



# Regional Climate Collaboratives Program Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative Full Application General Narrative Questions DRAFT (To be finalized October 7, 2022)

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## Application Information

**Collaborative Name:** Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative

**Managing Stakeholder:** County of Santa Barbara

**Co-Applicants:**

City of Guadalupe, City of Lompoc, Los Amigos de Guadalupe, Community Environmental Council, Cachuma Resource Conservation District, Santa Barbara County Promotores Network, Central Coast Climate Collaborative, Santa Paula Latino Town Hall, Dunes Center, Fund for Santa Barbara

### Vision

#### 1. Present the Vision Statement of your Collaborative. (250 words)

Northwest Santa Barbara County includes small suburban and rural communities that are generally lower-income. The cities of Guadalupe and Lompoc, local service providers and community-based organizations (CBOs) within the region all face budgetary and staffing constraints, limiting their ability to develop and implement policies, programs and projects to address climate change.

To align local, regional, and State goals, the Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative seeks to:

- Support the City of Guadalupe to develop an equity-oriented Climate Action Plan through funding, technical assistance, training and community engagement.
- Support the City of Lompoc to enhance its water resilience using a groundwater percolation site feasibility study through funding, technical assistance and training.
- Build capacity in the Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits, the Central Coast Climate Justice Network, Wildfire Resilience Collaborative, Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN) and others to build their collaborative networks, enhance their capacities and conduct community engagement to identify community priorities and projects through funding, training and peer-to-peer learning.

- Support Spanish and Mixtec-speaking residents to understand and engage in climate-related issues through participation stipends and linguistically and culturally appropriate outreach conducted by the Santa Barbara County Promotores Network.
- Provide residents and organizations opportunities to participate in decision-making and co-development of programs and projects through equitable and representative governance, participation stipends, educational programs and accessible meetings.
- Support the Dunes Center and the local schools through educational programming and hands-on learning activities related to climate change.
- Support the Central Coast Climate Collaborative and regional organizations through funding, training, peer-to-peer learning and resource development to build collaborative network capacity.
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**2. In 4-5 sentences, please provide an overview of the project and approach. In doing so, include the target communities, project location, with and how the project will build capacity to achieve more successful and equitable climate outcomes. (500 words)**

The GLI supports community-specific planning needs and integrates Guadalupe and Lompoc—the communities of focus—into existing regional climate initiatives through the Collaborative and 4C. This project builds capacity by providing a supportive environment of collaboration, training and education that will

- enhance network development, growth and maturity,
- empower organizations and individuals to take on leadership roles, and
- collaboratively identify, develop, and fund plans, programs and projects that foster greater accountability and likelihood of success.

The **City of Guadalupe** will develop and adopt a CAP. The GCN Board, led by **Los Amigos de Guadalupe**, will mobilize community service-providers to serve as an advisory committee and develop and implement community engagement activities to support the CAP. The **CEC** will activate food access community group **NC FRESA**, to engage residents and businesses in identifying food-related solutions to mitigating climate change and enhancing resilience. Additionally, CEC will leverage an AB 617 grant to conduct community air monitoring and engage the public on broader air quality issues and solutions.

The **City of Lompoc** will develop a groundwater percolation site feasibility study to assist in the implementation of one of its water sustainability projects outlined within its Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The **WRC** will convene CBOs and residents to identify intersectional climate resilience issues. The Youth Drought Project—an multi CBO initiative being facilitated by WRC—will develop business and implementation plans for engaging youth to create drought-resilient gardens and food forests that provide professional and economic development opportunities for youth while enhancing local food resilience in the face of rising temperatures and sustained droughts.

The following organizations will support both communities' initiatives:

- The **Collaborative** will provide funding, training and technical assistance to the cities on equitable community engagement and pursuing funding. The Collaborative will also coordinate training and peer-to-peer activities for residents and organizations, and provide stipends, childcare, food and language access services.
- The **Promotores Network** will provide native-language outreach.

- The **Fund for Santa Barbara** will collaboratively develop a mini-grant program for small organizations, informal networks and individuals to implement community engagement activities addressing climate resilience.
- **CCCJN** will conduct workshops on its Regional Green New Deal and provide networking and peer-to-peer learning opportunities for local environmental and social justice organizations.
- The **CEC** will implement an extreme heat resilience campaign.
- The **Dunes Center** will develop curriculum and outreach events related to climate change and protecting the earth.
- **3C-REN** will expand its Building Performance Training program to Guadalupe and Lompoc.
- The **Central Coast Climate Collaborative (4C)** will produce the annual Central Coast Sustainability Symposium, convening other Central Coast-based RCC recipients and non-recipients to learn about collaborating with under-resourced communities. 4C will develop the Capacity Building Toolkit and Climate Solutions Inventory to aggregate the resources, lessons learned, best practices and shovel-ready projects across the region.

