



## 4C Newsletter | July 2025



We hope you are having a great summer! This newsletter includes 4C updates, news, and events relevant to the Central Coast, including:

- news and updates from the region and beyond
- available funding and grant opportunities related to climate
- events and webinars that are occurring in the late summer/early fall

Would you like to include an announcement or regional update in a future newsletter?

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## 2025 4C Member Activities

**Soon to Launch Beta Testing for the Central Coast Resilience Hubs Toolkit!**



We look forward to the upcoming launch of 4C's Central Coast Resilience Hubs toolkit on the website in August. As part of the rollout, we will be looking for Beta Testers to help refine and shape the toolkit for use. We will have multiple pathways for providing feedback including a Google Form and office hours in August. Stay tuned! Please reach out to [centralcoastclimate@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastclimate@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

## Grant Writing Technical Assistance and Funding Workshops

Through funding from the [Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative \(GLI\)](#), 4C members will have the opportunity to access **grant writing technical assistance in 2025 and 2026**, which will include workshops dedicated to grant funding opportunities.

### Our Menu of Services:

- **Funding Readiness:** Opportunity Mapping, Stakeholder Mapping, Project Conceptualization and Refinement, Strategic Guidance
- **Application Assistance:** Overall Coordination/Application Development Timeline, Narrative/Budget Review, Stakeholder Engagement
- **Post-Award Startup Support:** Project Management Templates, Grant Management Systems, Administrative Procedures

If you are interested in becoming a member and/or signing up for grant writing technical assistance, please contact us at [centralcoastclimate@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastclimate@gmail.com).

## Next 4C Grant Funding Workshop - Sept 10th 12PM - 2PM

Join us for the second and final 4C Grant Funding Workshop of 2025 on September 10th 12PM - 2PM, where we'll explore upcoming funding opportunities, share strategies for collaboration, and support members in advancing climate resilience projects. More details coming soon, we hope to see you there!

## Become a 4C Member!

Join the 4C community and connect with a growing network of partners committed to advancing equitable climate resilience solutions across our region! As a 4C member, you'll gain access to regionally tailored assistance, opportunities, and resources, all designed to support you in advancing climate initiatives in your community. From no-cost grant writing assistance to member meetings and subcommittees, 4C is here to support and amplify your work. We offer membership reciprocity and a sliding scale for membership dues, depending on size and type of organization, which includes no-cost membership for social and environmental justice groups. **Learn more about [4C Member Benefits](#) and complete a [Membership Form](#) or reach out to us at [centralcoastclimate@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastclimate@gmail.com) when you are ready to join us!**

## News & Resources

**Shaping a Proposition 4 Block Grant for Indigenous-Led Stewardship on the Central Coast**

[California Central Coast Joint Venture](#) is exploring the creation of a Proposition 4 block grant to support Indigenous-led projects on the Central Coast. This approach would simplify the application process and reduce barriers by managing administrative requirements, making it easier for Tribes and Indigenous-led organizations to access funding for work related to land, water, fire, food, and cultural revitalization. Interested groups are invited to complete a brief survey to help shape this opportunity and ensure it meets community needs. [Survey Here](#).



## Share Your Story for CA 5th Climate Change Assessment

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment is a state-led effort to review climate change vulnerabilities facing California's communities and efforts to address those challenges, with the [Central Coast Regional Report](#) representing climate vulnerability and adaptation within Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. The Central Coast author team is currently soliciting stories and feedback from the community as part of our outreach effort, with the goal of amplifying community member's stories when reporting climate concerns to state policy-makers and highlighting ongoing or planned adaptation efforts they may be undertaking.

If you'd like to contribute a story (or tell us another way you'd like to plug into the report), please fill out this form **by the end of July**: <https://forms.gle/jJ5neE7rsx37kXdp9>

You can also reach Community Lead Author Nathan Van Schmidt by emailing [nvanschmidt@sfbbo.org](mailto:nvanschmidt@sfbbo.org), or calling 408-946-6548 (ext. 7).

## Funding & Grant Opportunities



## Federal Opportunities



## Federal EV Tax Credits



You can still get the federal EV tax credit through September 30th. You can get a \$7,500 clean vehicle tax credit and stack it with other available incentives to get up to \$24,000 off of an EV.

Ecology Action and Community Environmental Council can help you figure out what car is right for you, discover what funding programs you qualify for, and guide you through applications. EV assistance is no cost and no commitment.

Don't wait – funding is limited. Find out if you qualify for a last chance at the federal EV tax credit and sign up for free EV incentive assistance.

