

*June 15, 2020*

**Subject:** Proposition 84 Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant Awards

**Reporting Period:** June 2020

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## **Recommended Action**

Staff recommend that the Council award \$720,000 in Proposition 84 Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants to provide planning support to four (4) communities affected by catastrophic wildfires in California in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

## **Summary**

In response to devastating wildfires in recent years, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Department of Conservation (DOC), and the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) conducted a competitive grant process using funds available through reappropriated SGC Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program allocations. For information about this funding, see the consent calendar item, [Item 6 of the December 17, 2020 staff report \(Report\) to the Council](#).

This report discusses the award process, outlines the organizations and the projects submitted, and describes the four (4) projects recommended for awards.

The program received applications from 17 local governments and regional agencies, proposing \$3.5 million for wildfire resilience and recovery planning activities to support general plans, vulnerability assessments, wildlife protection plans and other efforts that advance climate adaptation in land use planning. Staff recommend funding each of the four applicants at 89.5 percent (89.5%) of the amount they requested in order to provide funding to four applicants and expend all available funds.

## **Background**

In 2019, Department of Conservation (DOC) reappropriated approximately \$720,000 in funds representing unused or returned awards granted through SGC's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program in 2012 and 2014. Using these reappropriated funds, SGC, DOC, and OPR's Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) created a competitive grant program focused on California communities affected by catastrophic wildfires in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants Program will fund applicants that identify and implement planning activities to advance climate adaptation in the context of changing wildfire regimes. The program prioritizes investments in projects that demonstrate innovative planning that can be replicated in other jurisdictions across the state.

This program is funded by Proposition 84: The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, passed by voters to fund projects that, among other priorities, revitalize communities and make them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning.

The Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP), established through Senate Bill 246 (2016; Wieckowski), is a critical tool in California's strategy and leadership on climate adaptation and resilience. ICARP is charged with developing a cohesive and holistic response to the impacts of climate change by coordinating state and local adaptation efforts to advance local implementation. Through the enabling legislation, ICARP is centrally focused on efforts that advance climate equity and support integrated climate strategies, or those strategies that benefit both greenhouse gas reductions and adaptation. The Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants Program advances ICARP's charge by:

- Facilitating collaborative, interagency State partnerships that support local implementation of adaptation and resilience activities.
- Leveraging ICARP's sustained engagement with local governments to strategically target State resources at areas of greatest need. In this instance, the Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants Program fills a critical unmet funding need for integrated wildfire recovery planning activities that meaningfully integrate climate risk reduction and adaptation.

## Award Process

Staff from DOC, OPR and SGC developed [program grant guidelines](#), built on criteria that prioritize projects that advance innovative and replicable planning approaches. The guidelines were released on February 18, 2020, and, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the March 18, 2020 submission deadline was extended to April 30, 2020.

Specifically, the Program's grant guidelines aim to:

- 1) Support land use planning activities at the local or regional levels that advance climate adaptation and resilience efforts specific to wildfire risk reduction;
- 2) Advance local understanding and consideration of vulnerable communities in an adaptation context; and
- 3) Support local or regional capacity building to incorporate climate adaptation and resilience into wildfire planning and recovery.

Staff encouraged applicants to submit projects involving planning activities to support adaptation planning efforts underway, as well as projects that initiated adaptation work.

Staff screened the 17 submitted for completeness and to verify that proposed activities addressed an unmet policy, planning, or recovery need. Additionally, Staff verified that submitted applications complied with statutory requirements, such as consistency with the State's Planning Priorities, aligned with ICARP's Vision for a Resilient California, and advanced at least one of SGC's Sustainable Community Objectives.

Thirteen applications advanced through the screening process to a Grant Review Committee consisting of representatives from State agencies and departments. The Committee ranked applications based on program goals and objectives, priority considerations, and organizational capacity scoring criteria listed in [Attachment 4, Scoring Criteria](#).

Staff compiled and calculated Committee member scores following a consensus-scoring meeting to determine the highest scores for recommending awards. Additionally, because of limited funding, the committee recommended making awards at 89.38 percent (89.38%) of the amount requested by applicants in order to provide funding to four applicants and expend all available funds.

