



Project Title	Resourcing Resilience Report
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About Philanthropy California

Philanthropy California is the statewide alliance between Northern California Grantmakers, SoCal Grantmakers, and Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties. Through this alliance, we have created a hub for statewide action by connecting funders within and across regions to achieve systemic change at the regional and State level. Our goal is to maximize our deep regional expertise and connections to increase philanthropy’s impact to build a thriving, equitable, and inclusive California. Philanthropy California’s work focuses on key issues impacting our State and nation: **equity and racial justice, inclusive democracy, climate change and disaster resilience, and economic resilience and sustainability.**

Our combined membership represents more than 600 philanthropic organizations investing billions every year to support communities across the State, the country, and worldwide.

We collaborate more closely in Philanthropy CA for:

- A stronger statewide philanthropic presence that bridges geographic and organizational boundaries and diverse interests among funders.
- A united voice for public policy issues affecting philanthropy.
- Improved opportunities for learning and collaboration
- The ability to engage a broader range of stakeholders.
- Streamlined support for nonprofits and philanthropy.

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Natural hazards like wildfires, heatwaves, and earthquakes continue to test the resilience of communities across California and are projected to only increase in the coming years. Moreover, organizations led by or that serve Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color often lack the necessary technical, relational, and staffing capacities to identify and apply for government funding because of decades of under-investment by governments and philanthropy. The health and

sustainability of these regions — and California overall — depend on these organizations' resiliency, readiness, and ability to catalyze equitable support from public and private partners.

To address these disaster inequities, Philanthropy California, the California Governor's Office, and Cal OES have cultivated a strong partnership over the last four years to coordinate philanthropic investment in equitable disaster relief and recovery. This partnership is a testament to the ongoing coordination, collaboration, and dual commitment to a resiliency-centered approach to disasters.

Requested Scope of Services & Deliverables

Philanthropy CA seeks a contractor/consultant to provide research and report writing services as part of a grant through the [Listos California Grant Program](#). The **primary deliverable is a comprehensive report which** will serve as resource for:

1. Philanthropy, including foundations and companies (through corporate giving or foundations) to understand current practices and priorities of their peers in building the capacity of communities, non-profits, tribes, and networks of partners to access state and federal funding;
2. Government entities (state & federal agencies and legislatures) to understand the current structural and capacity barriers non-profits and tribal communities in California face when seeking to access public and funding for climate & disaster resilience; and
3. Non-profits and tribal communities to understand how they may better position themselves to secure both public and philanthropic resources for building climate & disaster resilience in their own communities

The report will present research and recommendations for the philanthropic and public sectors to utilize in addressing structural barriers within funding programs and strategies, increasing awareness of how philanthropy can more effectively build capacity and support resilience, and uplifting potential opportunities for public-private-partnerships that help non-profits and tribal communities draw down public funding.

In addition to the recommendations, this report will be used to determine how Philanthropy California can build upon current work to support non-profits & tribal communities in their efforts to secure sustainable philanthropic and government funding for climate and disaster resilience work. This report will also reinforce other aspects of the overall OES grant program, including a technical assistance program for non-profits and tribal communities, and funder coordination efforts focused on supporting a statewide disaster philanthropy strategy. See here for the [press release](#) announcing the launch.

The contractor/consultant will use preliminary evaluation data provided from the technical assistance trainings, ongoing funder coordination efforts, as well as through the undertaking of original research to develop:

- A comprehensive description of structural barriers non-profits and tribal communities face when accessing both public and philanthropic funding
- Information on the “current state” of climate & disaster funding – could include lists of public grant funding opportunities, information on philanthropic data through Candid, interviews, or surveys

- An analysis of the availability, effectiveness, and sustainability of public sector technical assistance and capacity building efforts that support communities in accessing funding
- Examples of non-profits and tribal communities successfully accessing public funding through innovative partnerships or innovative public grantmaking strategies
- Examples of philanthropy resourcing capacity building for non-profits and tribes to access public funding
- Detailed recommendations for state government (agencies, legislature, etc.) and philanthropy on how to reduce barriers and build partnerships for accessing funding for climate & disaster resilience

The contractor/ consultant will also be responsible for the synthesis, writing, & editing of the analysis into a final report in collaboration with Philanthropy California Staff. This will include contractor responsibility for the design of the final report.

Estimated Timeframe

The scope of services will be carried out over the course of approximately 6 months ending October 31st, 2024, with required quarterly reporting.

Budget Scenarios

Budget information must outline costs associated with the research, writing, editing, compiling, and designing of the final report. The project's total cost should be all-inclusive of all expected expenses to conduct the scope of work. The expected budget for this project will be \$50,000.

Preferred Skills & Background of Respondent

- Experience working with/in diverse communities, including tribal, rural, low-income, farmworker, or communities of color
- Qualitative research design and analysis skills
- Background knowledge of, or familiarity with: climate and disaster resilience issues, public funding mechanisms (grants, loans, tax-credits, direct pay, etc.), public sector legislative processes & state/federal agency grant processes
- Deep understanding of cross-sector partnerships between government/ nonprofits/ philanthropy, including the role of philanthropy in catalyzing public funding
- Experience working with the philanthropic or nonprofit sector(s)
- Report writing & design experience

Submission Schedule and Instructions

Proposal Submittal Deadline: 12pm (Pacific Time) April 8, 2024

Review Period: April 8, 2024 – April 12, 2024

We may contact you during this time for further information

Anticipated Notification Date: April 15, 2024

All proposals will be reviewed by April 12, 2024. Each proposal under consideration may be subject to a telephone interview to review. We reserve the right to request references or writing samples, but recommend you include them within your response. We strive to offer a relevant orientation by selecting proposals that best fit within the framework of the scope of work.

This RFP is subject to certain state contracting rules due to the source of funding. As such, we will not be holding individual meetings with potential applicants while the RFP is live. We have, however, created a live document that will be updated as we receive questions to ensure all interested respondents have equal access to information.

Link to the FAQ document: <https://socialgrantmakers.box.com/s/4042q2rje7rruz88th64offbnbt4r3zc>

After carefully reading over the guidelines, please submit your proposal to Katie Oran, kaoran@ncg.org by April 8, 2024 at 12pm (Pacific Time)

We appreciate your interest in working with Philanthropy CA, and look forward to receiving and reviewing your proposal.

