



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

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Via Email

Mayor Tom Butt
City of Richmond
Attn: Lina Velasco
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RE: Award Notification – Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program, Round 4, Implementation Grant
Award, City of Richmond, “Richmond Rising: Healthy, Connected, and Climate Strong”

Dear Mayor Butt,

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is pleased to inform you that the Council approved a Transformative Climate Communities Implementation award of \$35 million dollars to the City of Richmond for “Richmond Rising: Healthy, Connected, and Climate Strong” at its October 27, 2022, meeting. Previously funded by California’s Cap-and-Trade Program, Round 4 of TCC was funded by a FY 2021-2022 budget appropriation from the General Fund. This program funding empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies, and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution. The TCC Program reflects the SGC’s commitment to support community-led transformation and achieve equitable, resilient communities and landscapes for all Californians. Congratulations on your successful application.

This letter provides a conditional commitment of grant funds. TCC staff will initiate the Post-Award Consultation (PAC) process soon by scheduling a meeting with the Awardee and sending a review package including review checklists for all projects and transformative plans. This process will involve addressing any outstanding issues identified by TCC staff, reviewers, and the interagency panel, as well as finalizing the grant agreement. Grantees and Partners will need to work closely and collaboratively with TCC Staff to address all issues prior to grant execution. All requested documentation and changes should be finalized within six (6) months after the Council makes awards. New to Round 4, we will provide a mini grant to support administrative, staff, and materials costs for Grantees and Partners as they complete the PAC process. Our partnering agency, the Department of Conservation, will lead the PAC process.

Following execution of the grant agreement, grant funds will be disbursed on a bi-monthly basis for eligible direct, indirect, and indicator tracking costs. All reimbursed costs must meet the requirements for reimbursable tasks outlined in the grant agreement. TCC has also been authorized for an Advance Pay Pilot program (AB 156) and will follow up on the terms for accessing advance pay once approved by Council. Please note that no funds will be reimbursed for costs and expenses incurred prior to grant agreement execution, with the exception of limited PAC costs for staff and materials in accordance with forthcoming guidance.

We look forward to our partnership in the coming years. If you have any questions, please contact Sophie Young, TCC Program Manager, at sophie.young@sgc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Lynn von Koch-Liebert
Executive Director
California Strategic Growth Council