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Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant ***Stockton Recommended to Receive \$4.8 Million for Climate Impacting Projects***

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton has received confirmation from the California Strategic Growth Council that a grant application submitted by the City and its partners are being recommended to receive a \$4.8 million award from the Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC) for projects that will impact the climate and health of residents that live in a five square mile project area in south Stockton where significant resources are needed. The California Strategic Growth Council, an interagency State body, will vote on the recommendation during its public meeting [to be held remotely](#) on June 25, 2020.

The three main objectives for the California Strategic Growth Council are to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve public health and environmental benefits, and expand economic opportunity and shared prosperity. The City of Stockton and its community-based partners generated a portfolio of projects based on the Sustainable Neighborhood Plan to meet these requirements.

“I am incredibly proud of the work we’ve accomplished as a community to put Stockton in a position to receive millions in state funding around our Transformative Climate Communities work, in collaboration with the Rise Stockton coalition,” said Mayor Michael

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Tubbs. “This effort commenced with a Transformative Climate Communities planning grant that brought the City together with eight community groups. Together, they outlined pollution-reducing priorities to uplift some of our most disadvantaged communities by investing in climate resilient infrastructure and public health.”

“The partnerships strengthened through this collaborative effort resulted in a tremendous foundation for future opportunities,” confirmed City Manager Harry Black.

Catholic Charities, Fathers & Families of San Joaquin, PUENTES, Public Health Advocates, Rising Sun Center for Opportunity, GRID Alternatives North Valley, the San Joaquin Regional Transit District, the Insight Garden Program, Edible School Yard Project, and Little Manila Rising all partnered with the City to develop seven projects within five strategies eligible for funding, totaling \$28.2 million. Focus areas include transit access and mobility; energy and solar installation and water efficiency; urban greening and green infrastructure; and health and well-being, all of which, cumulatively, result in the highest reduction of greenhouse gases (GHGs) among the four applicants and the potential for reducing the impact of heat islands in an area of Stockton with aging infrastructure and limited resources.

“The \$4.8 million will be used to ensure success and demonstrate how funding can be leveraged to accomplish projects that will make an impact,” continued City Manager Black. “We are looking forward to making adjustments by aligning and leveraging this funding for the highest and best use, as the strength of our application positions us for receiving additional funding in the future.”

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The California Strategic Growth Council’s Transformative Climate Communities program is funded by California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. The other cities recommended for TCC Implementation Grants in the program’s third funding round are Oakland and Riverside, both of which applied in prior years. This was the first year that Stockton had applied for the implementation grant.

For additional information about the grant program, visit www.sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/.

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