant, the City and its partners will identify additional risks vulnerable communities face and update its Safety Element in order to plan accordingly and provide better protection for its residents. Furthermore, by identifying these hazards, the City will be able to incorporate this information into the Environmental Justice Element of its General Plan and ensure this element is equitable and appropriate for the City's residents.

The City of Berkeley has engaged with marginalized communities to develop the Equity Guardrails. This

collaboration demonstrates the City's commitment to racial equity and social justice. With this grant, the City and its partners will continue this work and involve community members and marginalized peoples to develop metrics and policies that will allow them to monitor their progress as they work towards their climate and resilience goals.

LEAD APPLICANT

City of Berkeley

PARTNERS

The Ecology Center, Berkeley Climate Equity Collaborative

TOTAL AWARD

\$497,042

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