### **Project Need & Region**

#### **3. Please explain why you decided to draw the regional boundaries in the way they are shown on your project area map and describe what factors, features, challenges, or other dynamics are shared across the region. (250 words)**

The region reflects the Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative boundary. The Collaborative has robust participation from South County cities and organizations and limited engagement from North County, including from Lompoc and Guadalupe in northwest Santa Barbara County. These two communities are separated from the more populated southern county via the Gaviota Pass, which creates a natural barrier. Lompoc and Guadalupe have significant agriculture industries that are focused on sustainability, but generally in terms of productivity and profitability. Partnering with County staff and CBOs focused on climate change offers an opportunity to blend these perspectives.

Guadalupe and Lompoc have higher percentages of non-White residents (95% and 71%, respectively) than the Countywide average 57% and lower median household incomes (\$50,864 and \$54,855, respectively) than the Countywide average of \$78,925. In turn, Lompoc and Guadalupe have a smaller tax base, which requires Lompoc and Guadalupe city staff to wear many hats, including natural resource conservation, sustainability planning, community development, and utility maintenance. Lompoc and Guadalupe share enthusiasm for offering their broader perspective on climate change and related challenges through the GLI and benefitting from the additive strength of combined funding and support.

The GLI intentionally incorporates the under-resourced communities in North County to demonstrate the value and benefits of local and regional collaboration that will generate best practices for the entire Santa Barbara County region. The GLI also coordinates and collaborates across the broader Central Coast region, which will also benefit from the tools and resources generated from this project.

#### **4. Please explain why you selected your Communities of Focus, including information about the demographics of the Communities of Focus (including**

**population, race/ethnicity, income, and any other relevant characteristics) (250 words)**

The Collaborative is a growing network of agencies, nonprofits and businesses working together to address Santa Barbara County's climate challenges. Most of the membership and activities are driven by and focus on the South County. The Collaborative seeks to engage the County's North County communities to support their interests and needs through collaborative initiatives.

Guadalupe is over 90% Hispanic, with less than 5% non-white Hispanic. The Median Household Income (MHI) is \$50,864 (compared to the County average of \$78,925), and the community ranks 81 in CalEnviroScreen. Guadalupe faces challenges with aging infrastructure, homes without air conditioning or proper insulation and pollution due to pesticide use.

Lompoc is over 60% Hispanic, with roughly 10% being non-white (above the Countywide average of approximately 7%). The MHI is \$54,855. Economic development and job opportunities are more limited. The Lompoc Valley is also particularly vulnerable to wildfire.

The cities have limited capacity and resources for advance planning or pursuing ambitious policies, programs or projects to address climate resilience. Civic engagement on climate-related issues is low, and no organizations (local government, non-profit or business) are members of the Collaborative. Being smaller communities, Lompoc and Guadalupe would favor addressing sustainability in a collaborative, community-centric, and efficient approach..

**5. Describe the climate-related challenges and opportunities within the Region and Communities of Focus you selected, as well as any gaps in data or knowledge about climate issues or potential impacts facing the region. Please note that this program defines climate-related issues broadly, including climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency. Applicants may also include a description of related public health, environmental, economic and capacity issues in this response as well. (500 words)**

Santa Barbara County is the second fastest warming region in the US and regularly experiences wildfires and drought. To date, Santa Barbara County is facing its 3rd driest year within the past 128 years and has received less than half of its normally expected rainfall amount.

The County recently prepared a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and is working on its 2030 Climate Action Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Environmental Justice Element and Active Transportation Plan. All of these efforts are limited to the unincorporated county and do not include the cities of Guadalupe and Lompoc. While some data and analysis covers the cities, they are not formally acknowledged in any city plans.

The County, through its various planning efforts, has partnered with the Santa Barbara County Promotores Network to conduct outreach activities and surveys in Spanish. Utilizing popular education methods and social networks, the Promotores have reached hundreds of residents

that otherwise would not have engaged with County planning. The GLI will build on the success of the County's partnership with the Promotores Network.

In parallel with the County's climate planning activities, the Central Coast Climate Justice Network (CCCJN) recently conducted house meetings with residents across the county, including in the communities of focus, to develop a Regional Green New Deal (GND). The GND captures the ideas and needs from community members within the framework of transitioning to a low-carbon, equitable and resilient Santa Barbara County. The GLI will integrate and may expand upon GND recommendations where appropriate.

City-led climate planning in North County is more limited, in part, due to constrained resources. The City of Guadalupe does not yet have a CAP, nor a staff person dedicated to environmental sustainability. The City desires a plan to guide future policies, programs and projects and to secure funding for additional staff.

