

Program Application: 83443932

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Youth Climate Collective (YCC) and Climate Change Community Team (CCCT) Field Trips

Grant Amount Requested

\$74,964.94

Organization Name

Climate Resilient Communities

Urban Grant Program Application Questions

Overview

Type of project (check all that apply)

Grant category (check all that apply)

Environmental Stewardship and Restoration, Parks, Trails, and Public Access, Environmental Education, Urban Agriculture / Food Systems

Project Location: Address / Neighborhood

What is the physical location of the project? If there is no physical location, please enter "N/A." If the project will be in multiple locations, please list all. Note: project location(s) must be within the Authority's jurisdiction.

Eastside San Jose and Alviso neighborhoods of San Jose, California

Project Location

Open Space Authority District of Project Location(s)(check all that apply)

Authority District 1, Authority District 2, Authority District 3, Authority District 4, Authority District 5, Authority District 6, Authority District 7

Who does the project serve? Please indicate which Open Space Authority Districts are served (where do the people served by the program live) (check all that apply)

Authority District 2, Authority District 3, Authority District 6, Authority District 7

Project Abstract

Climate Resilient Communities will launch a 25-student Youth Climate Collective cohort in Santa Clara County, prioritizing under-resourced youth from East San Jose, Alviso, and other frontline neighborhoods in OSA Districts 2, 3, 6 and 7. Students will gain climate literacy and leadership skills through 10 immersive field trips to open spaces and environmental institutions, supported by mentorship and career pathways along with 1 orientation and 1 graduation celebration for the students (totally 12 engagements). In addition, our East San Jose and Alviso Climate Change Community Teams will participate in guided excursions to explore local open spaces, inspiring stewardship projects and community-led resilience strategies. Together, these efforts will equip diverse community leaders with the tools, access and inspiration to champion equitable climate adaptation and environmental justice.

Project Planning

Describe the proposed project.

Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) will launch a transformative 25-student cohort of our Youth Climate Collective (YCC), exclusively representing the diverse frontline youth of Santa Clara County. Our program will offer under resourced students access to summer environmental education and environmental justice leadership opportunities. Additionally, we will host two field site trips for our East San Jose and Alviso Climate Change Community Teams (CCCTs) to deepen community engagement with open spaces and inspire local environmental stewardship.

CRC has led a YCC program in San Mateo County since 2022, reaching and molding over 200 young changemakers from communities experiencing the most severe climate impacts in the region. Giving students the knowledge, skills and support system to understand the climate impacts affecting their lives empowers students to lead the climate adaptation solutions needed for the future.

The YCC Program was designed based on community leader feedback in the East Palo Alto Climate Change Community Team (CCCT). Since 2019, CRC has been facilitating community leaders to gather monthly at the neighborhood and city level to discuss their concerns, priorities, and launch partnerships to address the most severe climate impacts. CRC serves as a facilitator and institutional support system to implement solutions that align community vision and tangible projects at the local level. We are proud to continue advancing the network of CCCTs in San Mateo and Santa Clara County, including our two newest CCCTs in Alviso (launched in December 2024) and East San Jose (launched in June 2025). From our experience facilitating these community spaces, we know the value of providing opportunities for deep community engagement and connection. In all of our CCCTs, we've fostered a sense of ownership and stewardship of the unique assets and open spaces situated in their community, and will do so for those the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority oversees.

Equity and Access: Santa Clara County's frontline communities - particularly in East San Jose, Alviso, and Gilroy - are disproportionately affected by climate hazards, limited access to nature, and underrepresentation in environmental leadership. Many youth and families in these neighborhoods lack the resources to participate in summer learning or outdoor experiences, missing out on critical opportunities to build climate literacy, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging in nature.

Youth Leadership: The Youth Climate Collective is designed to break down these barriers. By prioritizing recruitment from historically underserved schools and neighborhoods, we ensure our cohort reflects the County's rich diversity and empowers those most impacted by environmental injustices.

Community Engagement: Our existing CCCTs in East San Jose and Alviso are composed of residents who are deeply invested in local solutions but often lack the chance to connect with the broader landscape of open spaces that define the region. Field trips for these teams will foster a deeper appreciation for nature, inspire new ideas for community stewardship, and strengthen bonds among residents working toward resilience.