## Submitted Applications

Seventeen program applicants represent 10 counties from Northern, Central and Southern California. Grant applicants mostly consisted of cities and counties (see [Attachment 1, Application Submissions by Type of Organization](#)). These projects proposed to conduct planning activities to advance 50 current plan types or initiatives, including 14 General Plan Updates and 10 Climate Plans, and engage with more than 40 partners. [Attachment 1, Proposed Project Activities - Applicant Type](#) outlines information about proposed activities.

See [Attachment 2](#), Wildlife Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant Program Applicants List, for information about the submitted applications.

## Recommended Projects

### Adjusted Awards

Staff recommend four (4) applications for award. Table 1, Recommended Grant Projects, below lists the projects. However, the requested grant amount for these awards totals \$805,510, which exceeds the available Proposition 84 funding of \$720,000 by \$85,510. In order to address this shortfall and provide the greatest benefit to the most eligible grantees, Staff recommends reducing all four grant awards by 10.62 percent (10.62%).

For detailed information about each of the four projects, see [Attachment 3, Recommended Awards - Project Summaries](#).

**Table 1:** Recommended Grant Projects

Applicant	Project Title	Amount Requested	Recommended Award
Town of Paradise	Make it Paradise - Planning for a More Resilient Community	\$221,900	\$198,341
City of Moorpark	Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and General Plan Safety Element Update	\$196,170	\$175,346
Sonoma County	Sonoma County Forest Resource Ordinance to Inform General Plan Update	\$187,440	\$167,543
City of Ventura	Comprehensive Planning for a Resilient Ventura	\$200,000	\$178,770
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$805,510</b>	<b>\$720,000</b>

## Council Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Council award \$720,000 in Proposition 84 Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants to provide planning support to four (4) communities affected by catastrophic wildfires in California in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Should the Council agree with staff's recommendation, the following motion language is suggested:

**“I move that the Council approve SGC staff recommendations to award \$720,000 in Proposition 84 Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants to the Town of Paradise, the Cities of Moorpark and Ventura, and the County of Sonoma. Approval of this motion directs staff to finalize project requirements pursuant to this staff report and program guidelines.”**

## Attachments

**Attachment 1:** Overview of Applications

**Attachment 2:** Directory of application submissions

**Attachment 3:** Summaries for recommended award

**Attachment 4:** Scoring criteria

## Attachment 1: Overview of Applications

### Proposed Project Activities by Applicant Type

Applicant Type	General Plans	Safety Elements	Vulnerability Assessments	Wildlife Protection Plans	Other	Description of Other Activities
<b>Cities</b>	4	1	1	1	2	Mapping General Plan Update scenarios and community issues and needs expressed by residents, Housing Element, Climate Action and Resilience Plan.
<b>Counties</b>	10	4	2	0	7	Area Plans and Zoning Ordinances updates, Multi-city storm water management plan, whole community approach needs assessment, Wildfire fuel mitigation planning activities, Wildlife Mitigation Plan, organization and future steps for development of a Community Resiliency Center, Forest Resource Policies and Ordinance
<b>RTPAs</b>	0	0	0	0	1	Evacuation and Preparedness Plan
<b>Tribes</b>	0	0	0	0	1	Traditional ecological knowledge curriculum and education program
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	

### Application Submissions by Type of Organization

Applicant Organization	Number of Applicants	Funding Request
<b>Cities</b>	4	\$868,070
<b>Counties</b>	11	\$2,230,715
<b>Regional Transportation Planning Authorities (RTPAs)</b>	1	\$241,000
<b>Tribes</b>	1	\$154,048
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$3,493,833</b>