The City of Lompoc has separate storm drain and sewer systems. Currently, the City of Lompoc uses its wastewater effluent to mitigate saltwater intrusion into the Lompoc Plain basin and to maintain an estuary at Ocean Park. City staff are evaluating the feasibility of wastewater reuse for future water sustainability projects. Like wastewater discharges, water discharged into Lompoc's street-and-gutter stormwater system reaches an inlet in the curb, goes into an underground pipe, and is discharged into the San Miguelito Creek. The groundwater percolation basin feasibility study will identify areas suitable for stormwater infiltration type projects, allowing Lompoc to capture stormwater supply and use it as a source for groundwater recharge into the Lompoc Plain basin, enhancing groundwater sustainability throughout the region amidst the record-level statewide and local drought concerns. The study will conclude with site design proposals for projects meant to increase groundwater recharge and help remove pollutants from stormwater, such as infiltration basins and bioswales.

**6. Please describe existing capacity gaps and the resulting impact on the region's ability to access climate-related funding. Discuss how the activities proposed in the work plan will address the capacity gaps described and better position the Region and Communities of Focus to access and implement climate-related funding. Please also describe any other intended outcomes from this project. (500 words)**

- Staffing/Capacity
  - Both cities and local organizations within these communities lack adequate staff and resources to access funding. The project would fund existing and new positions, build capacity through training, networking and peer-to-peer learning.
- Education/Awareness/Advocacy
  - Both cities and local organizations within these communities lack time to stay abreast of and apply for funding opportunities. Additionally, many of the funding opportunities are increasingly complex as they require more advanced planning, implementation and/or collaboration, for which there is little foundation. The project would increase awareness of funding opportunities through training, presentations, peer-to-peer events and newsletter. If applicable, the project would provide support for developing grant applications for community-supported projects.

- Community member voices from lower-income, under-resourced neighborhoods, in particular, are not often represented in climate resilience planning and in preparation and prevention activities.
- Resident engagement
- Networking/Collaboration
  - Due to the complexity of the funding opportunities requiring regional-scale solutions and multi-stakeholder collaborations, existing regional collaborative networks lack adequate staff and resources to access funding. The project would build capacity for the Central Coast Climate Justice Network, Central Coast Climate Collaborative and the Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits by contributing full-time or part-time staff to support these networks, build tools for their members and offer opportunities for them to build their membership through training and peer-to-peer activities.
  - Additionally, the cities and local organizations within these communities lack awareness and capacity to participate in collaborative networks. The project would fund existing and new positions within the cities and local organizations and the collaborative networks. The project would improve networking and collaboration capacity by introducing the cities and local organizations to multiple collaborative networks through training, workshops and peer-to-peer activities.
- Policy/Planning
  - Both the cities of Guadalupe and Lompoc lack strategic or long-range plans that mitigate climate change or adapt to its impacts. The project would provide funding to the cities to develop a Climate Action Plan and Groundwater Percolation Site Feasibility Study, respectively. The project would also fund CBOs to conduct community engagement to identify community priorities and ideas for projects and programs. Additionally, the project would provide capacity to the County as it manages the Collaborative's Equity Advisory & Outreach Committee and new Affordability Subcommittee to learn more about opportunities to address affordability through climate-related policies and programs.
- Funding
  - The cities of Guadalupe and Lompoc and local CBOs lack adequate time and resources to secure funding to prepare for the effects of climate change. Funding is needed for additional staff to develop plans and programs, implement projects, conduct community outreach and engagement, and participate in collaborative networks. This project would direct funding to support staff in cities, local organizations and collaborative networks.

**7. Please describe how the proposed capacity building activities align with and build upon existing capacity building efforts, if any. (150 words)**

GLI builds upon the following:

- The GLI will use a greenhouse gas inventory collaboratively developed with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for Guadalupe's CAP.
- The GLI will leverage the County's existing successful partnership with the Promotores Network to conduct native-language outreach.
- The GLI will incorporate insights and recommendations from the Collaborative's EAOC and its recently formed Affordability Subcommittee to better understand the affordability impacts of climate proposals.

- The Wildfire Resilience Collaborative (WRC) .will continue collaborating with Lompoc CBOs such as Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization, Collective Cultures Creating Change, and the African American Socioeconomic Advancement Program to enhance physical and mental health and build community resilience related to wildfire.
- The Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits will support the GLI through continued collaboration and resource sharing.
- CCCJN will continue to advocate for GND-supportive policies, projects and community-building.
- The Dunes Center will expand existing environmental education to incorporate nature-based climate solutions.

