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Butte County	
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<p>1. Project size and scope - consistent with the CDFA 2022 Community Resilience Centers Program</p> <p>2. Require project management and contract administration oversight</p> <p>3. Contracted support for project management</p>	<p>1. Please refer to the project size and scope in the final guidelines. The CRC program will accept grant applications for planning/pre-development and/or implementation activities. The minimum grant award is \$5,000,000. Due to the short timeframe associated with the funding source for these projects, up to 20% of the total grant award amount and up to one year will be allowed for pre-development activities once the project has been awarded.</p> <p>2. CDFA has included project management and contract administration oversight as allowable costs. CDFA is also working with a third-party consultant for technical assistance for the duration of the project for project management activities and contract administration oversight.</p> <p>3. Technical assistance will also be available for all grant recipients for the duration of their project for project management support.</p>

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)	
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<p>Consider pet-friendly, co-sheltering evacuation sites</p>	<p>Site usage as pet-friendly, co-sheltering evacuation sites are determined by the shelter operator. Animal and pet evacuations are coordinated by county and local emergency management agencies and accommodations may vary by county. Local and state health and safety regulations do not permit the Red Cross to allow pets (with the exception of service animals) in disaster shelters.</p> <p>For the purpose of this grant, we are happy to accept and review proposals that assume pet-friendly/co-sheltering scenarios.</p>

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Community Resilience Working Group (CRWG)	
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<p>1. Include “building social infrastructure and long-term resilience” as a program objective.</p> <p>2. Prioritize disadvantaged communities, disadvantaged unincorporated communities, and Tribal communities.</p> <p>3. Do not prioritize shovel-ready projects over those that require funds for planning and pre-development work.</p> <p>4. Allow maximum flexibility for allowable costs to enable all communities to participate in the Community Resilience Center program.</p> <p>5. Remove fairgrounds as eligible entities and center communities' priorities by requiring clear guardrails for any private sector or for-profit entities that apply and receive funds.</p> <p>6. Offer 100% advance payments on a continuing basis to ensure that all communities can access the program, regardless of their ability to pay upfront.</p> <p>7. Ensure that technical assistance is robust, tailored, and provided throughout the entire application process.</p>	<p>1. CDFA has included, "Build social infrastructure and long-term resilience of facilities that support social services" as a program objective in the final guidelines.</p> <p>2. To keep the CRC program in alignment with California's Statewide Adaptation Strategy efforts, applicants within disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities will be prioritized. The communities will be identified by the tools listed below; however, the application will also allow applicants to describe their communities' needs and will be taken into consideration and scored during the review process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Disadvantaged communities” as defined by Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code and identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0; and • “Disadvantaged unincorporated communities” as defined by Section 65302.10 of the California Government Code and identified through the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool for Transformative Climate Communities (TCC). <p>3. The program has decided to not prioritize shovel-ready projects. However, due to the short timeframe associated with the funding source for these projects, up to 20% of the total grant award amount and up to one year will be allowed for pre-development activities once the project has been awarded.</p> <p>4. Allowable costs have been revised in the final guidelines to include suggestions regarding labor, community engagement, and other pre-development costs. The budget language that made the funding available and CDFA grant regulations limit the use of the funds for non-infrastructure-related expenditures.</p> <p>5. California fairgrounds are very crucial to their communities. They not only serve offer resources and facilities for a variety of purposes, and events throughout the year but also as emergency and evacuations in many disadvantaged communities. However, fairgrounds within the Network of California Fairs are not eligible applicants for this round of funding. As for private sector eligibility, suggested guardrails were considered, and revisions has been made to the final guidelines. All eligible applicants must submit at least three letters of recommendation/support from their community decision makers and leaders.</p> <p>6. If selected for funding, recipients may be eligible for an advance payment of up to 25 percent of the total grant award on a revolving basis, subject to provisions of CDFA grant regulations.</p> <p>7. CDFA is working with a third-party consultant to provide technical assistance to the applicants throughout the application process.</p>

