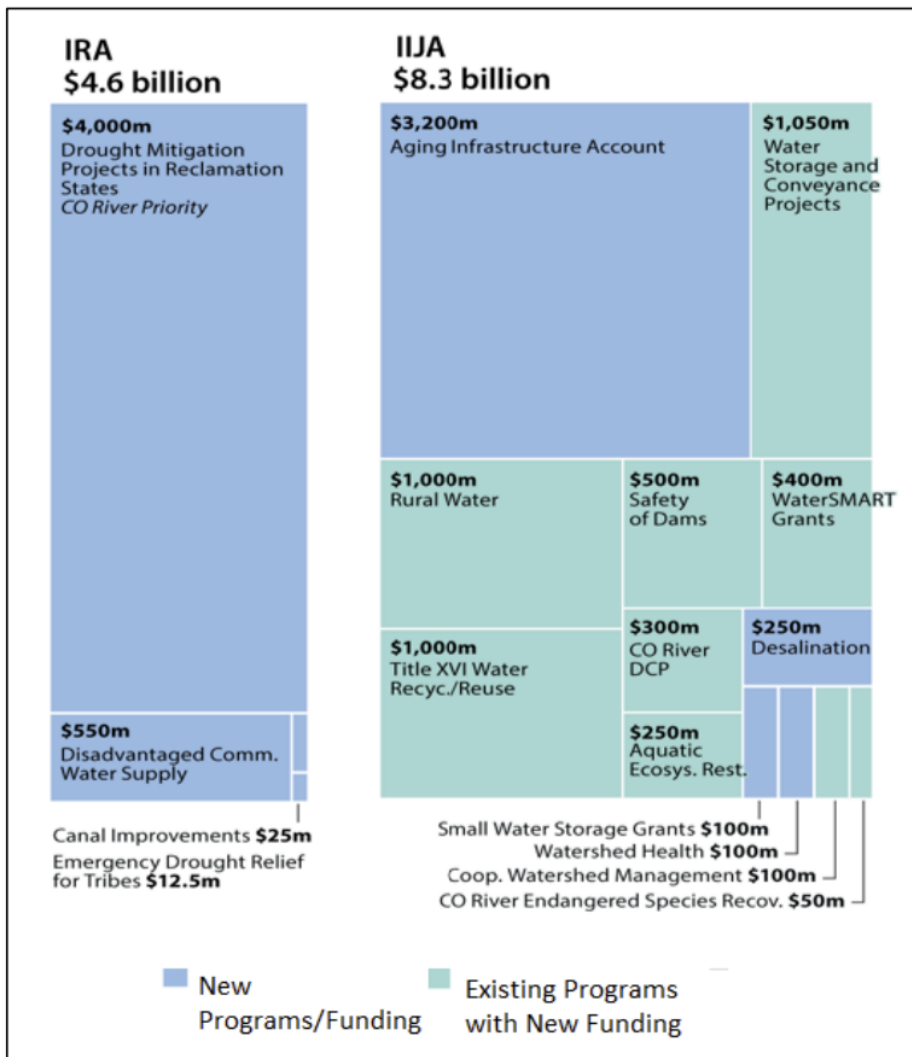


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Opportunity Tracking

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 - <https://eecoordinator.info/funding-resources-2/>
 - Funding Resource (CivicWell): <https://www.fundingresource.org/>
 - Empower Innovation (CEC): <https://www.empowerinnovation.net/>
 - CA Grants Portal (CA State Library): <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>
- Sign up for CCEC's weekly Update
 - Highlight opportunities on weekly basis
 - <https://eecoordinator.info/news-and-events/>
- Request **Technical Assistance** (Local Governments only)
 - A one-time meeting to ID custom funding opps that align with your near term funding opportunities.
 - Email: ahacker@civicwell.org
- CCEC's [LinkedIn Group](#) and listservs
- Join us for CCEC's monthly LERN meeting
 - Share and shape timely/relevant opportunities
 - <https://eecoordinator.info/local-energy-resources-network-lern/>



Funding Navigation for California Communities



Active Transportation



Affordable Housing



Drinking Water



Parks



Public Transit and
Shared Mobility



Stormwater

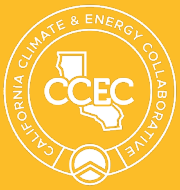


Street Repair



Wastewater
Management

<https://www.fundingresource.org/>



Opportunity Roundtable

Need/Have Board

View all Opportunities



State

- FY 21-22 Budget (\$15B climate resilience)
- FY 22-23 Budget (\$38.8B climate change)
- Cap and Trade auction revenue allocations (~\$19B raised since 2013)
- FY 23-24 Budget
- State agency proceedings (e.g. *CPUC microgrid, CEC IEPR, *CARB Scoping Plan)
- 9th circuit panel of judges denied petition for an en banc rehearing of Berkeley's gas ordinance.
- CA [Priority Climate Action Plan](#)

Federal

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (2021) = \$47B in climate resilience funding
- FY 22-23 Budget (\$44.9B climate change)
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) (2022)
- Biden's Proposed FY 23-24 Budget (\$52.2B climate change)

Reclamation/WaterSMART

[FY23/24 Planning and Design Grants funding opportunity](#). Second round of applications for FY24 are due May 21, 2024.

[FY23/24 Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects funding opportunity](#). Second round of applications are due May 31, 2024.

[FY24/FY25 Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects funding opportunity](#). Second round of applications are due July 9, 2024.

