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To: TCC Fresno Lead Applicant and Co-Applicant
Subject: Revised TCC Timeline

Dear Fresno Community:

Thank you again for your patience as the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Program Staff prepares the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Master Grant Agreement between the SGC and the Lead Applicant/City of Fresno. Because the TCC Program is new and involves multiple partner State agencies, it has taken us longer than anticipated to finalize the terms.

Below is an anticipated timeline for Final Project Review and signing of the Master Grant Agreement.

Master Grant Agreement and Project Review

September 5: We provided the draft Master Grant Agreement to the Lead Applicant/City of Fresno for their review on September 5. The Lead Applicant/City of Fresno will review the Master Grant Agreement with Co-Applicants and provide any comments to SGC.

September 14: All comments or suggestions on the Master Grant Agreement are due by 5 pm on September 14. TCC Program Staff will be available to answer any questions on or prior to this date and to discuss potential changes to the Master Grant Agreement. The Lead Applicant/City of Fresno staff will collect and compile all input from Co-Applicants to send to SGC.

September 20: SGC Program Staff will send the revised Master Grant Agreement to the Lead Applicant/City of Fresno.

Week of September 24: Project review meetings will take place for all Fresno TCC Co-Applicants. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure that all proposed project activities and expenses meet the requirements of the TCC Project Guidelines. The application materials and information provided during the pre-contract consultation will be used to determine the changes necessary to scope and budgets. If SGC staff determines that a project cannot meet the readiness per TCC Guidelines, the project will be deemed infeasible and will not be funded. If a project includes ineligible budget line items, the project budget will be reduced according to ineligible cost identified.

Final Project Review Meetings

Week of October 8: SGC will work with each Co-Applicant to finalize the scope and budgets that will be part of the Master Grant Agreement.

October 9 through November 1: The Lead Applicant/City of Fresno with its Co-Applicants will develop the pass-through agreements for each project. These pass-through agreements will be executed with the Master Grant Agreement in November.

Master Grant Agreement Execution

Week of November 5: SGC Program Staff will send the finalized Master Grant Agreement with scope and budgets incorporated to the Lead Applicant/City of Fresno for final Fresno City Council consideration.

Grant Execution: Upon receiving the approved Master Grant Agreement from the Lead Applicant/City of Fresno, SGC Program Staff will execute the Master Grant Agreement and will notify the Lead Applicant/City of Fresno when project implementation may begin based on readiness thresholds. Only projects that have been approved by SGC staff as ready projects will be eligible to request reimbursement after the grant execution. All other projects that are not ready are required to fulfill readiness requirements within the first year of the grant term and subject to SGC's confirmation of meeting the readiness threshold.

The Lead Applicant/City of Fresno will be notified if there are any changes to this proposed timeline.

Thank you for all your hard work to shape the Transform Fresno project thus far! We look forward to working with the Lead Applicant/City of Fresno and all of the Co-Applicants on this next phase of the TCC Program.

Sincerely,
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