Project Activities:

Youth Climate Collective:

Cohort Recruitment & Selection: 25 students ages 14-22 from SCC frontline communities, selected through partnerships with local schools, community organizations, and direct outreach.

Field Trips: Ten immersive field trips to open spaces and other environmental education institutions in the broader Bay Area including:

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority reserves like Little Uvas Creek and Coyote Ridge Preserves and others as available through SCV OSA

Local parks and greenways like Guadalupe River Park

Urban farms and restoration sites like Veggielution and the Second Harvest Food Bank

Environmental justice organizations and advocacy hubs like CARAS South County

Aquariums, community science centers, exploratoriums and hands on activities like the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the SF Exploratorium or the TECH Museum

Leadership Development: Workshops on environmental justice, climate science, and community organizing, culminating in a student-led capstone project addressing a local climate challenge.

Mentorship: Connections with environmental professionals, community leaders, and CRC's CCCTs.

Career Development: Opportunities for internships and offramps to climate careers and job search support.

Climate Change Community Teams:

Field Site Trips: Two guided excursions for East San Jose and Alviso teams to explore open spaces, learn about restoration practices, and discuss how to integrate nature-based solutions and environmental stewardship into their neighborhood priorities.

Stewardship Planning: Facilitated discussions to build community capacity and identify opportunities for community-led stewardship, restoration, and advocacy within each team's area.

Building Community Climate Resilience: YCC will empower youth by equipping young leaders with knowledge, skills, and connections. We will foster a generation with the skills and knowledge to collectively advocate, conceptualize, and implement climate resilience strategies and nature based solutions in their communities. The YCC serves as a pipeline for future environmental leaders, ensuring that diverse, frontline voices shape local policy and practice.

Strengthening Community Networks: The field trips for adult CCCTs will build social cohesion, inspire collaborative stewardship, and provide practical examples of how open spaces can be leveraged for community resilience. These experiences will inform team-led projects, such as urban greening, tree planting, or water conservation initiatives.

Amplifying Local Solutions: Through both youth and adult programming, CRC will amplify the importance of open spaces as assets for climate

adaptation - providing ecosystem benefits, cooling, flood mitigation, mental health benefits, and opportunities for community-building. By connecting residents to these resources, we empower them to champion resilience in their neighborhoods.

Expected Outcomes:

25 youth leaders equipped with climate literacy, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging in open spaces.

10 field trips providing transformative outdoor experiences for students with curriculum in alignment with both Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards throughout Santa Clara County Open space authority land

2 CCCT team excursions inspiring new ideas for local stewardship and restoration.

Stronger community networks and increased capacity for climate action in East San Jose and Alviso.

CRC is uniquely positioned to deliver this educational programming, with a proven track record of engaging frontline communities, developing youth leadership, and building partnerships for climate resilience. By expanding on the success of the Youth Climate Collective and expanding field experiences for CCCTs, we will ensure that Santa Clara County's most vulnerable residents have the tools, access, and inspiration to lead the way toward a more equitable and resilient future.

Describe key project deliverables and estimated completion dates.

Youth Climate Collective (YCC) Summer 2026 Cohort

Deliverable: Recruitment and selection of 25 students from Santa Clara County frontline communities and residents of OSA Districts 2, 3, 6 & 7.

Completion Date: May 2026.

Deliverable: 1 orientation, 12 weekly Saturday workshop with climate justice curriculum, leadership workshops and skill-building activities in partnership with OSA. Workshops also include field trips to open spaces, farms and environmental institutions within Santa Clara County along with 1 final graduation celebration. Completion Dates: June - August 2026.

Deliverable: Student-led capstone projects addressing local climate challenges. Completion Date: September 2026.

Climate Change Community Team (CCCT) Field Engagements

Deliverable: Totally of 60 CCCT members engaged between two guided field site excursions (East San Jose and Alviso CCCTs) to Santa Clara Valley open spaces, centered on stewardship and resilience strategies. Completion Date: October 2025 - March 2026.

Deliverable: Facilitated stewardship planning sessions with each CCCT to design local greening, restoration, or water conversation initiatives. Completion Date: April - June 2026.

Program Capacity Building & Materials

Deliverable: Development of climate justice and leadership workshop curriculum for the YCC cohort. Completion Date: May 2026.