### **Program Objectives**

#### **8. Please describe how the proposed project will inform, support, and/or lead to the development of actionable plans and projects. (500 words)**

The GLI will create two new City-led plans to benefit Guadalupe and Lompoc as well as lift up efforts to mobilize residents and organizations to address intersectional issues such as food access, at-risk youth, extreme heat, air quality, and drought. The County will prepare the RCC Action Plan to integrate GLI activities with countywide and Central Coast climate initiatives.

#### **Guadalupe CAP & Climate Resilience Activities**

The City of Guadalupe will develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP), informed by robust community engagement. The CAP will identify actions the City and its stakeholders can take to reduce carbon emissions and enhance climate resilience. The CAP will include an implementation plan which will detail the lead entity or department, key considerations for implementation and likely funding sources for each action. The Collaborative will share resources, provide introductions or training on available and pending funding sources, and support or lead grant application efforts that support CAP implementation.

The GLI will fund the Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits to provide CBO and community member perspective on the CAP and fund the Promotores Network to provide native-language outreach for more inclusive input on the plan. The GLI will sustain the Community Environmental Council's (CEC's) organizing efforts to identify ways to address urban and rural decay through community engagement. CEC will provide accessible spaces for community members to learn and share about their air-quality, heat stress, and food access needs. Insights from community leaders will support the City of Guadalupe's goal of developing a CAP to match its community's priorities.

The Dunes Center has brought educational programming to over 50,000 students in the underserved area of Guadalupe over the last 19 years. The GLI will fund the Dunes Center to include climate change in its efforts to conserve and restore the Central Coast region and provide educational programs that will inspire awareness and action by students, their siblings and parents.

#### **Lompoc Groundwater Percolation Site Feasibility Study & Climate Resilience Activities**

The City of Lompoc will prepare a Groundwater Percolation Site Feasibility Study. The study will identify potential sites and develop conceptual plans and preliminary designs of the

selected project(s) for inclusion in the County's clean water stormwater program, Integrated Regional Water Management Program, and local Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

The Wildfire Resilience Collaborative will engage citizens in wildfire resilience planning to identify actionable projects for disaster preparedness, prevention and/or community resilience as seen through the community's lens. A set of priority projects will be identified and described with discrete outcomes, partners, and costs. Simultaneously the Collaborative will support the development of a business plan and action plan that sets the stage for launching a Lompoc Youth Drought Project. The Youth Drought Project will engage youth in climate resilience building while providing jobs through the creation of local food forests and community gardens that are drought tolerant. Locations will be identified in partnership with local institutions, City agencies, businesses and organizations. The CEC will also implement an extreme heat resilience campaign in Lompoc.

**9. Please describe how the proposed project will build enduring and trusting relationships across members of the Collaborative, residents, and other stakeholder groups. (500 words)**

The Collaborative will provide opportunities for the public to actively participate in the governance and provide feedback on the operations of the Collaborative's grant-funded activities. The stakeholder structure will offer opportunities to build networks within each community, while providing more connections and trust with city and County staff. The Promotores will be included in the Collaborative stakeholder structure to ensure resident interests and concerns are incorporated.

The project will support the establishment and growth of the Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits (GCN) Board, which will provide networking and mutual support to service providers in Guadalupe. The GCN will also receive funds to actively participate in the City of Guadalupe's CAP planning process.

Similarly, through the WRC, the Lompoc network of CBOs will be organized to regularly convene and discuss needs and opportunity areas.

The Central Coast Climate Justice Network and the Central Coast Climate Collaborative will also be supported to similarly expand their networks, deepen their engagement with the local communities and advance regional initiatives. Each regional network offers new opportunities for networking, building trust and sparking new ideas for collaborative initiatives.

**10. Please describe how the proposed project will ensure that community engagement and decision making is embedded in the work conducted by the Collaborative. (500 words)**

The Collaborative proposes a collaborative stakeholder structure that affords three community seats to residents not affiliated with any Partner organization. To ensure decision-making is guided by community members, the project will fund local CBOs to serve in an advisory role for the cities' respective planning processes and lead community outreach and engagement activities.

The project will ensure community engagement is embedded by:



- Deploying Promotores in the communities of focus to provide outreach—including surveys and presentations—to local residents and businesses, represent community interests and concerns and provide input, guidance and feedback to the Collaborative, cities and other participating organizations.
- Coordinating with the Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits (GCN) Board. Los Amigos de Guadalupe, as GCN’s fiscal sponsor and facilitator will work with GCN member organizations (presently 28) to ensure the greatest community participation with each organization using their outreach resources to engage the community via listserv and social media.
- Collaborating with CBOs, including Collective Cultures Creating Change (C4), to co-develop and implement wildfire preparedness and prevention training via a volunteer network that will activate neighborhood campaigns targeted to underserved/marginalized populations. The volunteer network will gather information to develop actionable projects that address community needs and concerns. Engagement will include walk the block events that travel door to door and by tabling at a variety of community events.
- Connecting with CBOs, including African American Socioeconomic Advancement Project (AASAP), C4 and Youth Drought Project to co-develop youth workforce development initiatives that build climate resilience in targeted low-income neighborhoods through creating food forests and community gardens. Community members will be engaged in the site selection and design process through neighborhood workshop events.
- Integrating students and their families in educational programs and events at the Dunes Center.

