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Today was a day full of wins...

Our Advanced Air Mobility Innovation Hub was awarded a \$550,000 Catalyst grant!

I have not shared this with our partners Erick and Cynthia yet. I wanted you all to be the first to know.

I can't wait to discuss next steps to make the Ventura County **AAM Innovation Hub** a reality.

~ Gloria

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Hello Gloria,

We are pleased to inform you that Uplift would like to offer County of Ventura a Launchpad Catalyst Predevelopment Grant for your "Ventura County Advanced Air Mobility Innovation Hub" project. Uplift received many impressive applications, with almost \$50M of funding requested for only \$9M in total available funding. To be able to create a strong regional portfolio of projects, we are offering you \$550,000 to support your project. We are eager to collaborate with you as we seek solutions at the intersection of innovation, economic growth, and community impact.

As mentioned in the NOFO, these efforts and your project will advance Uplift's strategies and will become part of a portfolio of projects integrated into the region-wide collaborative implementation efforts. We are excited to welcome each grantee into a partnership and cohort as we work together to uplift our region's residents.

To proceed, please complete the following:

1. **Respond to this email by Friday, January 31** confirming that you would like to enter the contract negotiation process.
2. **Use [this link](#) to schedule a 30 minute call** with the Uplift Team to discuss your project's scope of work and next steps for contracting.
3. **Begin preparing your entity's most recent audit and if required by your organization, a governance action to authorize signatures** which will be needed by Friday, February 14. You will be receiving additional information in the coming weeks regarding the next steps and documentation needed to complete the contracting process.
4. **Please refrain from issuing any external announcements** regarding your entity's award until Uplift has released their public communications, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 6.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to info@upliftcentralcoast.org. Congratulations once again, and we are excited to partner with you on this important initiative.

Please note that selection for award negotiations is conditional not a commitment by Uplift to issue an award or provide funding. Before funding is issued, Uplift and the applicants will undergo a negotiation process, and Uplift may cancel negotiations and rescind the selection for any reason during that time.

With gratitude,

Uplift Central Coast Coalition

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