Deliverable: Educational materials and field trip guides linking open space benefits (e.g. cooling, flood mitigation, mental health) to community resilience. Completion Date: May 2026.

Community Impact & Knowledge Sharing

Deliverable: Final YCC capstone presentations shared with community, stakeholders, and CCCT members. Completion Date: September 2026.

Deliverable: Community teams present stewardship priorities and proposed neighborhood projects informed by field trips. Completion Date: December 2026.

Does this project require permission, permits, or other approvals? If so, please describe the status of these.

Yes, this project requires permission and approvals from the Climate Change Community Team (CCCT) members and our partners at the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority for in-person visits to open space sites. Climate Resilient Communities is committed to complying with all local, state, and federal environmental and permitting requirements. We will obtain any necessary permits or approvals for site access and program delivery in a timely manner, coordinating closely with the Open Space Authority and community partners to ensure all visits and activities meet regulatory standards and site use policies. To date, initial permissions are pending and we have established collaborative communication channels to facilitate prompt approval processes before project implementation. Our grant deliverables include project plans but will not include implementation of any of the community-led project plans as part of this grant.

What is the lifetime of this project? If applicable, describe plans for operating and maintaining the project in the future.

The lifetime of this project spans the initial implementation phase from January 2026 (ideally sooner, if awarded) through December 2026, encompassing both the Youth Climate Collective (YCC) summer cohort and the Climate Change Community Team (CCCT) field engagement programs. Both programs are relatively new in Santa Clara County but build on CRC's successful programming and extensive experience in San Mateo County since 2016. With demonstrated impact and community support, CRC is well-positioned to secure continued funding and partnerships to sustain and expand these initiatives beyond the initial project period. Our long-term vision includes scaling the YCC and CCCT programs to deepen community climate resilience, enhance youth leadership pipelines, and foster ongoing stewardship of open spaces, ensuring lasting benefits for frontline communities.

Describe the project's readiness for implementation.

This project is ready for implementation, and builds on CRC's proven track record of successfully delivering three years of the Youth Climate Collective program since 2022 and running Climate Change Community Teams since 2019 in San Mateo County. The Santa County expansion benefits from established community partnerships, including new CCCTs launched in Alviso (December 2024) and East San Jose (June 2025). Program curricula, recruitment strategies, and community engagement frameworks are already developed and refined through prior cohorts, but will be overhauled and updated to fit the specific Santa Clara County context. Additionally, CRC has secured strong commitments from local schools, community organizations, and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority's education, outreach and volunteer branches, positioning the project for timely outreach, participant selection, and seamless coordination of field trips and workshops beginning in November 2026.

Project Budget

Budget Summary - Grant Request & Budget Summary - Matching Funds

Grant request: Personnel

\$26,436.90

Grant request: Contracted Services

\$0.00

Grant request: Supplies / Materials

\$38,750.00

Grant request: Other Direct Costs

\$0.00

Grant request: Indirect Costs

\$9,886.04

Total Matching Funds

\$0.00

Total Budget

\$75,072.94

Please upload a detailed version of your budget by accessing the link below:

Climate Resilient Communities_Project Budget (3).xlsx

Materials and Budget Template (item #9) found here: <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/programs/grant.html#Materials>

Provide a brief budget narrative to explain the expenses listed in each of the budget categories (e.g. Personnel).

Personal: The budget allocates funds to three key staff positions essential for program design, coordination, outreach and delivery. The Senior Director of Communications & Programs provide high-level oversight and strategic guidance over limited hours focused on this project. The Director of Outreach and Education and Resilient Education Program Manager dedicate significant time to curriculum development, partner coordination, student recruitment, workshop facilitation, and evaluation, reflecting direct program implementation efforts. Hourly rates are based on staff experience and roles and are inclusive of staff benefits, ensuring expert management and delivery of the Youth Climate Collective and Climate Change Community Team initiatives.

Materials and Participant Support: Student stipends (\$100 per workshop) for the Youth Climate Collective incentivizes consistent participation and acknowledges the value of youth leadership and time commitment, with stipends provided for each of the 10 student workshops. Transportation costs support student travel to these educational sites, enabling access for under-resourced youth. Meals are budgeted for both students and CCCT members during field trips, ensuring participants are nourished and able to engage fully throughout the day. Stipends for CCCT members recognize their community leadership contributions and encourage engagement in two planned field excursions. These materials and support directly contribute to equitable access and engagement for frontline community members.

