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Would you like to add anyone (e.g., Co-Applicants) to this form to (1) help you respond to these questions, (2) be able to view and access your response later, and (3) have EHCRP staff cc in future communications with you?	Yes
Project Overview	
What is the project name?	Ventura County Heat Action Plan
What type of grant are you applying for?	Large Planning Grant
Lead and Partners Summary Lead Applicant	
Name of entity acting as Lead Applicant	County of Ventura
Lead Applicant's entity type	Local or Regional Public Entity
If awarded, local and regional public entity applicants should provide a letter or other document approved by the governing body or board of the entity committing to the execution of the project proposed in the application.	
Name of main point of contact for the Lead Applicant	Mireille Vargas
Email for Lead Applicant main point of contact	mireille.vargas@ventura.org
Entity's website (if applicable)	https://www.ventura.org/
Entity's mailing address	8800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura California 93009 US 34.26208 -119.21187
<p>Co-Applicant(s) Information A Co-Applicant is a partner who receives funds from EHCRP through the Lead-Applicant. Co-Applicants are key participants in the project. • Co-Applicant requirements vary depending on grant type (See Section IIIB, Co-Applicant Requirements). • Co-Applicants should submit a letter of support with application materials. • Co-Applicants should have detailed tasks outlined in the workplan. • Community Based Organization Co-Applicants should include an MOU, operating agreement or other document establishing the organization and setting forth its purpose. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations may meet this requirement by providing their valid Employer Identification Number (EIN). OPR will use the EIN to verify that an applicant has valid 501(c)(3) status in good standing. • If awarded, the Lead Applicant and Co-Applicants will be required to submit a formal Partnership Agreement. All Co-Applicants should have the capacity to enter into a binding partnership agreement with the Lead Applicant Relevant Guideline Section Visit Section IIIB: Co-Applicant Requirements & Partnership Guidance, Partnership Types for more information.</p>	
Do you have any Co-Applicants who should be associated with this application?	Yes

Name of entity acting as 1st Co-Applicant	Community Environmental Council
1st Co-Applicant's entity type	Community-based Organization
How will you prove the Co-Applicant's CBO status?	501(c)3 Applicants: Provide an Employer Identification Number (EIN)
501(c)3 nonprofit organizations: Enter your Employer Identification Number	<div>██████████</div> 200 Community Environmental Council, Inc. a65d8d82-8df0-4a87-9f76-279c906adf6a PO Box 90660 Santa Barbara CA 93190-0660 This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals(SDN) list. true false 2024-04-08T00:00:00 2024-04-08T00:00:00 501(c)(3) Public Charity A public charity (50% deductibility limitation). Section 509(a)(2) organization 2024-04-08T00:00:00 1970 07
Name of main point of contact for 1st Co-Applicant	Em Johnson
Email for 1st Co-Applicant's main contact	ejohnson@cecmail.org
1st Co-Applicant's website (if applicable)	https://cecsb.org/
1st Co-Applicant's mailing address	P.O. Box 90660 Santa Barbara California 93190-0660 US 34.4239 -119.70513
Upload letter of support from 1st Co-Applicant	LOS_EHRP_CEC_04-2024.pdf
Do you need to add another Co-Applicant?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 2nd Co-Applicant	Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project
2nd Co-Applicant's entity type	Community-based Organization
How will you prove the Co-Applicant's CBO status?	501(c)3 Applicants: Provide an Employer Identification Number (EIN)