**11. Please describe how the proposed project will develop or improve local processes for under-resourced community residents, community-based organizations, and/or Tribes and Tribal entities to co-lead decisions made about climate change-related priorities and projects at the local and/or regional level. (500 words)**

The GLI will improve local processes for engaging under-resourced communities by providing financial and technical support to city staff and local collaboratives and CBOs. This enhanced support will provide time and space to improve the quality of engagement among government agencies, CBOs, community members, and others as outlined below.

**Collaborative Governance & Decision Making**

The GLI Committee will consist of one representative from each Partner organization and be responsible for overseeing the grant-funded activities. The Committee will offer three seats for community members not affiliated with any Partner to participate. The Cities of Lompoc and Guadalupe and the County will each have one seat on the Committee. The GLI Committee will conduct its business in an open and transparent manner. Meetings will alternate between virtual and in-person to provide different opportunities for residents to observe and participate. Meetings will be conducted with Spanish interpretation and with translated materials.

The Collaborative also offers additional subcommittees that focus on regional topics like sea level rise and land stewardship that would be available to residents, organizations and businesses.

**Plan Development**

The Collaborative and its Partners will prioritize community engagement and equity for the cities' planning processes (Guadalupe CAP and Lompoc Groundwater Study). The Collaborative will offer opportunities for CBOs and the Promotores to guide and inform the cities' plans and the direction of the Collaborative through direct engagement, an equitable governance structure and consistent communication.

### **Grassroots Community Engagement**

The Collaborative will work with the Fund for Santa Barbara to develop a mini-grant program that would allow smaller and less-resourced organizations to participate and engage their constituents through their own self-determined activities. Program and project ideas that are generated and lifted up through this process will be presented to the GLI Committee and may be included in local and regional plans, like Guadalupe's Climate Action Plan and the Climate Solutions Inventory.

### **Equitable Outreach and Engagement**

The Promotores utilize native language, cultural fluency and popular education techniques to engage non-English speaking residents. As community-based outreach workers, they leverage their personal and social networks to disseminate information, share resources and solicit input and feedback from residents who typically are not able or willing to participate in more formal outreach and engagement activities (such as workshops and websites).

### **Collaborative Stakeholder Structure**

#### **12. Managing Stakeholder:**

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**Organizational Mission:** The County Sustainability Division collaborates regionally to facilitate and implement equitable climate policies, programs, and projects that empower communities and improve quality of life.

The Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative's purpose is to build local capacity to advance regional scale solutions to the climate crisis and enhance resilience.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** The County Sustainability Division has provided administrative, fiscal and executive support to the Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative (Collaborative) since its inception in 2020. The Collaborative has seven subcommittees (Steering, Equity Advisory & Outreach, Clean Energy Assurance, Seal Level Rise Adaptation, Land Stewardship & Carbon Farming, Building Decarbonization and Business Advisory). In its brief history, the Collaborative and its members have collectively secured \$855M in grants to develop Resilience Hubs and to develop a regional Sea Level Rise Monitoring Plan. The Sustainability Division has led or supported a variety of collaborative initiatives such as the establishment of the Tri-County Regional Energy Network (with San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties), which provides energy saving programs to the

region, and the coordinated development of Strategic Energy Plans with the cities of Santa Barbara, Carpinteria and Goleta.

The County Sustainability Division will administer the grant, manage the collaborative stakeholder network and provide project support for peer-to-peer learning activities.

### 13. Co-Applicants:

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**Organizational Mission:** LADG works to enhance and develop the capacity of the City of Guadalupe, community organizations, local businesses and community members through community development plans and actions that support the community of Guadalupe and surrounding areas to become a resilient, strong community that will grow from disadvantaged to a livable, sustainable community.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** LADG will serve as the administrative and fiscal sponsor and network manager for the Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits (GCN). LADG will coordinate and organize GCN organizations to serve as an advisory committee to the City and support community outreach and engagement efforts for development of Guadalupe's CAP

**Main Point of Contact:** Shannon Sweeney

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**Organizational Mission:** The Public Works Department provides for the health, safety, and comfort of Guadalupe residents, businesses, and visitors. The mission of the department is to meet the essential needs of the City in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** The City of Guadalupe will collaboratively develop a Climate Action Plan with community members and organizations.