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Greenlining	
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<p>1. Promote Grant Program Accessibility and Capacity Building to Grow Participation in Frontline Communities</p> <p>a. Expand Advance Pay</p> <p>b. Increase Flexibility for Allowable Costs</p> <p>c. Promote Comprehensive, Hands-on Technical Assistance</p> <p>d. Support Pre-Development</p> <p>2. Ensure Targeted, Intentional Benefits to Prioritize Communities with the Greatest Need</p> <p>a. Embed Community Resilience and Equity into Objectives</p> <p>b. Prioritize Funding for Disadvantaged, Disadvantaged Unincorporated, and Tribal Communities</p> <p>c. Prioritize Community Based Hosts as Eligible Applicants</p> <p>d. Increase Benefits for Workers</p> <p>e. Embed Equity into Scoring</p> <p>3. Measure for Equity to Secure Meaningful Benefits</p> <p>a. Develop an Evaluation Process with Robust Equity Metrics</p>	<p>1. Promote Grant Program Accessibility and Capacity Building to Grow Participation in Frontline Communities</p> <p>a. If selected for funding, recipients may be eligible for an advance payment of up to 25 percent of the total grant award on a revolving basis, subject to provisions of CDFA grant regulations.</p> <p>b. CDFA has revised the list of allowable costs to include project management costs. Please refer to the final guidelines for the revised list of allowable costs. Technical assistance will also be available for project management during project implementation.</p> <p>c. CDFA is working with a third-party consultant for technical assistance throughout the application process and for the duration of the project for project management activities and contract administration oversight. Costs associated with technical assistance and/or project management have also been added to the list of allowable costs.</p> <p>d. Due to the short timeframe associated with the funding source for these projects, up to 20% of the total grant award amount and up to one year will be allowed for pre-development activities once the project has been awarded.</p> <p>2. Ensure Targeted, Intentional Benefits to Prioritize Communities</p> <p>a. Community resilience and equity has been embedded into the program's objectives by offering eligibility to a wide range of applicants and offering a high level of technical assistance to applicants that may not have access to resources.</p> <p>b. The CRC program agrees with the suggestion to prioritize disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities, as defined by Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code and identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0 and by Section 65302.10 of the California Government Code and identified through the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool for Transformative Climate Communities (TCC).</p> <p>c. Community-based hosts will not be considered as prioritized applicants, but instead all applicants must demonstrate and provide a description on how closely work with and serve the communities that the resilience center aims to benefit.</p> <p>d. The CRC program realizes the importance of workforce development and has made it a program objective. Applicants must include a plan to advance workforce development programs within their communities.</p> <p>e. The CRC program has revised the scoring criteria and included more in-depth scoring tables and weights for each criterion.</p> <p>3. Measure for Equity to Secure Meaningful Benefits</p> <p>a. Equity has been embedded into every step of the program, including the evaluation</p>

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	process. Therefore, the evaluation process will continue to focus on a holistic approach to help identify projects that have an opportunity to succeed.
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Modoc County Board of Supervisors	
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<p>1. Suggest that smaller fairs in rural disadvantaged communities, such as the 34th DAA, receive selection priority for grant applications.</p> <p>2. Technical assistance provided should be focused on assisting the smaller rural fairs with the grant application process by offering assistance in completing and compiling the information required to apply for the grant.</p> <p>3. Pre-development costs may need to be increased from 5% for rural fairgrounds, as many are located in areas with limited options for consultants or contractors.</p>	<p>1. While state/public entities are eligible to apply, fairgrounds within the Network of California Fairs are not eligible applicants for this round of funding. Priority will be given to applicants representing disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities.</p> <p>2. Technical assistance will be available to all eligible applicants on an equal basis for the compilation of required documents and completion of the grant application.</p> <p>3. Due to the short timeframe associated with the funding source for these projects, up to 20% of the total grant award amount and up to one year will be allowed for pre-development activities once the project has been awarded.</p>