501(c)3 nonprofit organizations: Enter your Employer Identification Number	<div></div> 200 MIXTECO INDIGENA COMMUNITY ORGANIZING PROJECT a28e671c-9615-4021-acba-c59513dbf12f PO Box 20543 Oxnard CA 93034 This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals(SDN) list. true false 2024-03-11T00:00:00 2024-03-25T00:00:00 501(c)(3) Public Charity A public charity (50% deductibility limitation). Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) 2024-03-12T00:00:00 2002 03
Name of main point of contact for 2nd Co-Applicant	Nancy Clarin
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2nd Co-Applicant's website (if applicable)	https://mixteco.org/
2nd Co-Applicant's mailing address	P.O. Box 20543 Oxnard California 93034 US 34.1759 -119.17743
Upload letter of support from 2nd Co-Applicant	LOS_Extreme_Heat_Plan_MICOP.cleaned.pdf
Do you need to add another Co-Applicant?	No
	Contributors A Contributor is a funded partner whose role will evolve over the course of the project. A Contributor may have barriers to establishing a letter of support and to completing a comprehensive scope of work by the time of application. This form of partnership allows for engagement in the project but gives time and flexibility to the partner to develop a project scope and organizational alignment. If awarded, applicants must demonstrate organizational alignment by submitting a partnership agreement and scope of work. · Inclusion of Contributors is not required for any grant type. · Contributors are not required to submit a letter of support. · If awarded, applicants must demonstrate organizational alignment by submitting a partnership agreement and scope of work.
Do you have any Contributors who should be associated with this application?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 1st Contributor	Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy
1st Contributor's entity type	Community-based Organization
Name of main point of contact for 1st Contributor	Cameron Yee
Email for 1st Contributor's main contact	cjee@causenow.org
1st Contributor's website (if applicable)	https://causenow.org/

1st Contributor's mailing address	56 E. Main St. Suite 210 Ventura CA 93001 US 34.28063 -119.30022
Do you need to add another Contributor?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 2nd Contributor	Buen Vecino
2nd Contributor's entity type	Community-based Organization
Name of main point of contact for 2nd Contributor	Effie Sklavenitis
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2nd Contributor's website (if applicable)	https://www.buen-vecino.org/
2nd Contributor's mailing address	2828 Cochran St, Unit 109 Simi Valley CA 93065 US 34.27805 -118.74064
Do you need to add another Contributor?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 3rd Contributor	Adelante Comunidad Conejo
3rd Contributor's entity type	Community-based Organization
Name of main point of contact for 3rd Contributor	Lynda Karl
Email for 3rd Contributor's main contact	adelantecomunidadconejo@gmail.com
3rd Contributor's website (if applicable)	https://www.adelantecomunidadconejo.org/
3rd Contributor's mailing address	235 N Moorpark Rd PO Box 1913 Thousand Oaks CA 91358 US 34.18271 -118.87789
Do you need to add another Contributor?	No
	<p>Supporter A Supporter is a non-funded partner that is in favor of the project but does not need funds to participate in grant activities. We recommend that Supporters include local governments, established non-profits, or academic institutions that will benefit from the work, but will not play a deep role in the project or have other funding and resources to participate in the process. Listing supporters of the project gives the Lead Applicant an opportunity to demonstrate community support and the ability to build a coalition that is supportive of taking action on resilience to extreme heat or building community resilience. A Supporter is an informal project partner not included in the Partnership Agreement. · Inclusion of Supporters is not required for any grant type. · Supporters should submit a letter of support with application materials.</p>
Do you have any Supporters who should be associated with this application?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 1st Supporter	Ventura County Public Health

1st Supporter's entity type	Public Entity
Name of main point of contact for 1st Supporter	Paulina Nava
Email for 1st Supporter's main contact	Paulina.Nava@ventura.org
1st Supporter's website (if applicable)	https://vchca.org/agency-divisions/public-health
1st Supporter's mailing address	2240 E. Gonzales Road Oxnard CA 93036 US 34.21798 -119.14688
Upload letter of support from 1st Supporter VCPH_Ventura_County_HAP.pdf	
Do you need to add another Supporter?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 2nd Supporter	Ventura County Medical Center
2nd Supporter's entity type	Public Entity
Name of main point of contact for 2nd Supporter	Carlos O'Bryan
Email for 2nd Supporter's main contact	Carlos.OBryan@ventura.org
2nd Supporter's website (if applicable)	https://hospitals.vchca.org/ventura-county-medical-center
2nd Supporter's mailing address	300 Hillmont Ave Building 340, Suite 120, Ventura CA 93003 US 34.27757 -119.25371
Upload letter of support from 2nd Supporter VCMC_Ventura_County_HAP.pdf	
Do you need to add another Supporter?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 3rd Supporter	Ventura County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures
3rd Supporter's entity type	Public Entity
Name of main point of contact for 3rd Supporter	Korrine Bell
Email for 3rd Supporter's main contact	korinne.bell@ventura.org
3rd Supporter's website (if applicable)	https://www.ventura.org/agricultural-commissioner/weights-and-measures/
3rd Supporter's mailing address	555 Airport Way Suite E Camarillo CA 93010 US 34.20639 -119.07638
Upload letter of support from 3rd Supporter VCAgWeights_Ventura_County_HAP.pdf	

