



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2026

HCR26-055

SUBJECT: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the San Diego Housing Commission to
Apply for State of California Strategic Growth Council Transformative Climate Communities
Program Round 6 Grant Funds

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4 and 9

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Community and Strategic Initiatives

CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER: Debra Fischle-Faulk (619) 578-7411

REQUESTED ACTION:

Authorize the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) to apply to the State of California Strategic Growth Council Transformative Climate Communities Program for grant funds in an amount up to \$27,500,000 in accordance with the May 29, 2026, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Transformative Climate Communities Program and to enter into, execute and deliver a Standard Agreement in a total amount up to \$27,500,000 and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the Transformative Climate Communities Program funds for the implementation of 12 community-based projects across the areas of Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Lincoln Park, Oak Park, and Mountain View, in Council Districts 4 and 9. The projects further community transformation by collectively advancing equitable housing and neighborhood development, health equity, neighborhood stabilization, urban greening and greenhouse gas reduction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF KEY FACTORS:

- The Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC), administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), funds neighborhood-scale, community-led, climate resilience projects in California's most disadvantaged communities.
- The Round 6 TCC Implementation Grants provide up to \$27.5 million for a six-year grant term, supporting both capital projects and programmatic activities, including community engagement, anti-displacement strategies, workforce development, and climate adaptation planning.
- SDHC would submit this application on behalf of a multiorganization collaborative representing diverse community-based, cultural, environmental, and advocacy organizations.
- The partner list for the Round 6 Implementation Grant includes: City of San Diego, SDHC, Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA), Pillars of the Community, Climate Action Campaign, Groundwork San Diego, Karen Organization of San Diego, Global Action Research Center (ARC), Aja Project, and Horn of Africa
- This application includes funds to support PANA's proposed development of Global Village, a mixed-use community development in San Diego's Mid-City neighborhood that will include 144 affordable housing units.
- SDHC's application for TCC Program funds, subject to the SDHC Board's authorization, and SGC's potential award of TCC Program funds to SDHC will occur in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. Awards are expected to be announced in the Spring of FY 2027.
- These funds, if awarded, would increase SDHC's Housing Authority-approved FY 2027 budget by the amount of funds awarded to SDHC.



REPORT

DATE ISSUED: September 3, 2026

REPORT NO: HCR26-055

ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission Board of Commissioners
For the Agenda of September 11, 2026

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Board of Commissioners (Board) take the following actions:

- 1) Authorize SDHC to apply to the State of California Strategic Growth Council Transformative Climate Communities Program for grant funds in an amount up to \$27,500,000 in accordance with the May 29, 2026, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Transformative Climate Communities Program for the implementation of 12 community-based projects across the areas of Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Lincoln Park, Oak Park, and Mountain View in Council Districts 4 and 9. The approved resolution would authorize SDHC's President and Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute documents, in accordance with direction from the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities Program.
- 2) If the application is approved, authorize and direct SDHC to enter into, execute, and deliver a Standard Agreement in a total amount up to \$27,500,000 and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure Transformative Climate Communities Program funds from the SGC, and to participate in the Transformative Climate Communities Program, provided that a copy of the documents, signed as to form by General Counsel, is submitted to each Housing Commissioner.

SDHC acknowledges and agrees that it shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Standard Agreement, and that the NOFA and application will be incorporated in the Standard Agreement by reference and made a part thereof. Any and all activities, expenditures, information, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for the allowable expenditures and activities identified in the Standard Agreement.

- 3) Authorize SDHC's President and Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute the application and the Transformative Climate Communities Program documents on behalf of SDHC for participation in the Transformative Climate Communities Program.
- 4) Authorize SDHC's President and Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute all documents and instruments that are necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals, in a form approved by General Counsel, and to take such actions as are necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals. provided that a copy of the documents, signed as to form by General Counsel, are submitted to each Housing Commissioner.

SUMMARY

The Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC), administered by the SGC, funds neighborhood-scale, community-led, climate resilience projects in California's most disadvantaged communities. TCC supports integrated, multisector initiatives designed to:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Improve public health and environmental conditions
- Promote community resilience
- Expand equitable economic opportunity

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SDHC would submit this application on behalf of a multiorganization collaborative representing diverse community-based, cultural, environmental, and advocacy organizations. As the designated Lead Applicant for the San Diego collaborative's Round 6 Implementation Grant proposal, SDHC is responsible for:

- Submitting the full TCC Implementation Grant application through the statewide Submittable portal.
- Coordinating governance and partnership structures across all participating organizations.
- Ensuring compliance with TCC Program Guidelines and application requirements
- Integrating project narratives, workplans, budgets, leverage documentation, and transformative element plans (Community Engagement, Displacement Avoidance, Workforce Development & Economic Opportunities, Climate Adaptation & Resilience).
- Managing predevelopment and implementation readiness to ensure project feasibility within the six-year grant term.
- Serving as fiscal administrator, including managing SGC requirements for reporting, project performance, and reimbursement processes.
- Facilitating community engagement and convening partner organizations to ensure collaborative decision-making and project alignment.