**Main Point of Contact:** Erika Weber

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**Organizational Mission:** The Dunes Center promotes the conservation and restoration of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes ecosystem through education, research, and the support of cooperative stewardship.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** The Dunes Center will conduct community outreach and engagement activities with youth to identify community concerns and ideas. Additionally, the Dunes Center will develop and deliver climate change curriculum to Guadalupe schools. Climate change tutorials will be added to docent training and incorporated into the curriculum for docent-led hikes into our coastal areas.

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**Organizational Mission:** CEC is a regional non-profit developing and scaling solutions to the climate crisis. CEC partners with local communities and stakeholders, engages in strong networks and coalitions, and builds the capacity for communities and local governments to advance climate justice in plans, policies, projects, programs, staffing, and elected leadership.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** CEC will continue to engage, build and bridge capacity with members of the Collaborative and the community. Additionally, CEC recently received a grant to install five air quality monitors and conduct community engagement around air quality in Guadalupe. CEC will expand opportunities for stakeholders and community members to engage in learning and advocacy related to this project. CEC will also expand capacity for developing an Extreme Heat Campaign and expanding food access with participating organizations and community members.

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**Organizational Mission:** The City of Lompoc is a full-service city, providing the community with public need services such as fire protection, police, and library. Lompoc also maintains its own electrical, water, wastewater, storm water and solid waste utility services for residents and businesses within the city.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** The City of Lompoc will conduct a Groundwater Percolation Site Feasibility Study to identify areas throughout the city that offer optimal environments suitable for stormwater infiltration type projects, such as infiltration basins and bioswales to assist in the implementation of one of its water sustainability projects outlined within its Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

**Main Point of Contact:** Namino Glantz  
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**Organization Website:** [Santa Barbara County Promotores Network / Promoters Homepage \(sbceo.org\)](http://SantaBarbaraCountyPromotoresNetwork.com)

**Organizational Mission:** The mission of the Santa Barbara County Promotores Network is to empower families and individuals with respect, dignity, and compassion by enhancing the quality of all aspects of their lives through education and the promotion of healthy behaviors.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** Promotores will provide outreach to local residents and businesses; represent community interests and concerns; offer training to Partners and other interested stakeholders to learn about working with Promotores and engaging Spanish-speaking residents; and provide input, guidance and feedback to the Collaborative, cities and other participating organizations based on resident engagement.

**Main Point of Contact:** Patricia Solorio

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**Organizational Mission:** The Fund for Santa Barbara Advances progressive change by strengthening movements for Economic, Environmental, Political, Racial, and Social Justice.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** The Fund will develop and facilitate a community-led decision-making process to distribute funds to community organizations and provide organizational capacity-building support for grantees in the communities of focus.

**Main Point of Contact:** Anna Olsen

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**Organizational Mission:** The mission of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District is to promote land ethics that results in long-term use of natural resources while protecting and enhancing its unique natural habitats. Founding principles include total resource management, effective technical services, diverse community partnerships, and strong grower relationships.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** The Cachuma Resource Conservation District created and manages the Wildfire Resilience Collaborative (WRC), which includes LegacyWorks Group (serving as a consultant to the project) and the Community Environmental Council.

WRC is a nimble group of seasoned sustainability and natural lands practitioners that are specializing in building local capacity and resilience for wildfire and other climate hazards throughout the resilience cycle. The resilience cycle includes community response, mitigation, short and long term recovery, and prevention planning and action across sectors. The Collaborative led the development of the countywide Regional Priority Plan for Wildfire Resilience and Ecosystem Health.

The WRC will provide technical support, capacity building, collaborative project development, partnership facilitation and grant writing support for resilience to wildfire and other climate events.

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**Organizational Mission:** CCCJN's mission is to forge a regional partnership between social justice and environmental movements to expand our collective power, so we can advance restorative actions and systems change centering on communities who bear the greatest burden of climate change impacts.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** CCCJN is a network of social justice and environmental organizations and leaders committed to a climate movement that advances social, economic, and environmental justice for Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. CCCJN has developed a Regional Green New Deal building off of dozens of house meetings with over 300 community members across Santa Barbara County. CCCJN will provide network and capacity building support by integrating new local community based organizations into their network, providing training on and facilitating advancements of grassroots-sourced policies within the Regional Green New Deal, and providing networking opportunities.

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**Organizational Mission:** 4C is an organizing platform that bridges across sectors and scales to catalyze and advance equitable climate solutions throughout the Central Coast. 4C is a regional network of over 45 organizations including local and state governments, community groups, tribal nations, businesses, academia, and non-profit organizations with the common goal of working together for a resilient, equitable Central Coast.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** 4C will develop the Regional Capacity Building Toolbox and Community Solutions Inventory that will aggregate resources across the entire

Central Coast region from and for the grant-funded collaboratives, as well as non grant-funded 4C members within its region.