Do you need to add another Supporter?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 4th Supporter	Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF)
4th Supporter's entity type	Community-based Organization
Name of main point of contact for 4th Supporter	Mike Silacci
Email for 4th Supporter's main contact	msilacci@vccf.org
4th Supporter's website (if applicable)	https://vccf.org/
4th Supporter's mailing address	4001 Mission Oaks Blvd Suite A Camarillo CA 93012 US 34.21687 -119.01672
Upload letter of support from 4th Supporter VCCF_Ventura_County_HAP.pdf	
Do you need to add another Supporter?	Yes
Name of entity acting as 5th Supporter	County of Ventura Human Services Agency - Farmworker Resource Program
5th Supporter's entity type	Public Entity
Name of main point of contact for 5th Supporter	Melissa Livingston
Email for 5th Supporter's main contact	melissa.livingston@ventura.org
5th Supporter's website (if applicable)	https://www.ventura.org/human-services-agency/farmworker-resources/
5th Supporter's mailing address	855 Partridge Drive Ventura CA 93003 US 34.26877 -119.205
Upload letter of support from 5th Supporter HSA_Ventura_County_HAP.pdf	
Do you need to add another Supporter?	Yes
If you have any other Supporter(s) that you have not listed yet, please list them below.	Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) La Cosecha County of Ventura Resource Management Agency Planning
Submit letter(s) of support from additional Supporter(s) VCAPCD_Ventura_County_HAP.pdf La_Cosecha_LOS.docx Letter_of_Support_2024-04-29_Adelante_Comunidad.pdf Buen_Vecino_Supporter_Letter_EHRP.docx.pdf CAUSE_Letter_of_Support_for_County_of_Ventura_and_Community_Environmental_Council_EHRP_Application_April_30_2024.pdf LOS_Extreme_Heat_Plan_MICOP.cleaned.pdf	

Large Grant Applicants Only: Financial Capacity Requirements Lead Applicants and Co-Applicants applying for Large Implementation Grants and Large Planning Grants must possess the financial capacity to adhere to the reimbursement processes of the EHCRP. To demonstrate financial capacity, the Lead and Co-Applicants should provide with their application their current annual operating budget, and financial statements from the last two years including all balance sheets, income statements and statements of cash flows. Non-profit organizations must submit a copy of their most recent Federal Form 990 and a copy of the organization's IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Determination Letter. Any Applicant that had an audit finding in the last five (5) years is required to enclose it in the application in an official letter. California Native American tribes are exempt from submitting any financial management information that violates their data sovereignty. A tribe that chooses not to submit any of the documentation described in this section must adequately demonstrate, through other documentation, that they have sufficient management and financial capacity to fulfill their proposed role in the EHCRP Grant. OPR will determine whether the submitted documentation sufficiently meets this requirement.

Upload financial capacity documents for Lead-Applicant and all Co-Applicants below.