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The partner list for the Round 6 Implementation Grant includes:

- City of San Diego
- SDHC
- Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA)
- Pillars of the Community
- Climate Action Campaign
- Groundwork San Diego
- Karen Organization of San Diego
- Global Action Research Center (ARC)
- Aja Project
- Horn of Africa

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT

This application includes funds to support PANA's proposed development of Global Village, a mixed-use community development in San Diego's Mid-City neighborhood that will include 144 affordable housing units.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

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SDHC STRATEGIC PLAN

This item relates to the Core Value "Collaborate with partners for the best outcomes for San Diegans" and Strategic Initiative 1.2 "Identify New Revenue Streams to Support Department Priorities" and 1.5 "Leverage SDHC's Prominence and Expertise to Shape the Field of Housing" in SDHC's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2030.

NONDISCRIMINATION ASSURANCE

At SDHC, we're about people. We are committed to ensuring a compassionate, person-centered approach to SDHC's programs, policies, projects and activities and to serving our community impartially, fairly and without bias. We are also committed to ensuring compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and protections to the extent that they affect this action relative to nondiscrimination

Key TCC Program Transformative Elements include equitable community engagement, displacement avoidance and workforce development/economic opportunity as central components. SDHC will ensure the application and potential award are implemented in accordance with SGC's requirements.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS and PROJECTED IMPACTS

SDHC, as Lead Applicant, is partnering with PANA, the City of San Diego, Pillars of the Community, Climate Action Campaign, Groundwork San Diego, Karen Organization of San Diego, Global ARC, Aja Project, and Horn of Africa. Together, these partners will advance coordinated, community-driven, climate resilience efforts. The project is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand green infrastructure, improve public health, and support economic opportunity in disadvantaged neighborhoods through workforce development, mobility improvements, neighborhood development, housing and climate adaptation strategies.

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Partner organizations conducted community-led advisory groups to determine the projects and areas with the highest priority for the communities. The projects selected for this application are the result of extensive community and partner organization meetings with residents, the City of San Diego, and local agencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

California Environmental Quality Act

The application for funds is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) as a government fiscal activity that does not involve commitment of funds to a specific project and Section 15378(b)(5) as an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The determination that this activity is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3), is not appealable and a Notice of Right to Appeal the Environmental Determination (NORA) is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act

Environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act is not required as no federal funds are involved in this action.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Fischle Faulk

Senior Vice president
Community and Strategic Initiatives
San Diego Housing Commission

Approved by,

Lisa C. Jones

Lisa C. Jones
President and Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Housing Commission

Attachments: 1) Proposed Resolution

A printed copy is available for review during business hours at the information desk in the main lobby of SDHC's offices at 1122 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101. Docket materials are also available in the "Governance & Legislative Affairs" section of SDHC's website at www.sdhc.org.

Attachment 1

SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. HC-____

ADOPTED ON _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$27,500,000 AND RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, in 2026 the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California provided funds for the Transformative Climate Communities Program, established by Assembly Bill 2722 (2016); and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council is responsible for the administration of this grant program, including developing guidelines and selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council released the application guidance on May 29, 2026, with a due date of September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Applicant, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), is authorized to apply for and accept a Transformative Climate Communities grant if awarded, and authority to execute all related documents;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the SDHC Board of Commissioners (SDHC Board) that the SDHC Board approves the filing of an application for a Transformative Climate Communities grant for funding year 2026, to be submitted no later than September 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SDHC Board certifies that Lead Applicant, in partnership with its Co-Applicants, will have sufficient resources to execute the strategies and projects that are outlined in the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SDHC Board appoints SDHC's President and Chief Executive Officer, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, and payment requests that may be necessary for competition of the aforementioned strategies and projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SDHC's Vice President of Communications and Government Relations, or designee, shall certify to the adoption of this resolution, which shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Approved as to Form:
Christensen & Spath

By: _____
Charles B. Christensen
General Counsel
San Diego Housing Commission

I certify that the foregoing actions in this Resolution were approved by the San Diego Housing Commission Board of Commissioners at its meeting on September 11, 2026.

By: _____
Scott Marshall
Vice President,
Communications & Government Relations
San Diego Housing Commission

Approved:

By: _____
Lisa Jones
President and Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Housing Commission