Indirect Costs: Indirect costs are budgeted at 15% of direct expenses to cover administrative overhead associated with program management, accounting, reporting, and other organizational support functions essential to successful grant administration and compliance.

Award Amount: The Board reserves the right to award partial funding on projects. If your project were to receive partial funding, what would this mean for your project?

If the project were to receive partial funding, CRC would still be able to implement the YCC and CCCT programs but with a reduced number of workshops for YCC students or a reduced number of participants. We have built flexibility into the program design to adapt the quantity of Saturday workshops based on the award amount, allowing us to maintain core program elements while scaling back as needed. However, fewer workshops would limit opportunities for students to build deeper relationships and evolve collectively throughout consistent engagement over the summer, which is a valuable component of their leadership and climate literacy development. Despite this, we remain committed to delivering meaningful experiences and impactful community engagement within the available resources.

Project Goals

Describe the specific problems, issues, or unserved needs the project will address.

The project addresses critical gaps in climate education, leadership opportunities, and equitable access to nature for frontline youth and communities in Santa Clara County, particularly in East San Jose and Alviso. These communities disproportionately face climate hazards such as extreme heat, flooding, and environmental pollution while often lacking safe and meaningful access to open spaces and outdoor learning experiences. Instead of viewing nature as a source of harm, this program looks to advance positive outdoor experiences and healing that can only be completed in nature. Youth and families in these neighborhoods are underrepresented in environmental leadership and frequently miss summer learning opportunities that build climate literacy, resilience skills, and a sense of belonging in nature.

To meet these needs, the project sets clear, measurable goals, including engaging 25 frontline youth in a summer cohort with 10 hands-on workshops and field trips, and providing two field excursions for 60+ CCCT members, fostering community stewardship and resilience. These goals are realistic based on CRC's proven program experience and community partnerships. The project delivers strong social benefits by empowering diverse youth and residents with leadership skills and inclusive access to nature, and environmental benefits through community-led initiatives that promote open space stewardship, climate adaptation, and ecosystem health within vulnerable neighborhoods. Success will be measured by participant reach, completed workshops and field trips, post-workshop and field trip individual evaluation surveys, and the development of action climate resilience projects led by youth and community members.

How does this project serve the community?

Number of people served

75

Number of youth served

25

Number of programs provided

14

Other Grantee Goal #1 (optional)

75%: Percentage of youth and residents who report they gained new knowledge about the Open Space Authority and restoration efforts in their community

Other Grantee Goal #2 (optional)

80%: Percentage of youth and residents who report understanding climate vulnerabilities and nature-based solutions to address those vulnerabilities by participating in a CRC-led OSA workshop or field trip.

Impact

Describe the lasting impact of the project. Please include whether the program is open to the public and whether any materials developed will be available to the public.

This project is designed to create lasting social and environmental impact by providing frontline youth and communities in Santa Clara County with what is often their first meaningful, welcoming touchpoint to the Santa Clara Valley Open Spaces. It will also likely be their first engagement with the incredible employees and volunteers, along with the climate adaptation solutions they advance. By engaging diverse youth through the YCC program and empowering community members in CCCTs, CRC invests in building local climate literacy, leadership, and stewardship capacities that will endure well beyond the program timeline.

As part of our commitment to deep and inclusive community engagement, CRC will partner with leading organizations to co-host workshops and activities in open spaces throughout the county, including Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Valley Water, Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability and Resilience, the County's Office of Education, Silicon Valley Youth Climate Initiative, CARAS in Gilroy, Veggielution, and Second Harvest Food Bank. These collaborations will integrate place-based learning with hands-on stewardship, cultural exchange, and climate action strategies, creating dynamic experiences that connect participants to both the land and the networks working to sustain it.

This foundational engagement fosters a strong sense of connection and ownership over open spaces, inspiring ongoing community-led resilience projects such as urban greening, restoration, and advocacy efforts that address local climate vulnerabilities, community-driven design of solutions, and public support for conservation and preservation. While open to the public, our program prioritizes outreach to frontline youth and adult community leaders engaged through CCCTs, ensuring focus on historically underserved populations while building pathways for broader community influence.