[CoV_Adopted_Budget_fy23-24.pdf](#)

[CoV_Adopted_Budget_fy22-23.pdf](#)

[2022CEC990Form.pdf](#)

[CEC12.31.22AFS.pdf](#)

[CEC-501c3-determination-letter.pdf](#)

[MICOP_IRS_501c3_letter.pdf](#)

[MICOP_Organizational_Budget_FY_23-24.pdf](#)

Application Narrative Detailed information on how each question is scored is included in Grant Guidelines Appendix A: Scoring Criteria. Project Vision and Description Up to 20 points

Project Vision: Provide a vision statement. What is the vision for this project? Where could this project take your community? Who are your local champions? Explain how this project builds community resilience to extreme heat and aligns with the vision and values of the EHCRP.

Ventura County's Mediterranean climate is under siege from escalating climate impacts, ushering in a future marked by extreme heat events of unparalleled frequency and intensity.

The Ventura County Heat Action Plan (HAP) project catalyzes systemic, equitable change through a comprehensive, community-driven approach. Establishing a diverse Extreme Heat Action Plan (EHAP) Committee composed of a wide range of stakeholders including physicians, community advocates, social workers ensures cross-sectoral resilience-building. Robust vulnerability assessments will amplify marginalized voices, illuminate barriers, and prioritize solutions for heat-vulnerable groups like farmworkers, the unhoused, and seniors.

Collaborating with trusted local champions like Community Environmental Council (CEC) and Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) optimizes impact within hard-to-reach communities. Co-developing interventions with residents will generate buy-in and cultural relevance. Tangible pilot projects - the heat education campaign - deliver immediate resilience dividends while embodying the program's commitment to participatory processes.

Beyond near-term benefits, the initiative's value transcends extreme heat by generating additional data to inform future climate adaptation planning. It manifests the program's ethos: promoting disadvantaged communities' leadership in confronting environmental injustices. Melding grassroots empowerment with policy action, this project is an integrated resilience renaissance - revealing our shared capacity to disrupt systemic vulnerabilities through strategic, inclusive problem-solving.

Project Description: Provide a comprehensive overview of the project by clearly describing the key steps and deliverables of the project.

Ventura County will undertake a comprehensive approach to create a community-driven countywide HAP. A key first step is establishing the EHAP Committee, which comprises diverse stakeholders to shape the plan's framework and ensure community participation is effectively integrated into the plan and its future outcomes. Core EHAP Committee members include the County, CEC and MICOP and additional members will be brought in like Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), Adelante Comunidad Conejo, Buen Vecino, and others to support HAP development activities. With the support of an experienced consultant, the EHAP Committee will drive the development of the HAP.

The County, CEC and MICOP, with a consultant and support from contributors and supporters, will conduct a baseline heat risk assessment, identifying temperature trends, vulnerable populations, and stakeholders with relevant knowledge. To ensure cultural competence, community organizations will lead the collection of data on social, health, and physiological vulnerability factors.

To assess heat risk awareness, the County, CEC and MICOP, with a consultant and support from contributors and supporters, will conduct trilingual surveys and focus groups, gauging residents' perceptions and knowledge of preparatory actions. This will inform an education and engagement strategy, including identifying target audiences, effective communication modes, and developing a heat campaign. Through discussions with community leaders and experts and focus groups, the County will explore suitable heat adaptation solutions, policies, and interventions, considering financial mechanisms and limitations.

The culmination will be a comprehensive Countywide HAP, synthesizing the planning steps and stakeholder input, identifying interventions, responsible actors, timelines, and a monitoring and evaluation process. Finally, the County and MICOP along with supporters will pilot a heat campaign tailored to educating farmworkers, outdoor workers, elderly, and those with medical conditions on heat education, handing out provenly-effective cooling kits, and training health practitioners on heat induced health impacts.

