



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

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Ashley Paulsworth, Sustainability Manager
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RE: Award Notification – Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program, Round 4, Planning Grant Award, County of Monterey, “*Climate Prosperity for Pajaro Valley*”

Dear Ashley Paulsworth and partners,

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is pleased to inform you that the Council approved a Transformative Climate Communities planning award of \$299,113.97 to the County of Monterey for “*Climate Prosperity for Pajaro Valley*” at its October 27, 2022, meeting. Previously funded by California’s Cap-and-Trade Program, Round 4 of TCC is funded by a FY 2021-2022 budget appropriation from the General Fund. This program funding empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies, and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution. SGC is committed to support community-led transformation and achieve equitable, resilient communities and landscapes for all Californians. Congratulations on your successful application.

This letter provides a conditional commitment of grant funds. TCC staff will initiate the Post-Award Consultation (PAC) process soon by scheduling a meeting with the Awardee and sending a review package including review checklists for planning activities. This process will involve addressing any outstanding issues identified by TCC staff, reviewers, and the interagency review panel, as well as finalizing the grant agreement. Grantees and Partners will need to work closely and collaboratively with TCC Staff to address all issues prior to grant execution. All requested documentation and changes should be finalized within three (3) months after the Council makes awards. Our partnering agency, the Department of Conservation (DOC), will lead the PAC process.

Following execution of the grant agreement, grant funds will be disbursed on a quarterly basis for eligible direct and indirect costs. All reimbursed costs must meet the requirements for reimbursable tasks outlined in the grant agreement. TCC has also been authorized for an Advance Pay Pilot program (AB 156) and will follow up on the terms for accessing advance pay once approved by Council. Please note that no funds will be reimbursed for costs and expenses incurred prior to grant agreement execution, with the exception of limited PAC costs for staff and materials in accordance with forthcoming guidance.

We look forward to our partnership in the coming years. If you have any questions, please contact Sophie Young, TCC Program Manager, at sophie.young@sgc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. von Koch-Liebert".

Lynn von Koch-Liebert
Executive Director
California Strategic Growth Council