## Attachment 2: Directory of Application Submissions

Organization Name	Proposal Title	Amount Requested	Project Duration	Project Objective(s)
<b>Nevada County</b>	Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)	\$168,275	18 months	The CWPP will identify hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommend methods of treatment that will protect at-risk communities and essential infrastructure. Project will also recommend measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce ignitability of structures.
<b>Lake County, Community Development Department</b>	Lake County Upper Lake-Nice, Rivas Area Plans and Zoning Ordinance Update	\$250,000	24 months	Support land use planning activities at the local or regional levels that advance climate adaptation and resilience efforts specific to wildfire risk reduction; Advance local understanding and consideration of vulnerable communities in an adaptation context; Support local or regional capacity building to incorporate climate adaptation and resilience into wildfire planning and recovery.
<b>Tulare County</b>	Tulare County General Plan Health and Safety Element Update	\$150,000	24 months	The objective is to examine broad climate change vulnerabilities and potential adaptation responses based on the greatest risks, needs, and synergies with related planning efforts. The Adaptation Plan will guide adaptation planning by identifying important infrastructure and community assets that are vulnerable to climate change impacts, assessing the risk that climate change poses to those assets, and recommending response that the County should integrate.
<b>Mechoopda Indian Tribe</b>	Traditional Ecological Knowledge Education and Restoration Program	\$154,048	24 months	To establish curriculum, educational outreach, and training for tribal membership and members of the community in the areas of traditional ecological knowledge, habitat restoration, watershed management, forest stewardship, prescribed fire, and more.
<b>Los Angeles County</b>	Los Angeles County Integrated Wildfire Safety Program (IWSP)	\$250,000	25 months	The Department of Regional Planning would use grant funds to for the activities. One, develop adaptation strategies for the Safety Element Update from the results of the climate vulnerability and adaptive capacity assessments. Two, Conduct CEQA analysis for the Safety Element update. Third, develop a Draft CCWPP that will be included in the General Plan as an implementation program.

Organization Name	Proposal Title	Amount Requested	Project Duration	Project Objective(s)
<b>City of Thousand Oaks</b>	Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants	\$250,000	19 months	<p>The purpose of the project is to provide a map for the future of the City and address City's important community issues and needs, as expressed by the residents, such as quality of life, development, and natural resource protection and parks. The General Plan update will address certain unmet needs by identifying solutions. Solutions such as a more active and robust downtown, more affordable housing options, developing additional tools to allow City's commercial and industrial development to flourish, to provide an integrated an integrated transportation, and to address policies regarding avoiding further expansion of development into the Wildland Urban Interface which would reduce destruction during wildfires.</p>
<b>Town of Paradise</b>	Make it Paradise - Planning for a More Resilient Community	\$221,900	24 months	<p>The project would fund a complete update of The Town of Paradise's Housing Element, and two related policies meant to boost climate resiliency and fire-resistant infill development. The proposed Housing Element update and master plans policies are intended to create a completely updated and revised Housing Element for the Town of Paradise and to implement actions that would incentivize homeowners to develop more fire-resilient properties.</p>
<b>Lake Area Planning Council</b>	Lake County Wildfire Evacuation and Preparedness Plan	\$241,000	21 months	<p>Identify specific areas of the region where the transportation network is vulnerable to potential impacts from wildfire and recommend strategies and specific actions to remedy those vulnerabilities. The resulting Plan will work to ensure cooperation and coordination between agencies as well as educate local communities on fire safe practices, preparedness and the project-developed evacuation plan.</p>

Organization Name	Proposal Title	Amount Requested	Project Duration	Project Objective(s)
<b>Lake County, Water Resources Department</b>	Incorporating Wildfire Resiliency and Climate Adaptation into Lake County Storm Water Management Planning	\$150,000	22 months	The objective of this project is to update the Lake County Storm Water Management Plan and update the associated storm water ordinance language to align with the goals outlined in the Plan. An updated plan and ordinances, with a focus on wildfire resiliency and climate adaptation, will allow the County, and their partners, to be better prepared when faced with flood, storm, and wildfires events.
<b>City of Moorpark</b>	City of Moorpark - Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and General Plan Safety Element Update	\$196,170	24 months	To enhance preparedness and resiliency outcomes for the City by identifying specific vulnerabilities related to climate change, such as wildfire, and options to mitigate these risks. This analysis will be adopted with the Safety Element of the General Plan to provide critical context to long-range policymaking and development decisions. The Safety Element will also identify a scope, schedule, and budget for each mitigation strategy.
<b>Ventura County, Human Services Agency</b>	Ventura County Insight Center	\$250,000	24 months	With a \$250,000 grant award the Ventura County Insight Center will identify best practices to empower decision-makers to make data-driven decisions about services and partnerships in order to produce impacts for members of the county's vulnerable communities through a community needs assessment using a Whole Community Approach. The need for meaningful insights into vulnerable communities is crucial to sharpen the County's understanding of the specific needs of these diverse vulnerable communities so that it can enhance service delivery during and after shocks such as wildfires.
<b>Napa County</b>	Atlas Post-Fire Community Resiliency Planning	\$250,000	24 months	Identify priority areas for post-Atlas Fire hazardous fuel treatments and barriers to landowner wildfire preparedness to facilitate long-term community wildfire and climate resiliency. Use findings and best practices to assist with the update of the Safety Element of Napa County General Plan.