Project Alignment: How does the project align with the California Extreme Heat Action Plan and/or other activities and objectives outlined in relevant local, regional, tribal, or state plans, programs, or policies, including those across sectors, like transportation, housing, land use planning, public health, or those from related State grant programs.	<p>Ventura County's HAP project is a critical initiative that aligns with California's strategy to address extreme heat as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement and Governance: Both plans emphasize the importance of community involvement and collaborative governance. Ventura County's establishment of the EHAP Committee, composed of diverse stakeholders, mirrors California's approach of involving public input through consultations and workshops, ensuring that the plans are reflective of community needs and priorities. • Risk Assessment and Public Awareness: Both plans prioritize the identification of vulnerable populations and the development of public awareness campaigns. Ventura County plans to conduct baseline heat risk assessments and trilingual surveys to gauge risk awareness, which supports the state plan's goal to build public awareness and improve data accessibility for decision-making. • Education and Pilot Projects: The state plan outlines the need for educational campaigns and pilot projects to enhance community resilience, a strategy Ventura County adopts by planning a heat education campaign and distributing cooling kits. These initiatives are directly aimed at protecting vulnerable groups such as farmworkers and the elderly, aligning with the state's focus on vulnerable populations. • Infrastructure and Environmental Justice: Both plans emphasize infrastructure resilience and environmental justice. Ventura County's approach to developing a countywide HAP includes adaptive solutions like urban greening and improved land use planning, which resonate with the state's directives to strengthen community services and the resilience of built environments. <p>This project represents a shared commitment to pioneering strategies that safeguard communities against the increasing threat of extreme heat.</p>
Communities Served Up to 30 points	
Community Needs and Priorities: What are the community's needs and priorities in relation to extreme heat? Who identified the community's needs and priorities and how?	<p>Ventura County is grappling with an escalating risk of extreme heat, projected to experience 51 days annually exceeding 88.8°F by 2099. As one of the fastest warming areas in the U.S., its most vulnerable groups, including 45,664 young children and 137,596 elderly residents, are disproportionately impacted. The county's significant Hispanic population, over 43% of residents, faces additional challenges due to language barriers affecting emergency communication.</p> <p>About 22% of the workforce, notably farmworkers, are in outdoor roles with a high incidence of heat illnesses—a MICOP survey found that 65% of farmworkers have experienced heat-related symptoms. The elderly, particularly those without air conditioning, are at increased risk, as highlighted by the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index. Research by NIH indicates rising extreme heat days could escalate cardiovascular-related deaths, particularly among those with pre-existing health conditions. Over 2,000 unhoused individuals are also severely at risk during heat waves.</p> <p>The county confronts diverse threats including prolonged heatwaves, wildfires, and intensified urban heat islands in cities like Oxnard. CalEnviroScreen ranks numerous county census tracts among California's most environmentally disadvantaged, demanding environmental justice interventions.</p> <p>Community feedback underscores the urgency; nearly half the respondents in a 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan survey identified extreme heat as a critical concern. The 2040 County General Plan reflects a strong community mandate to proactively address climate impacts, particularly to protect agriculture from heat and drought.</p> <p>Since 2020, Ventura's emergency services have responded to 426 heat-related 911 calls, highlighting the need for robust measures to protect the vulnerable—including farmworkers, the elderly, children, the unhoused, and those with chronic health conditions—from the dire consequences of extreme heat. This aligns with community calls for improved agricultural adaptation, mitigation of urban heat effects, and enhanced emergency response to prevent worsening health inequities. See attachment 1.</p>
Which of the following matches where the majority of your project activities will take place/impact?	Jurisdiction- An entire jurisdiction or multiple jurisdictions (Ex. City of Toronto, Northern Ontario Council of Governments)
Indicate which jurisdiction(s) where the majority of project activities will take place/impact.	<p>Project: Ventura County Extreme Heat Action Plan</p> <p>Geographic Area: Ventura County, CA</p> <p>Population: 832,605 (US Census)</p> <p>Vulnerable populations:</p> <p>45,664 (5.4%) children under the age of 5 years</p> <p>137,596 (16.3%) adults aged 65 years and older</p> <p>15.1% of County residents have limited ability to speak English</p> <p>22% of the workforce (91,469) is employed in outdoor occupations</p> <p>2,000 unhoused individuals</p>
Does the Lead Applicant represent a funding target? (See information Below)	No