- **Eligibility:** You must be income-eligible to receive funding and pre-qualify online before shopping for an EV.
- **Deadline:** September 30, 2025

## State Opportunities

### California Clean Air Day **Coalition for Clean Air**

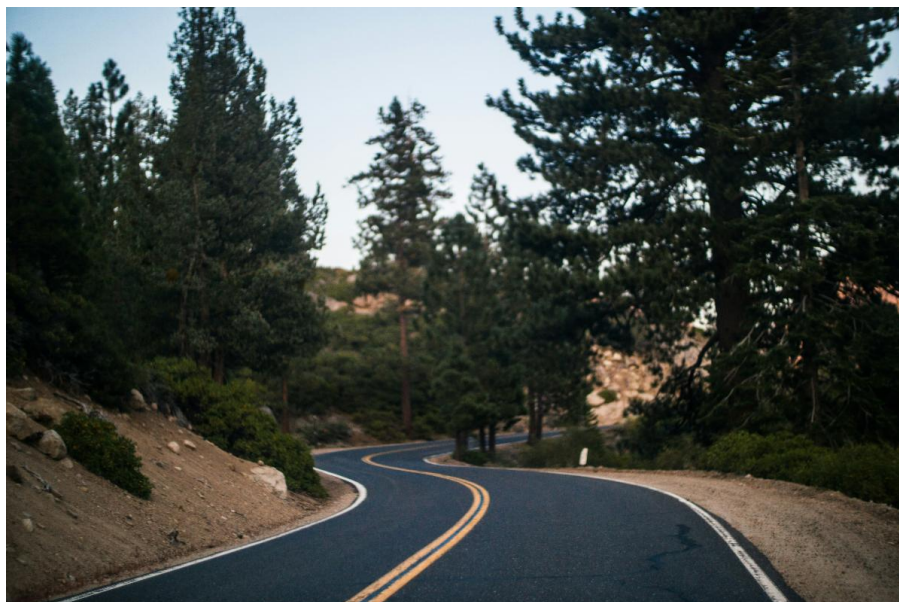
Awards of up to \$1,000 to fund California Clean Air Day events that educate communities about air quality, promote clean air behaviors, and engage 100+ people.

- **Eligibility:** Community Organizations, Schools, Cities, Small Businesses, etc.
- **Deadline:** July 31, 2025

### FY 2025-26 Wildfire Prevention Grants **Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**

\$135,000,000 is available for fire prevention projects and activities in and near fire threatened communities. Activities include hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, Public Agencies, and Tribal Governments
- **Deadline:** August 6, 2025



## 2026 Route to Parks Grants

### CA State Parks and Parks California

This funding helps remove transportation and access barriers to California's 280 state parks. Route to Parks is part of a broader public-private partnership between Parks California and California State Parks. The Waterway Connections Initiative and philanthropic investments from supporters, including the PG&E Corporation Foundation and BMO (a banking institution), make the program possible.

- **Eligibility:** California-based community and tribal organizations
- **Deadline:** Applications are due August 8, 2025, at 5 pm.

## Round 2 Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment Program

### CA Energy Commission

\$51,867,013 available for grid resilience projects that strengthen and modernize California's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters

- **Eligibility:** Business, Individual, Nonprofit, Public Agency, Tribal Government, Other Entity
- **Deadline:** August 29, 2025

## Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program

### OPC SB 1 Grant Program

The Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program provides funding to local and regional governments in California to develop sea level rise (SLR) adaptation plans and implementation projects that enhance coastal resilience. With \$19.97 million currently available, the program supports projects in two tracks: pre-planning and planning (Track 1) and implementation (Track 2, anticipated in mid-2025). Technical assistance is available to disadvantaged communities, small or rural areas, tribes, and other eligible applicants.

- **Deadline:** The next deadline for full Track 1 proposals is September 6, 2025

## Tribal Cultural Resources Funding Program (Tribal Track)

### OPC SB 1 Grant Program

The purpose of the Tribal Track is to provide funding for tribes to assess and plan for the impacts of sea-level rise on their ancestral lands, cultural sites lifeways, and resources in a manner that is beneficial to the tribe. This program is an **alternative** and **more flexible** funding pathway within OPC's broader SB 1 Grant Program. This track is available to **ALL** California Native American Tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized tribes. The Tribal Track allows for flexibility in how SLR impacts on tribal cultural resources are assessed, including use of traditional knowledge.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible project types include **pre-planning activities** (community visioning, outreach and education, data collection, vulnerability assessments) and **planning activities** (setting adaptation priorities and developing culturally appropriate strategies to preserve tribal cultural resources at risk of sea-level rise).
- **Deadline:** Awards will be granted on a first-come first-serve basis through four, quarterly non-competitive review cycles. Projects are anticipated to be within **\$250,000 and \$750,000**. The first quarterly deadline for Tribal Track proposals is **September 12, 2025**.