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Rural County Representatives of California	
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<p>1. Technical Assistance</p> <p>a. Direct Assistance: Staffing and/or technical expertise, trainings, webinars, one-on-one assistance.</p> <p>b. Capacity Building: Shared resources, information sharing, opportunities to connect other funded projects.</p> <p>2. Implementation</p> <p>a. Implement medical power to ensure that individuals who require ongoing medical power can be cared for in the case of emergencies where power loss or relocation of individuals occurs.</p> <p>b. Include opportunities for retrofits or construction that would provide additional solar solutions for communities.</p>	<p>1. Technical Assistance</p> <p>a. CDFA is working with a third-party consultant with construction expertise to offer technical assistance for the compilation of required application documents and completion of the grant application.</p> <p>b. The CRC Program will do its best to share as many resources and information as possible and ensure that it can all be readily available on the program's website. While program staff cannot assist with completing the applications to keep the integrity of the program, staff will be available to answer questions from potential grant applicants.</p> <p>2. Implementation</p> <p>a. Power capabilities for medical equipment can be requested/stated in the application, as the need is determined by each applicant.</p> <p>b. The CRC Program will include additional solar installations as an infrastructure element eligible for funding.</p>

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<p>1. We support the prioritization of projects benefitting "Socially Disadvantaged, low income, and/or vulnerable communities." To ensure that Program funding reaches these priority communities, we suggest the following clarifications:</p> <p>a. The Senate Bill 535/CalEnviroScreen 4.0 disadvantaged community designations often incompletely capture local conditions. The Program should not rely solely on the SB 535 designations to define "Socially Disadvantaged" communities. Allowing for community description of need using multiple State, federal, and local mapping and data tools will support project prioritization that more accurately reflects conditions on the ground.</p> <p>b. A community resilience center likely serves residents of an area larger than the Census tract where the facility is located. We suggest clarifying that priority applies to projects serving "Socially Disadvantaged, low income, and/or vulnerable communities" even if they are not located in State-designated priority Census tracts.</p> <p>2. We support the prioritization of projects that have completed pre-development/design. With the climate crisis already directly affecting many California communities, we recommend the following:</p> <p>a. Specifically prioritize projects that would serve residents within one year.</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>a. To keep the CRC program in alignment with California's Statewide Adaptation Strategy efforts, priority communities will be identified as defined by Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code and identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0 and by Section 65302.10 of the California Government Code and identified through the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool for Transformative Climate Communities (TCC). However, the application will also allow applicants to describe their community's needs and provide letters of support from their community decision-makers and leaders. The information provided on the application will be taken into consideration and scored during the review process.</p> <p>b. Guideline language will be revised to include grant applicants that serve disadvantaged and disadvantaged unincorporated communities.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>a. The program has added "Offer a resilience center to the community within one year of project completion for the purpose of providing applicable resources as needed."</p> <p>b. The program has taken this into consideration and incorporated a similar criterion into the scoring section.</p> <p>3. All proposed project locations that meet the eligibility criteria may apply. The parameters for eligible costs for reimbursement have been expanded. Applications/projects that involve multiple sites may be considered as long as each location meets the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>4. a./b. The program has decided not to make the suggested projects a priority, but instead has incorporated the suggestion as part of the program's objectives within the guidelines and application scoring criterion. We believe the changes made are compatible with this recommendation, as the program's goal is to upgrade facilities to meet local community resiliency needs during emergency/evacuation events, as well as equipping facilities to provide long-term, year-round community services and activities to enhance the community's resilience through civic, social, educational, and economic development programming.</p>

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<p>b. In the “Capacity” scoring section, allocate points for applicants with demonstrated facilities management and community services operations experience.</p> <p>3. Clarification that eligible “neighborhood-level” sites and allowable costs would facilitate project planning. Further, we suggest clarifying whether all project activities would need to occur at one site or whether coordinated improvements at multiple sites would be eligible.</p> <p>4. Lastly, we encourage the prioritization of comprehensive, multi-benefit and holistic projects that support year-round community services and activities, with sustained benefits beyond priority activation events.</p> <p>a. For example, air filtration investments in highly utilized community centers will provide cleaner air benefits year-round, not only during critical air pollution events. Distributed energy generation and storage in high-use facilities will provide continued energy resilience and cost-saving benefits, while serving as demonstrations and supporting complementary workforce training investments.</p> <p>b. Integration of resiliency components into existing facilities that provide other types of community activities and services should receive additional points for these multi-benefit and program efficiency opportunities.</p>	