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**Organizational Mission:** 3C-REN's mission is to deliver energy-saving programs and industry trainings that help reduce energy use, strengthen local job markets, and support efforts to achieve climate goals.

**Description of Role in Collaborative:** 3C-REN will offer place-based workforce training and education through its Building Performance Training (BPT) program, which is tailored for current and prospective building professionals. BPT provides expert instruction, technical trainings, soft skills development and certifications on the latest energy efficiency methods and measures. 3C-REN will broaden the types of audiences and industries engaged in the program through targeted outreach, new partnership development, and new course offerings, especially within disadvantaged communities like Guadalupe and Lompoc.

**14. Please describe why this specific group of organizations is well suited to carry out the activities of your proposed Regional Climate Collaborative. Please include details on previous history working together if applicable; if this is an emerging Collaborative, please share what aspects of this new partnership will set the Collaborative up for success. (250 words)**

The GLI builds on existing relationships, history and trust and forges new connections.

- The Collaborative has 30+ members and received \$855,000 in grants.
- The County and CEC have collaborated on Solarize bulk-discount solar installation programs, Climate Resilience Roundtables and Resilience Hubs.
- The County, 3C-REN, and Promotores are partnering on native-language outreach.
- LADG and the City of Guadalupe collaborate, for example, to develop a community resilience plan, improve a local community center, create a business association, develop a sustainable recreation plan and generate support to join Central Coast Community Energy.
- LADG and CEC support NC FRESA to bring a farmers market to Guadalupe and increase food access to low-income residents.
- 4C organized the Resilient Central Coast campaign to engage residents in taking climate action across six counties. 4C also convenes annual Sustainability Symposiums and intermittent gatherings for project-based activities.
- The County collaborates with the Fund for Santa Barbara to implement an Equity Fund for community-based equity projects.
- The WRC worked with researchers, the County, fire professionals, conservation groups and land managers to develop a Regional Priority Plan for Wildfire Resilience and Ecosystem Health. WRC collaborates with Lompoc CBOs such as Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization, Collective Cultures Creating Change, and the

African American Socioeconomic Advancement Program on community resilience projects.

- CCCJN convenes environmental and social justice organizations to uplift and center BIPOC communities in the climate resilience discussions across Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.
- The Dunes Center has partnered with many state and local agencies to restore and conserve the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes. The Dunes Center's educational programming reaches thousands of students.

**15. Describe any additional partnerships and relationships that will be pursued during the grant term to expand representation and impact. (150 words)**

The project seeks to build capacity and engage additional stakeholders by developing a mini-grant and capacity building program through the Fund for Santa Barbara to conduct engagement activities that will identify community priorities and projects. Smaller, less-resourced organizations and coalitions will be better able to access smaller grants through the Fund, than with the County or the State. Organizations that have expressed interest, but lack capacity to participate as a Partner include (but are not limited to):

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Lompoc Chapter
- Collective Cultures Cultivating Change
- African American Socio-Economic Advancement Project
- Healthy Lompoc Coalition, managed by the Lompoc Valley Health Organization
- Guadalupe Business Association
- Little House by the Park

**16. Describe the Managing Stakeholder's previous experience, financial stability, and capacity to manage program funds for multi-year grant projects and coordinate a diversity of partners. (250 words)**



The County's FY 2022-23 operating budget is \$1.4 billion . The County has strong fiscal management and budgetary practices overseen by the Board of Supervisors. The County has worked collaboratively with public and private partners throughout the Central Coast on sustainability initiatives for more than a decade. The County also has existing accounting, vendor, and grant management systems in place. The County will leverage its relationships, systems, and lessons learned from this multi-year history to successfully manage this new collaborative.

#### **Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative**

The County has provided administrative, fiscal and executive support for the Collaborative since its inception in 2020. The Collaborative has grown to 30+ member organizations with eight subcommittees and \$855,000 in grant funding.

#### **Resilience Hubs & Energy Assurance Services**

The County has \$225,000 from PG&E and the California Resilience Challenge to develop three resilience hubs, develop governance frameworks and a toolkit for future hub development. The County integrated auditing and benchmarking services from a \$775,000 California Energy Commission grant to supplement resilience hub upgrades. In collaboration with the Collaborative, the program launched in July 2022.

#### **Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN)**

3C-REN. Together with the counties of Ventura and San Luis Obispo, the County manages a 5-year, \$50M budget to deliver energy efficiency programs for hard-to-reach customers, workforce training and education and code compliance support. 3C-REN began offering programs in 2019, following on the success of the emPower Central Coast energy efficiency and financing program that was seeded by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.