Educational materials, partnership-based activities, and stewardship guides developed through the project will be made publicly accessible to encourage replication and expand impact beyond direct participants. Through these efforts, the project effectively responds to clear community needs and seeds a culture of sustained climate action, environmental justice, and open space stewardship—strengthening social cohesion and ecosystem health across Santa Clara County.

Climate Resilience

How does this project enhance and/or raise awareness about climate resilience? Please include any metrics that can be used to help quantify or understand the climate benefits of the project.

Since 2019, the East Palo Alto Climate Change Community Team has served as a vital leader, shaping CRC's approach to climate resilience work. This collaboration has directly informed targeted climate adaptation projects that address locally prioritized issues such as air quality and stormwater management. For example, the EPA CCCT and CRC successfully distributed 160 air purifiers to vulnerable households in East Palo Alto to mitigate harmful pollution impacts and supported the installation of 25 rain gardens to manage runoff and reduce flood risks. Both projects were envisioned and led by the EPA CCCT, with CRC serving as a facilitator, project manager, and providing staff support.

Additionally, CRC has developed innovative disaster preparedness workshops based on ongoing conversations with all CCCTs that reflect the specific concerns of each community. For instance, residents of North Fair Oaks identified extreme heat as a pressing issue and requested a physician-led workshop on the health impacts and signs of heat-related illnesses. CRC prioritized this request, designing and conducting the workshop with direct CCCT involvement and outreach, ensuring that educational content is accessible, relevant, and responsive to community needs.

This project builds on that legacy by engaging frontline youth and community members in Santa Clara County to deepen understanding and leadership around climate resilience. Through immersive education, stewardship activities, and experiential learning in open spaces, participants will explore practice nature-based solutions that reduce climate risks, such as urban greening, water conservation, and ecosystem restoration. By empowering diverse voices from the communities most impacted by climate change, the program raises awareness, builds local capacity, and cultivates collaborative resilience strategies that prepare and adapt neighborhoods for current and future climate changes. This capacity will also set the stage for the creation of community-led climate adaptation projects that will include nature-based solutions, open space stewardship, and intersectional climate justice projects.

Community Engagement / Stakeholder Support / Community Building

Describe the community support and/or community engagement process. Please upload any community support letters in the Documents Upload section below.

CRC employs a unique and deeply rooted community engagement model centered on the CCCT to ensure frontline communities are leading all of the work that CRC does. This model prioritizes sustained, collaborative relationships with residents, local organizations, government partners, and academic institutions, fostering inclusive spaces where diverse voices shape climate resilience initiatives reflective of community priorities. The Alviso CCCT, active since December 2024, and the East San Jose CCCT, launched in June 2025, exemplify this approach, convening around 20 and over 30 attendees, respectively.

Our engagement process intentionally cultivates broad representation - including long-term residents, youth, community-based organizations, government jurisdictional partners, faith-based organizations, and local researchers - to decentralize decision-making and ensure that climate adaptation efforts are community-led and locally relevant. Through monthly meetings, facilitated visioning sessions, and collaborative planning, these teams provide invaluable community direction that informs CRC's program design, priorities, and implementation strategies.

This ongoing, participatory foundation has generated strong public support for our work, reflected in active engagement from CCCT members and endorsements from local government officials and stakeholders. Letters of support from partners including city officials and past YCC partners are submitted as part of this application to further demonstrate the collective commitment to advancing climate resilience through authentic community leadership.

Underserved Communities

Describe how the project addresses open space needs for sensitive populations such as residents of park-poor neighborhoods, underserved, or disadvantaged communities, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, or is located within an under-resourced community.

This project is specifically designed to address open space and environmental justice needs in some of the most under-resourced communities in Santa Clara County's open space jurisdictions, including East San Jose and Alviso - areas identified as "park-poor" and are highlighted as disadvantaged in data sets such as CalEnviroScreen, Healthy Places Index, and the Authority's Understanding Our Community tool. In particular, our Climate Change Community members in Alviso are residents of OSA DEC 1, and our eastside San Jose residents of OSA DEC 3 & 4. These neighborhoods have higher scores for socioeconomic and environmental vulnerability, with large proportions of residents burdened by air pollution, lack of green space, and limited access to safe outdoor recreation or learning opportunities. Many schools in these areas are Title 1, serving a high concentration of low-income youth who have been historically excluded from the climate movement and nature-based learning.