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Proposal Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Project Objective(s)</b>
<b>San Diego County</b>	County of San Diego General Plan Safety Element update	\$150,000	13 months	The Safety Element update will include updates of the County's current policies, goals, objects and hazard maps and include topics related to wildfires, and climate change vulnerabilities and adaptation strategies. The County will identify evacuation routes for housing developments within hazard areas.
<b>Santa Barbara County</b>	Santa Barbara County Climate Adaptation Plan & Wildfire Mitigation Plan	\$175,000	23 months	Collaborate with the community on developing adaptation strategies that will build adaptive capacity and address impacts. Assemble subject matter experts and collaborators across disciplines to ensure strategies are vetted with the best available science and achieve the County's resiliency goals. A CCAP framework that will ensure strategies are implemented appropriately, are cost effective, and are monitored to ensure they achieve resiliency goals.
<b>Butte County</b>	Concow and Yankee Hill Resiliency Center	\$250,000	20 months	The Butte County Department of Development Services proposes a process for the organization and future steps for development of a Community Resiliency Center within, and serving, the communities of Concow and Yankee Hill, Butte County, CA. Both of these rural communities were severely impacted by the Camp Fire.
<b>Sonoma County</b>	Sonoma County Forest Resource Ordinance to Inform General Plan Update	\$187,440	23 months	The goal of the project is to develop a Forest Resource Ordinance to adapt to the challenges of climate change while improving forest health and wildfire resilience in the county's forested areas. Permit Sonoma has partnered with UC Cooperative Extension to develop a series of workshops to engage and inform the community. The attached workplan describes the tasks and activities to accomplish the project goal

Organization Name	Proposal Title	Amount Requested	Project Duration	Project Objective(s)
City of Ventura	Comprehensive Planning for a Resilient Ventura	\$200,000	24 months	Develop a Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP), which we will create in conjunction with the city's General Plan Update and Local Coastal Program. Through this massive planning effort, the city seeks to deepen authentic and inclusive public engagement and create a set of planning documents that will ensure a resilient recovery and provide an integrated approach to foster a more sustainable future for the City of Ventura. Without this critical funding, the City of Ventura will have to concentrate on only updating its General Plan, thereby losing the efficiencies and integration of this comprehensive planning effort.
	<b>Total Requests:</b>	<b>\$3,493,833</b>		

# Attachment 3: Recommended Awards - Project Summaries

## Project Summary – Town of Paradise

### MAKE IT PARADISE - PLANNING FOR A MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY

**Funding Request:** \$221,900

**Wildfire Event:** Camp Fire, 2018

**Grant Award:** \$198,341

**Project Duration:** 24 months

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**Planning Activities:** Updates the Town of Paradise’s General Plan Housing Element and landscaping Master Plan policies

**Project Partners:** Paradise Rebuild Foundation, Butte County Association of Governments, and Butte Fire Safe Council

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#### Project Statement

Grant funds will be used to conduct a complete update of The Town of Paradise’s Housing Element and two related Master Plan policies meant to boost climate resiliency and fire-resistant infill development resulting in the Town’s ability to take action that incentivizes homeowners to develop more fire-resilient properties. The project furthers Paradise’s efforts to develop a progressive Housing Element that directs recovery efforts in the area of climate and fire resilient housing and brings a renewed focus on fire and climate resiliency to the town. The revised Housing Element will increase the Town’s capacity to plan for fires and climate change and recovery through a focus on recovery, fire resiliency, and climate preparedness. Future planning efforts would build from the foundations of the proposed Housing Element update. Likewise, the Master Plan policies will advance climate adaptation and resilience efforts.

#### Recovery Activities

Over 13,000 residences in the Town of Paradise were lost in the 2018 Camp Fire. The housing landscape has been completely altered due to this unprecedented destruction, making the current Housing Element no longer relevant to the reality of Town's housing situation. Paradise homeowners are fighting to rebuild in a place where fire-risk is more prevalent than ever. Immediate action to increase property resiliency is vital. This project addresses the need for a Housing Element that reflects current conditions and recognizes the need to approach climate and fire resiliency. It develops policies that increase resilience for homeowners by producing mastered ADU plans that go above and beyond Wildland Urban Interface requirements that reduce homeowner costs.