**17. Describe the Managing Stakeholder's project management plan for the proposed RCC, including how they will work with Co-Applicants to manage and verify the implementation of all strategies and capacity-building activities and coordinate invoicing and advanced payment. (150 words)**

#### **Meetings**

The County will convene all Partners for monthly administrative and budget review meetings. The County will convene the GLI Committee every other month to: develop, implement and report on the RCC Action Plan; receive presentations from Partners and collaborators; and recommend and approve additional Partners, Collaborative and GLI Committee members, subcommittees, and contractors.

#### **Project Tracking**

The County will track all strategies, tasks, deliverables, outputs, and outcomes. The document will be available for Partners to update and for the public to view.

#### **Invoicing & Budget Tracking**

The County will track costs by task and cumulatively. Partners will submit invoices, with a brief activity report, no more frequently than monthly. The County will offer advance payment to non-governmental organizations for up to 25% of their budgets in line with grant terms .

**Quarterly Written Reports**

The County will require quarterly reports from all Partners and will work with Partners to troubleshoot any roadblocks.

**Workplan and Budget**

**18. Summarize the capacity building activities included in the work plan, providing a short description of each strategy. (150 words per strategy)**

In developing the Guadalupe Coalition of Nonprofits (GCN), Los Amigos de Guadalupe believes that strong working networks create a more resilient community. This collaborative group of Guadalupe nonprofits and service organizations working together on projects, and supporting each other through building each other's capacity, will help support each other's missions, and this in turn support those in need to a greater extent than they presently are able to do.

The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center (Dunes Center) believes in conservation, restoration and change through education. Our efforts will be greatly expanded with additional curriculum to our local schools, workshops and training for community members, docent and volunteer training and climate specific exhibits and activities. Our activities will include in-class education and hands-on activities, after school programs, hikes, workshops and outreach events.

The Wildfire Resilience Collaborative will seek to build wildfire resilience capacity within the community of Lompoc through three parallel and, at times, integrated efforts. In collaboration with C4 we will create a network of trained volunteers to implement outreach and engagement activities that advance wildfire preparedness and risk reduction in English and Spanish in low-income neighborhoods. Together with community members/neighbors, volunteers will identify projects that will build resilience. Outreach will be conducted door to door and at community gatherings. Together with C4, AASAP and YDP, we will develop a business plan, budget, and implementation plan to expand the YDP program to Lompoc. The YDP will create drought resistant food forests and community gardens that will increase food security for residents, build drought and fire resilience, reclaim abandoned lots all while engaging, training and employing Lompoc youth who will build the gardens and food forests.

The Central Coast Climate Justice Network (CCCJN) will host Quarterly Climate Convergences that will involve all sectors of the community and will receive input through verbal and written statements in multiple languages, as well as artwork regarding aspects of the community that need to transform for the well-being of both Guadalupe and Lompoc while prioritizing all kinds of access including disability justice and language justice. This will give people the time and ability to think intently about their environmental conditions and be creative about the caretaking for each other and the land to develop stewardship that will usher in a more beautiful and sustainable future.

**19. Provide a high-level budget justification that summarizes the overall project costs. Explain how the requested budget is aligned with the proposed work plan and reflects the overall project objectives and program goals. Applicants may choose to organize the budget items under the following eligible cost categories for the RCC program. (150 words per cost type)**

- **Staff Costs**
- **Travel Costs**
- **Administrative Costs**
- **Tools, Subscription, and Software**
- **Engagement, Outreach, Education, and Training**
- **Direct Costs (intern, fellows, consultants)**
- **Set asides**
  - **Collaborative Stakeholder Structure Partners (up to 15%)**

Dunes Center

- Three staff (and at least two interns) members will be working on various aspects of the grant tasks. Our executive director will be tasked with administrative tasks, reporting, attending meetings and conferences. Our director of education will be tasked with administering and developing educational curriculum and opportunities so as to serve the community of Guadalupe. Our outreach coordinator will be handling coordination of outreach events within the community.
- Travel costs will be limited to travel for outreach events, educational events, and travel to conferences and meetings set by RCC.
- Administrative Costs Not clear on what administrative costs and set asides should include, please provide examples.
- Tools, Subscription and Software: we will currently be reserving budgeting on this category. In the coming years, we may need to budget for software to develop outreach applications.
- For *Engagement, Outreach, Education and Training*, our executive director, our director of education and our outreach coordinator will develop outreach and educational events that may include: educational materials and infographics, outreach materials like flyers or outreach gifts, materials necessary for classroom delivery of curriculum, other items and materials as needed for outreach events and workshops.
- We will be using at least two interns for various aspects of the grant tasks. Our interns will help with staffing needs, education, and outreach. As the years progress, more interns may be hired to continue working towards our goals.
- Set asides

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