[FY23 Cooperative Watershed Management Program funding opportunity](#). Second round of applications are due September 3, 2024.

[FY23/24 Title XVI WIIN Act Projects funding opportunity](#). Applications for FY24 are due September 30, 2024.

[FY23/24 Title XVI Congressionally Authorized Projects funding opportunity](#). Applications for FY24 are due September 30, 2024.

[FY23/24 WIIN Act Desalination Construction Projects funding opportunity](#). Applications for FY24 are due September 30, 2024.

[FY24 Water and Energy Efficiency Grants funding opportunity](#). Applications are due October 30, 2024.



Solicitation Review

Initial scan

Fit and dealbreakers

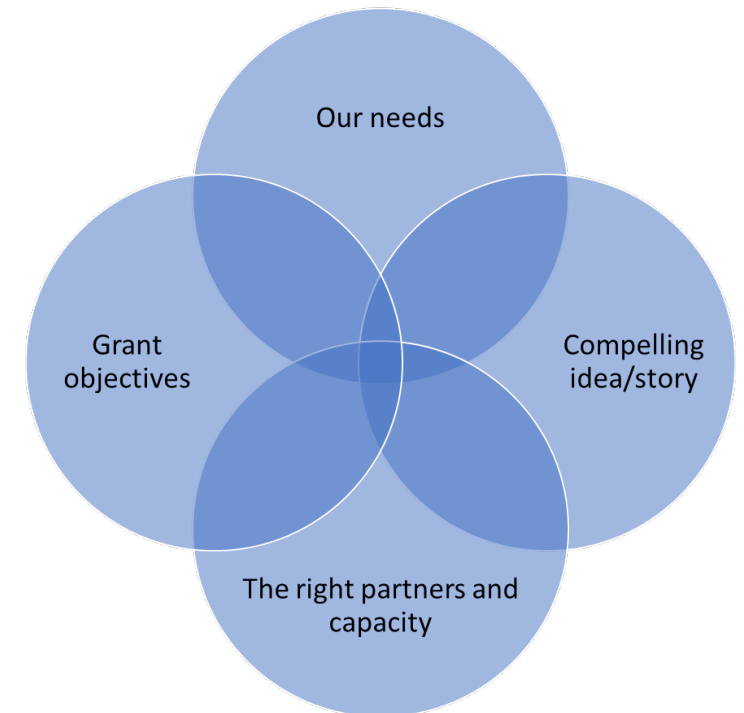
- Deadline and granting agency
- Eligible/competitive lead agency, partners, and projects/activities (aligned with your needs)
- Match or cost share requirements
- Level of effort v. capacity (TA?), \$ amount, and probability of award

Deep scan

Grant announcement (aka NOFO) review and workplan

- Competitive project ideas and readiness
- Project requirements
- Application requirements/instructions
- Priority Tasks and Info/Data Needs
 - Registering, getting LOS, obtaining approvals, gathering info/data, etc.
- Evaluation Criteria and Score Boosters
- Questions

EPA Community Change Grants To Apply or Not to Apply?



strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation.

- <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>
- <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/351071>



Mapping priorities to opportunities

This activity is designed to help you begin to plan for your near-term funding priorities

- a. Outline your organization's top 3 strategic objectives and funding priorities
- b. Brainstorm at least one, high priority, near term grant project concept for each strategic funding priority
- c. Detail project concepts ----->
- d. Identify potential funding sources

- **Project #1 Name:**
- Project lead
- Project partners
- Project location
- Target community or recipient of benefits
- Key tasks
- Estimated budget
- How project outcomes will address needs
- **Potential funding sources**



Resources for Getting Grant Ready

Prosper Sustainably's Grant Templates

- **Key Grant Assets:** A customizable guide to help your organization prepare itself to more easily pursue grants for its near-term strategic funding priorities
- <https://1drv.ms/w/s!AqxP9ise3OULgcBxOUftlvRLw8jKNA?e=Dtxj06>
 - Grant Tracking, Review and Writing Templates
 - Previous Grant Index Template
 - Organizational Information
 - Internal and External Capacity Inventory Templates
 - General Organizational Summary or Background
 - State of Qualifications with Relevant Work
 - Inventory of Relevant Work Examples and Past Grant Performance
 - Staff Bios and Resumes
 - Board Resolutions
 - Cover Letter
 - Letter of Commitment Template
 - Letters of Support Template
 - Financial Information
 - Reference Materials
 - **Descriptions/Plans for Projects that Need Funding**
 - Pitch Kits

Free Grant Support

[ILG/BOOST](#)

[SDSU's Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice \(CCEEJ\)](#)

[Environmental Protection Network](#)

Granting Agencies

Local Consortia

[BayREN](#)

[RCC: Marin Climate Justice Collaborative](#)

[North Coast Resource Partnership](#)

“Better Funding”

Available for Review

[Working Draft of Report](#)

[Corresponding Summary Table of Ideas and Best Practices](#)

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WORKING DRAFT

March 2024

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- Applications
 - Solicitation Processes & Technical Assistance
 - Program Eligibility
 - Application & Administrative Requirements

- Post-Award Processes

IDEAL FUNDING

One big idea to design a new, user-oriented funding vehicle that...

- Fund real, real-time community needs without excessive engagement

- Give more than one chance to projects through a flexible, rolling "queue"

- Uses State and federal capacity to collect, evaluate, and help develop investible projects, and match across sources

- Standardize, minimize, and streamline front-end proposal, contracting, and reporting requirements



Thank you!

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