The SB 1 Grant Program includes a complementary Technical Assistance (TA) Program to support eligible applicants addressing imminent SLR impacts. This program provides tailored assistance based on each applicant's needs, including capacity building, grant writing support, and other resources to strengthen applications and project proposals. To apply for Technical Assistance, either email [OPCSB1TA@coastal-quest.org](mailto:OPCSB1TA@coastal-quest.org) or fill out the [TA Initiation Form](#). The deadline to apply for TA for the first quarterly deadline of the Tribal Track is **August 12, 2025**.



## [Disaster Relief & Recovery Grant](#) **California Fire Foundation**

Awards of \$25,000 to \$100,000 to support long-term recovery efforts and provides vital resources to those on the front lines.

- **Eligibility:** CA-based fire departments, local firefighter associations, federally recognized Tribes, and nonprofits planning relief effort projects in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.
- **Deadline:** September 18, 2025

## [Advancing 30 x 30 in Coastal Waters](#)

### **Ocean Protection Council**

\$10,000,000 available with awards of \$100,000 – \$2,000,000 to advance goals to conserve 30% of the world's oceans by 2030 in coastal waters.

- **Eligibility:** Businesses, Individuals, Nonprofits, Public Agencies, Tribal Governments
- **Deadline:** September 19, 2025

## [California Coastal Conservancy Grants](#)

The State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) offers ongoing grants for projects that enhance public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resilience across California's coast and the nine SF Bay Area counties. Priority is given to nature-based solutions and advancing projects from concept to implementation. Grants typically range from \$200,000 to \$5,000,000.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible activities include property acquisition, project planning (feasibility, design, community involvement), and construction/monitoring.
- **Deadline:** Ongoing

## **Regional Opportunities**

## [3C-REN Commercial Energy Savings Program](#)

3C-REN Commercial Energy Savings Program is a locally driven program that provides incentives and resources to businesses in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties to help businesses achieve their energy goals. The program offers incentives for energy efficiency upgrades, flexible solutions for small to medium-sized businesses, support for businesses seeking to lower greenhouse gas emissions, among other services.

## [Get Help Going Electric: Free DCAP Application Assistance Sessions This Summer](#)

The Driving Clean Assistance Program (DCAP) offers income-eligible Californians up to \$12,000 in incentives to replace older vehicles with electric ones, plus support for EV charging and leasing. Through August, CEC is hosting free in-person and virtual sessions to help applicants complete the DCAP application and access these savings. Join an upcoming clinic in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, or online to get started on your clean transportation journey.

## [California E-Bike Incentive Project Application](#)

The California E-Bike Incentive Project provides up to \$2,000 of point-of-sale incentives to support the purchase

of a new electric bicycle (e-bike).

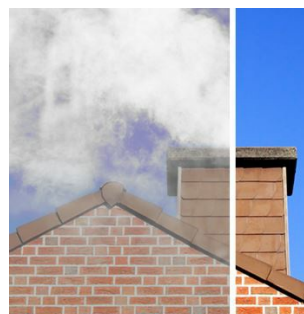


## **[Apply for the Home Electrification Accelerator Program!](#)**

Santa Barbara Clean Energy's Home Electrification Accelerator Program (HEAP) can help you make the switch and transform your home with rebates, fast and free permitting, and resources and information.

## **[Heat Clean Program](#)**

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District launched the Heat Clean Program on May 8. This voluntary program provides vouchers of up to \$12,000 to help households replace a wood-burning fireplace or stove with an electric heater such as a heat pump or electric fireplace insert.



## **Events & Webinars**

### **Join a Workshop to Inform the Statewide Topical Reports of California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment**

**Thursday, August 7th | 1:00pm - 2:30pm**

The California Fifth Climate Change Assessment Team is seeking input from community organizations, experts on the ground, and residents with lived experiences to inform the [Statewide Topical Reports](#). Please join the author teams of these reports for a virtual workshop to gather feedback on the scopes of the reports and uplift the priorities of communities impacted by and working on these issues. Spanish interpretation will be available. [Register here](#).

### **13th Annual Central Coast Sustainability Summit**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | Corwin Pavilion, University of California, Santa Barbara**

At this year's summit, our keynote speakers will inspire agencies and thought leaders to create a shared vision and accountability for sustainability efforts in California's Central Coast. During the breakout sessions, we will be addressing topics related to climate resilience, energy, waste management, and sustainable food systems. The event will bring together key players from local institutions and government agencies to build collaborations for a sustainable Central Coast. [Register here](#).



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