

California Strategic Growth Council: 2024 Catalyst Conference

Progress in Place: From Power Building to Project Implementation

With historic investment through the Inflation Reduction Act and California's Climate Budget, "Progress in Place: From Power Building to Project Implementation," promotes community and local capacity, while anticipating challenges associated with project development and implementation. The sessions reflect the urgency to make place-based investments that center and support disinvested communities, at the speed at which federal and state funds are being deployed.

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1.3 Choosing The Right Grant

Session Leads

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Session Overview

Recent years have seen a flurry of new federal and State competitive grant opportunities to spur climate investments in disadvantaged and underserved communities. Applications, however, can require significant time and resource commitments with no guarantee of success. As such, it is crucial that organizations approach grant opportunities strategically to ensure alignment with existing resources and priorities and maximize the likelihood of success. This interactive session will enable attendees to share knowledge to help grant applicants and grant makers approach grant opportunities strategically, including strategies to guide organizations toward the most appropriate grant opportunities. This session is also intended for entities seeking funding and funders looking to make their own funding opportunities more accessible to potential applicants.

Session Outcomes

- Receive guidance and templates to effectively preparing for and pursuing the right grants that fit strategic priorities
- Understand where to go to track opportunities
- Have a chance to identify their near term funding priorities and crowd-source applicable funding opportunity ideas
- Share tips and advice about overcoming grant hurdles
- Consider ways to improve funding deployment

Session Resources

Session Powerpoint.

California Climate & Energy Collaborative (CivicWell)

- Visit CCEC's Funding Resources page: <https://eecoordinator.info/funding-resources-2/>
 - Funding Resource (CivicWell): <https://www.fundingresource.org/>
 - Empower Innovation (CEC): <https://www.empowerinnovation.net/>
 - CA Grants Portal (CA State Library): <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>
 - Funding Wizard (CARB): <https://fundingwizard.arb.ca.gov/web/>
- **Sign up for CCEC's Weekly Update to learn of opportunities:**
 - <https://eecoordinator.info/news-and-events/>
- **Request Technical Assistance (Local Governments only)**
 - Email Angie Hacker for a one-time meeting to ID custom funding opportunities that align with your near term funding opportunities.
- **Join us for CCEC's monthly Local Energy Resources Network meeting**
 - Share and shape timely/relevant opportunities
 - <https://eecoordinator.info/local-energy-resources-network-lern/>

Prosper Sustainably's Grant Templates

- Key Grant Assets: A customizable guide to help your organization prepare itself to more easily pursue grants for its near-term strategic funding priorities.
- <http://bit.ly/Prosper-grant-assets>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grant Tracking and Writing Templates ○ Previous Grant Index Template ○ Organizational Information ○ Internal and External Capacity Inventory Templates ○ General Organizational Summary or Background ○ State of Qualifications with Relevant Work ○ Inventory of Relevant Work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examples & Past Grant Perf ○ Staff Bios and Resumes ○ Board Resolutions ○ Cover Letter Template ○ Letter of Commitment Template ○ Letters of Support Template ○ Financial Information ○ Reference Materials ○ Descriptions/Plans for Projects that Need Funding ○ Pitch Kits
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Free Grant Writing Support

- Institute for Local Government - BOOST Program
- SDSU's Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice (CCEEJ)
- Check with the granting agency or your Regional Climate Collaborative