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Community Alliance with Family Farmers	
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<p>1. We recommend including fire prevention and structure hardening/retrofits in the upgrades and site analysis aspect of planning allowance.</p> <p>2. We recommend adding a clause that allows for preferred procurement from local farmers and ag operators in evacuation/emergencies to build community resilience and capacity.</p> <p>3. We recommend increasing the allowable advancement award to above 25% because many low income and underserved communities are not able to find the capital necessary to implement projects without that higher cap.</p> <p>4. During emergencies, many farmers will need to find alternate places to store crops and ag products. Expanding the ability of community centers to house these products would help the communities they serve by increasing access to nutrient dense foods more readily available during evacuations, etc.</p> <p>5. We highly recommend developing a prioritization for this program that centers equity. When scoring applications for this program we recommend prioritizing proposals that support socially disadvantaged and historically underserved communities in the scoring process and/or allocate a minimum of 40% of these funds to applicants that aim to support these communities.</p>	<p>1. The recommendations have been accepted and added to the list of examples of implementation activities. These items should also be covered under the pre-development phase as required by the state/local authority.</p> <p>2. Procurement during an evacuation is an activity that would be carried out by the state/local entity in charge (depending on the circumstances, control of a facility may change during an emergency). Also, procurement would take place after completion of the project, such a clause as recommended would be beyond the scope of the grant awarded project.</p> <p>3. While we understand that disadvantaged communities may not have the capacity to provide the upfront costs, grant recipients may be eligible for an advance payment of up to 25 percent of the total grant award on a revolving basis, subject to provisions of CDFA grant regulations.</p> <p>4. The new refrigeration units included with the commercial kitchen upgrades could potentially serve this purpose, depending on location. The CRC Program suggests that the applicants include this need in their application, if necessary for their communities.</p> <p>5. The CRC Program will prioritize disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities. However, a minimum allocation has not been set.</p>

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Office of Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula	
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<p>1. Refining the definition of disadvantaged communities to use definitions used in HSC 39711 and GOV 65302.10 to cover both disadvantaged and disadvantaged unincorporated communities with greater focus.</p> <p>2. Acknowledging that under resourced communities may need additional groundwork, we request to not place priority on shovel-ready projects. Some communities that may be most burdened by climate change will likely need the most support in getting through the pre-development and planning phase.</p> <p>3. As the funding is already partitioned into fairground and community center buckets, we would recommend removing fairgrounds from being eligible applicants for the community resilience center funding bucket.</p> <p>4. Rural communities may have difficulty paying for projects up-front, and so we would recommend developing some mechanism for offering 100% upfront payment, be it through a rolling or other such mechanism.</p>	<p>1. The CRC uses the following definitions for disadvantaged communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Disadvantaged communities” as defined by Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code and identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0; and • “Disadvantaged unincorporated communities” as defined by Section 65302.10 of the California Government Code and identified through the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool for Transformative Climate Communities (TCC). <p>2. The program has decided to not prioritize shovel-ready projects. However, due to the short timeframe associated with the funding source for these projects, up to 20% of the total grant award amount and up to one year will be allowed for pre-development activities once the project has been awarded.</p> <p>3. California fairgrounds are public/state entities and are very crucial to their communities as they regularly provide emergency and resiliency services to many disadvantaged communities; however, fairgrounds within the Network of California Fairs are not eligible applicants for this round of funding.</p> <p>4. CDFA regulations regarding grants do not allow for 100% advance payments. If selected for funding, recipients may be eligible for an advance payment of up to 25 percent of the total grant award on a revolving basis, subject to provisions of CDFA grant regulations.</p>