Agenda

Presentation
• Background
• Listening Tour
• Partners Advancing Climate Equity Pilot Program
• Regional Climate Collaboratives
• Technical Assistance Guidelines for State Agencies

Discussion with TAC
Background

- Senate Bill 1072 (Leyva, 2018) charges SGC to develop the Technical Assistance Guidelines and the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
- Focus on providing technical assistance and capacity building to under-resourced communities
LISTENING TOUR
Laying the Groundwork

Listening Tour

Partners Advancing Climate Equity (PACE)
Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC)
Technical Assistance (TA) Guidelines

Community-Based Organizations
State-wide Nonprofits
Local & Regional Governments
Professional Associations
Philanthropic Organizations
# Findings

## General Barriers

### Upstream Challenges
- Lack of awareness and understanding about state funding programs
- Lack of planning guidance already in place
- Lack of existing relationships
- Lack of local technical resources

### Ensuring Community-Driven Solutions
- Lack of trust
- Bridging intersections

### Securing Funding
- Accessing grants
- Administering grants

## Specific Challenges

- Agriculture Sector
- Immigrant Communities
- Rural Communities
- Tribal Communities
- Wildfire Communities
- Workforce Development
Opportunities to Enhance Capacity Building & TA Programs

Knowledge & Skills Building → Supporting Grant Success → Expanding our Reach
PARTNERS ADVANCING CLIMATE EQUITY PILOT PROGRAM
Partners Advancing Climate Equity (PACE)

Follows a two-phase approach:

**Phase 1**
1. Develop and implement PACE Cohort curriculum
2. Develop skills around climate, collective impact, etc.
3. Develop needs assessments – inform the state on capacity needs while supporting and growing local leadership

**Phase 2**
Implement TA with PACE cohort communities
- Goal: to establish partners as agents of change and legitimate players in the climate space in their own communities
- TA will provide a deeper understanding of ways to tailor future TA programs and structure capacity building work
## Program Goals

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Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program

• Regional collaboratives of local experts and stakeholders
• Focus on under-resourced communities
• Aims to build the community-driven leadership, knowledge, skills, experience, and resources to transition to a sustainable and resilient future
Potential Collaborative Activities

- **Outreach and build awareness** of competitive grant programs
- **Convene stakeholders** to discuss community needs and potential projects
- **Develop community and project plans** that demonstrate local needs
- **Support the development of partnerships** between stakeholders
- **Advise on the development of multi-benefit projects and align with potential funding sources**
- **Support with assistance and training** for grant application development, project management, implementation and monitoring
The Value of Technical Assistance

• TA creates a more equitable playing field by helping under-resourced applicants access funds

• Success
  • AHSC TA: 4 rounds, over 80 applicants served
  • BOOST provided direct and tailored support to 10 communities and 2 regions
  • CDFA/UCANR Partnership will have 10 Community Education Specialists who will work with County Cooperative Extension Advisors and local RCDs
Purpose & Process

• Manual for State agencies to provide guidance and best practices around designing and implementing effective TA and capacity building programs
  • Provides details on TA design, contracting process, evaluation, communication and public engagement, and TA for tribes
• Developed by the CACE team with robust engagement and feedback from the TA Guidelines Work Group, which represents 13 state agencies
• Public comment period opens July 1
Discussion Questions

Listening Tour

• Do the Listening Tour findings reflect your understanding or experience of the challenges faced on the ground? Are there any gaps?

• What specific aspects of Building Skills & Knowledge, Supporting Grant Success, or Expanding our Reach best align with or could help implement your 2020 priorities?

PACE & RCC

• In what ways might PACE and/or RCC support and/or inform ICARP priorities and direction?

TA Guidelines

• Based on your experience with TA and working with under-resourced communities, what recommendations would you make to State agencies to enhance TA?
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