#### Replicability

This work could be modeled by other jurisdictions located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, thereby increasing infill development through easy-to-use Mastered Plans for ADUs and fire-resistant landscaping.

## Project Summary – City of Moorpark

### CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE

**Funding Request:** \$196,170

**Wildfire Event:** Woolsey and Hill Fires, 2018

**Grant Award:** \$175,346

**Project Duration:** 24 months

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**Planning Activities:** General Plan and Safety Element Update, Development of a Vulnerability Assessment

**Project Partners:** PlaceWorks, Inc., The Mayor of Moorpark

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#### Project Statement

This grant will fund an update to the City's General Plan combined with a Vulnerability Assessment surveying the risks associated with climate change, wildfires and emergency access routes. The current General Plan, adopted in 1986, is comprised of a number of elements written more than 20 years ago and lacks internal consistency. This comprehensive update will streamline the document and address a range of contemporary topics, including climate change vulnerability and adaptation, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and new circulation metrics – factors that have resulted in several devastating wildfires and power shutoff events. The Vulnerability Assessment examines existing and future risks to the City's population, and natural and built environments resulting from climate change. The recommendations from the Vulnerability Assessment will be incorporated into the General Plan's Safety Element as part of long-range planning efforts.

#### Recovery Activities

The City and adjacent areas within Ventura County have been stricken by several major, destructive wildfires within the past five years. The Vulnerability Assessment and implementation of the General Plan Safety Element will contextualize factors that identify potential risks related to climate change. One feature of this project is engaging the community in a dialogue regarding climate change and finding ways that the City may proactively reduce vulnerability to these risks. Existing best practices will be used as part of the evaluation of and adaptation to climate-related hazards, and new technologies for risk identification and increased resilience will be examined to determine if they may offer even greater advantages.

#### Replicability

This thorough analysis of hazards and identification of mitigation strategies can be replicated and "tiered-off" from by other agencies.

## Project Summary – Sonoma County

### FOREST RESOURCE ORDINANCE TO INFORM GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

**Funding Request:** \$187,440

**Wildfire Event:** Sonoma Complex Fire, 2017

**Grant Award:** \$167,543

**Project Duration:** 23 months

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**Planning Activities:** Develop a comprehensive ordinance to manage forest resources, ensuring protection and stewardship of the beneficial uses of forest resources.

**Project Partner:** UC Cooperative Extension

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#### Project Statement

This work will develop a science-based planning policy that addresses the County's Forest Resources in an all comprehensive ordinance that ensures the management of both the forested landscape and the urban forest is accounted for in planning policy decisions, including protection of the valuable carbon sequestration services that the forest landscapes of Sonoma County provide. Currently, several policies and ordinances address tree resources or individual trees in projects, but no integrated approach to ensure that economic development proceeds while protecting and expanding beneficial uses such as carbon sequestration, wildfire protection, or water quality enhancement are included in decision making pathways. The goal of the policy and ordinance is to protect, preserve, and steward over the beneficial uses of forest and tree resources for all of the County's residents.

#### Recovery Activities

Sonoma County has experienced multiple disasters in the recent past, including the destructive 2017 Sonoma Complex Fires and the 2019 Kincadee Fire. The loss of natural resources and associated benefits provided by these resources is often forgotten or minimized as recovery efforts often focus on the important task of human, infrastructure, and business recovery. Ensuring that the recovery of the natural landscape is prioritized ensures that the beneficial uses of forest resources enjoyed by all is recovered, and ultimately made stronger and more resilient. The continued recovery from destructive fires in 2017 and 2019 will be enhanced by ensuring that the forest resources that were damaged or lost in the fires are restored and existing forest resources are enhanced and protected from further degradation

#### Replicability

This ordinance will be a model for other counties responding to similar challenges following catastrophic wildfires.