The proposed YCC 2026 program will directly engage 25 youth (14-22) from these frontline, underserved neighborhoods through deliberate outreach, engagement, and a wealth of community partnerships. The YCC program will advance job training and skills development through climate literacy workshops, environmental leadership training, and hands-on stewardship projects in partnership with the Open Space Authority. By providing stipends, transportation, and meals, CRC removes common financial and logistical barriers to participation, ensuring inclusive access for youth who may otherwise lack such experiences. Our programming also includes bilingual interpretation for students more comfortable living and learning in Spanish. Simultaneously, the CCCTs convene residents - including seniors, youth and faith-based community leaders - in multilingual, accessible community settings to discuss priorities, inform project design, and participate in guided field trips to regional open spaces previously out of reach for many.

By grounding the program in the robust demographic and environmental data, CRC ensures that resources, training, and environmental benefits flow to those most impacted by historic underinvestment and environmental harms. This project empowers youth and residents not only to connect with open space but also build pathways to leadership, green jobs, and healthier, more equitable neighborhoods.

Organizational Capacity

Briefly describe the organization and its ability to successfully implement this project. This might include successful past projects, key staff qualifications, financial resources, etc.

CRC is a financially independent 501(c)3 grassroots community-based organization with a strong track record of successfully designing and implementing climate resilience, youth leadership, and community engagement programs in undersourced Bay Area communities. Since 2019, CRC has led multifaceted projects such as the CCCT initiative and the YCC program, which have reached over 200 youth and hundreds more their families in San Mateo County and are now established in East San Jose and Alviso.

CRC's team includes highly qualified staff with deep experience in program management, climate science, education, bilingual outreach, and evaluation. Directors possess advanced degrees and years of collective work in environmental justice and community engagement in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. The organization maintains strong financial health, with diversified grant funding from public agencies and philanthropic partners, transparent accounting practices, and thorough reporting systems to ensure responsible stewardship of resources. CRC also benefits from robust partnerships with local governments, school sites, and community organizations, underpinning our capacity to launch, manage, and scale complex initiatives.

CRC is well-equipped to implement all proposed programming, leveraging proven strategies, skilled personnel, and established relationships to guarantee successful and impact outcomes for underserved communities in the Open Space Authority's jurisdiction.

Leadership & Innovation

Describe how this project employs innovative approaches or encourages collaboration and partnerships.

This project exemplifies leadership and innovation by centering the CCCT model - a unique, resident-driven approach that empowers frontline communities to define priorities and co-design all climate resilience programming, including the Youth Climate Collective. By hosting regular CCCT meetings as open forums for concept generation, CRC puts voice and choice directly in the hands of those most impacted, ensuring every initiative stems from genuine community vision, lived experience, and local expertise.

This collaborative, adaptive framework fosters lasting partnerships across community organizations, government agencies, academia, and the residents directly impacted by all projects brought into their community. Programs are built not from the top down, but through continuous engagement and co-leadership, allowing residents to shape stewardship projects, nature-based solutions, and education efforts that best fit their neighborhoods' realities. By igniting youth leadership within the Youth Climate Collective - an initiative originally co-designed by East Palo Alto CCCT members - CRC invests in the next generation's capacity for ongoing climate action and resilience.

This innovative strategy delivers greater climate impact, efficiency, and enduring relevance by aligning open space investments and educational programming with the needs and aspirations voiced by underserved communities themselves. Through partnership, local leadership development, and the elevation of resident priorities, CRC advances an inclusive model for climate resilience, environmental justice, and positive change, ready to be replicated across the region.

Documents Section

Document Uploads (please combine into one file if possible)

2. irs determination letter_crc

Additional files (if needed)

CRC W-9 Form.pdf

Additional files (if needed)

CSJ Signed Letter - CRC.pdf

Submitted Date - Internal

Summary Field:

Name: Average Score (no bonus)

Form: Staff Review

Summary Type: average

Field: Base Score Total

Decimal: 2

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Program Application: File Attachments

Please upload a detailed version of your budget by accessing the link below:

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CRC Budget Form

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PROJECT BUDGET

Highlighted cells are automatically calculated.