<p>*Optional Instructions*</p> <p>Does your project represent one jurisdiction/geographic boundary or multiple (census tract, zip code, city, unincorporated place, or county)?</p>	<p>One</p>
<p>Which scale is your project on?</p>	<p>County</p>
<p>Community-Informed Project Design: What is the project's design? How did the community's needs and priorities inform the project design?</p>	<p>In exploring the project's development, the County recognized that embedding community engagement would be foundational to ensuring the scope is responsive to community needs. The county held conversations with CBOs like CEC, MICOP, CAUSE, Adelante Comunidad, and Buen Vecino as well as local community leaders from the Promotoras network when designing the approach to creating a countywide plan and selecting pilot projects. These organizations all represent diverse interests of the community, the most vulnerable populations (outdoor workers, seniors, children and the unhoused), and contributed to developing the budget and work plan to ensure funding for effective community engagement with hard-to-reach and vulnerable populations. These partners have also held community forums where heat preparedness has been expressed multiple times.</p> <p>Community engagement is a cornerstone, including resources to capture perspectives from heat-vulnerable groups like farmworkers and seniors through trilingual surveys and focus groups facilitated by trusted partners. By centering community voices from the start, Ventura's plan will evolve into an equitable roadmap reflecting first-hand experiences and guidance from those most affected. Solutions will directly address residents' priorities, increase public buy-in, and empower communities as agents of their resilience. See attachment 2.</p>
<p>Extreme Heat Conditions and Vulnerability: Provide existing information available on current and future extreme heat frequency and severity. Describe known extreme heat-related issues and impacts on the community in the project area, and the extent to which the community is prepared for extreme heat events.</p>	<p>Cal-Adapt data shows Ventura County experiencing a significant rise in extreme heat, with days exceeding 88.8°F doubling from an average of 4 annually during 1961-1990 to 8 from 1991-2020. Compounding the danger, warm nights (daily min >58.8 °F) have surged by 42%, denying relief from sweltering days and heightening health risks.</p> <p>Looking ahead, projections turn dire – under a high emissions scenario, Ventura County could endure a staggering 29 extreme heat days annually by mid-century, a 625% spike compared to its historical baseline. The frequency of warm nights may surge even higher, with up to 39 additional warm nights forecasted each year by mid-century, subjecting residents to relentless heat stress. As of April 2024, Ventura County is one of two California counties and one of 11 nationwide counties projected to experience early extreme heat.</p> <p>This escalating threat creates a perfect storm of vulnerability given the county's aging population, with 16.4% aged 65 and over as of 2021, and sizeable uninsured community of 8.2% under age 65 potentially lacking access to cooling resources. The heat impacts are further amplified by Ventura's diverse microclimates, ranging from coastal areas like Oxnard with average summer highs of 75°F to inland agricultural zones like Piru, averaging 95°F, intensifying extreme heat exposure for vulnerable groups like the county's estimated 30,000 farmworkers and many other outdoor laborers. Pockets of socioeconomic disadvantage, such as the 12.1% poverty rate in Santa Paula, compound the challenge of accessing emergency cooling and health services during extreme heat events. See attachment 1.</p>
<p>(Optional) Extreme Heat Conditions and Vulnerability: Upload any relevant charts, graphs, or tables.</p> <p>Ventura_County_HAP_-_Attachment_1.pdf</p> <p>Ventura_County_HAP_-_Attachment_3.pdf</p> <p>Ventura_County_HAP_-_Attachment_2.pdf</p>	
<p>Partnership and Community Engagement Up to 20 points</p>	
<p>General Questions: How are individuals in heat vulnerable communities represented and given power in the decision-making processes of the grant? How does this grant set up marginalized voices to have more say in future decision-making processes? Top scoring applications should effectively include community participation in decision making processes in the program budget and workplan.