## Project Summary – City of Ventura

### COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FOR A RESILIENT VENTURA

**Funding Request:** \$200,000

**Wildfire Event:** Thomas Fire, 2017

**Grant Award:** \$178,770

**Project Duration:** 24 months

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**Planning Activities:** Development of the City's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP)

**Project Partners:** CAUSE, City Ventura Housing Authority, and Institute for Local Government

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#### Project Statement

Funds will be used to generate a Climate Action and Resilience Program (CARP) in conjunction with the City's General Plan Update and Local Coastal Program. Through this massive planning effort, the city seeks to deepen authentic and inclusive public engagement and create a set of planning documents that will ensure a resilient recovery and provide an integrated approach that fosters a more sustainable future for the City of Ventura. The CARP advances the City's policy, planning and recovery needs by creating a roadmap of specific activities to undertake to improve public health and air quality, conserve water, more efficiently use existing resources, increase clean energy production, and improve quality of life and save taxpayer dollars.

#### Recovery Activities

Ventura is not currently equipped to prepare, respond, or recover from a disaster such as the Thomas Fire, or the increasing wildfire threats posed by climate change. The Thomas Fire caught the city off guard. While robust, our response to the fast-moving blaze lacked the coordination and planning warranted by such an extreme and devastating event. Many lessons were learned from the Fire, a significant one being that fires are no longer predictable, safe zones are no longer safe, and certainty is no longer certain. It is necessary to be innovative and comprehensive in preparing for and responding to emergencies in order to protect people, infrastructure and the economy. The CARP aims to strike a balance between being a technical document that is used on a day-to-day basis by city staff and officials to guide decision-making, and a visionary document used by our community to understand the City's long-term vision and direction. Key issues addressing climate resilience, such as multilingual access to emergency information, evacuation bottlenecks and impacts to domestic service and outdoor workers will be examined.

#### Replicability

Community Landscape analysis and a holistic public engagement approach centered on gathering input from diverse and underrepresented community members can be modeled in other communities.

## Attachment 4: Scoring Criteria

### Scoring Criteria:

<b>Program Goals, Objectives, and Focus Area [60 points]</b>	
<u>Wildfire Recovery Activities</u> : Extent the proposed work meets a planning need or recovery activity.	<b>5</b>
<u>Wildfire Recovery Activities</u> : Extent the proposed work advances wildfire recovery and climate resilience in the community.	<b>5</b>
<u>Wildfire Recovery Activities</u> : Extent to which the proposal addresses the consequences of the project not being funded.	<b>5</b>
<u>Building Resilience</u> : Extent to which the proposed work program accounts for future wildfire and climate risks.	<b>5</b>
<u>Building Resilience</u> : Extent to which the proposed work program advances ICARP's Adaptation Vision and Principles (see Appendix J).	<b>5</b>
<u>Equity and Underserved Populations</u> : Extent to which the proposed work program considers vulnerable populations in an adaptation context.	<b>5</b>
<u>Equity and Underserved Populations</u> : Extent to which the proposed work program promotes equity.	<b>5</b>
<u>Meaningful Engagement</u> : Extent to which the proposed work program includes the community in the process.	<b>5</b>
<u>Meaningful Engagement</u> : Extent to which the proposed work program can serve as a model to other communities.	<b>5</b>
<u>Intentional Resiliency Design</u> : Describe how the proposed project aligns with State of California guidance on climate change vulnerability assessments, resilience planning, and adaptation strategy implementation (see Appendix H)	<b>5</b>
<u>Intentional Resiliency Design</u> : Identify the built and natural infrastructure, as well as communities, most vulnerable to climate change impacts within the planning area.	<b>5</b>
<u>Intentional Resiliency Design</u> : How does the proposed work address adaptation to these impacts and reduce future risk?	<b>5</b>
<b>Priority Considerations [20 points]</b>	
Proposed project adds or enhances elements of a regional plan not funded with federal dollars	<b>5</b>
Does the project rely on ongoing collaboration with various levels of government; internal coordination amongst applicant departments; and collaboration with diverse external stakeholder such as businesses, NGOs and community members.	<b>5</b>
Extent that the outcomes from this project serve as a best practices for communities across the state?	<b>5</b>
How will the proposed project leverage additional resources.	<b>5</b>
<b>Organizational Capacity [20 points]</b>	
Organization demonstrates the capacity to successfully execute proposed work on time and within budget	<b>10</b>
Organization and its partners demonstrate readiness and capacity to implement proposed work	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Available Points</b>	<b>100</b>