PROJECT

Project Name:	Youth Climate Collective (YCC) and Climate Change Community Team (CCCT) Field Trips			
Organization:	Climate Resilient Communities			

PERSONNEL

Estimate employee and volunteer time directly related to the project. Hourly rates for employees can include salary plus fringe benefits, payroll tax, etc, but can not include indirect costs. Note: please list position titles only.

Position Title	Description of Budget Item	Grant Request (\$)	Matching Funds (\$)	Total
Programs	\$78.24/hr at 35 hours	\$ 2,738.40		\$ 2,738.40
Director of Outreach and Education	\$62.70/hr at 210 hours	\$ 13,097.70		\$ 13,097.70
Resilient Education Program Manager	\$50.48/hr 210 hours	\$ 10,600.80		\$ 10,600.80
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TOTAL PERSONNEL		\$ 26,436.90	\$ -	\$ 26,436.90

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Labor, supplies, and materials to be provided by consultants/contractors for project implementation.

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				\$ -
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TOTAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS		\$ 38,750.00	\$ -	\$ 38,750.00
OTHER DIRECT COSTS				
Other direct costs that are <u>directly related</u> to the project. This might include travel, service fees for fiscal sponsorship, or newly-acquired equipment.				
Item	Description of Budget Item	Grant Request (\$)	Matching Funds (\$)	Total
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TOTAL OTHER DIRECT COSTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INDIRECT COSTS				
Indirect costs are eligible for grant funding only for 501(c)(3) Nonprofits and are <u>limited to 20%</u> of grant funding. Indirect costs cannot be counted as matching funds.				
Item	Description of Budget Item	Grant Request (\$)	Matching Funds (\$)	Total
Administrative overhead for Nonprofits	15% of overall budget	\$ 9,778.04	n/a	\$ 9,778.04
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS		\$ 9,778.04	n/a	\$ 9,778.04

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PERCENT OF GRANT REQUEST		0.2%	n/a	n/a
GRAND TOTAL				
		Grant Request (\$)	Matching Funds (\$)	Total
TOTALS		\$ 74,964.94	\$ -	\$ 74,964.94
COST SHARE				
				(%)
A minimum of 25% of grant request in matching funds may be required. This field is automatically calculated.				0.0%
MATCHING FUNDS				
Please describe the source of matching funds listed above. The total matching funds listed here should match the total matching funds listed under Grand Total above. This might include cash match (e.g. grantee's own funds, donations, grants, etc) or in-kind match (non-cash contribution such as volunteer time).				
Source	Description	(cash or in-kind)	Pending)	(\$)
project				
TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS				\$ -

Attachment: 2. irs determination letter_crc

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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. Climate Resilient Communities</p>	
	<p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p>	
	<p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ Nonprofit corporation exempt under the IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) </p>	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p><small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small></p>
	<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. 3921 East Bayshore Road, STE 208</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p>
	<p>6 City, state, and ZIP code Palo Alto, CA 94303</p>	
	<p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number											
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or											
Employer identification number											
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>John Darrock</i>	Date ▶ 03/26/2025
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

October 14, 2025
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Urban Grant Program Review Committee

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Climate Resilient Communities – Urban Grant Program Application

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the City of San José (“City”), I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation in support of Climate Resilient Communities’ (CRC) application to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Urban Grant Program. CRC’s proposed initiative represents an outstanding opportunity to advance climate resilience, equity, and community stewardship in San José’s most climate-vulnerable neighborhoods.

CRC’s work in East San José, including its Climate Change Community Team model and the Youth Climate Collective program, exemplifies inclusive, community-centered engagement. By empowering under-resourced youth and building capacity among local residents, CRC demonstrates a deep commitment to meaningful climate action and equitable access to open space resources. Their approach ensures that community voices guide project design and implementation, fostering ownership, resilience, and long-term social and environmental benefits.

The City has observed CRC’s ability to convene diverse stakeholders, deliver tailored educational programming, and launch impactful projects—such as disaster preparedness workshops, air purifier distribution, and nature-based stewardship activities—that respond directly to community priorities. CRC’s expansion of these proven programs in East San José and Alviso aligns with our shared goals to promote environmental health, social cohesion, and climate change awareness and resiliency for all residents.

We enthusiastically recommend CRC for this grant opportunity and support their efforts to deepen climate resilience in San José. The City looks forward to continued partnership with CRC and our community in advancing a more just, healthy, and sustainable future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Mitchell

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