</p>	<p>Ventura County's Heat Action Plan (HAP) emphasizes community consultation and participation. The project establishes an EHAP Committee with representatives from organizations such as CEC, MICOP, CAUSE and County Departments, among others, allows stakeholders to have direct input into shaping the plan's framework and governance, including the community participatory needs assessment, defining priority issues, incorporating community-led solutions, and developing evaluation approaches. The project budget allocates a total of \$589,446 for community outreach and education activities, translation/interpretation services, childcare at workshops, and stipends for heat-vulnerable community representatives assisting with developing HAP documents. The Committee will remain engaged beyond the creation of the plan to assist with monitoring, evaluating outcomes, and recommending adjustments to enhance equity and the effectiveness of the resilience solutions.</p> <p>Insights gathered will inform the development of an Education and Engagement Strategy. In consultation with heat-affected communities, appropriate communication modes, languages, messengers, and tactics will be evaluated to effectively reach target audiences. This ensures the ultimate heat campaign utilizes co-developed, relevant, and accessible messaging.</p> <p>Finally, the draft HAP will be presented to focus group participants to get final feedback from them. The final plan will be presented to important stakeholders to secure buy-in for the proposed strategies. See attachment 2.</p>
<p>Large Grant Application: Do you have a Co-Applicant(s) associated with this application?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Large Grant Application: Which category does your Co-Applicant structure fall into?	Local or Regional Public Entity or Academic Institution Lead Applicant WITH at least one CBO or Coalition Co-Applicant
Option 1- Co-Applicant and Partnership Description	
Partnership Description: Describe the organizations involved in the project partnership as Co-Applicant(s), Contributor(s), and/or Supporters, including each organization's mission, who they have historically served, and their specific roles and responsibilities in the project.	<p><u>County of Ventura Sustainability Division</u> strives to position the county as a leader in sustainable strategies for balanced growth, a healthy environment, and improved quality of life. As lead applicant, they are responsible for grant administration, coordination of the EHAPC, managing consultants, and co-lead tasks associated to the HAP.</p> <p><u>Community Environmental Council (CEC)</u>, an environmental nonprofit, addresses the climate crisis on California's Central Coast (CCC) by focusing on reversing climate change, repairing environmental damage, and protecting communities from extreme weather. As co-applicant, CEC will be lead coordinator for outreach partners, logistics for workshops, data analysis, survey outreach, and HAP development.</p> <p><u>Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)</u>, a nonprofit, empowers CCC's indigenous migrants, aiming for just living conditions, equality, and human rights. Serving mainly migrants from southern Mexico and supporting approximately 20,000 agricultural workers, MICOP, as co-applicant, will be lead organizer for outreach in the areas of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and El Rio, and conduct education presentations to farmworkers and supervisors.</p> <p><u>Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)</u>, a nonprofit, promotes social, economic, and environmental justice for the region's working-class, immigrant communities, and youth. As project contributor, CAUSE assists with outreach in Ventura and Santa Paula, supporting training and direct outreach for tasks 3 and 5.</p> <p><u>Adelante Comunidad Conejo</u>, a nonprofit in eastern Ventura County, brings Conejo Valley Latino voices into critical discussions about governance and community resources. As contributor, they conduct survey outreach and focus groups in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, crucial for tasks 3 and 5.</p> <p><u>Buen Vecino</u>, a non-profit that works to foster an environment of respect and equality in Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. As a contributor, they conduct survey outreach and focus groups in east Ventura County, crucial for tasks 3 and 5.</p>
Partnership Structure: Describe the partnership structure and how the partners will work together, such as governance and decision-making approaches informing the partnership, and why this specific group of organizations is well suited to carry out the proposed planning activities, such as examples of community support. Include details on previous history working together if applicable; if this is an emerging partnership, share what aspects of this new partnership will set the group up for success.	<p>The County has formed a strategic alliance that leverages the unique strengths of each organization to guarantee the successful development of a HAP. CEC, with its expertise in building resilient communities and addressing extreme heat threats, will lead the HAP community engagement and governance development. MICOP, with its deep connections to and understanding of the indigenous migrant community, will be crucial for effective outreach and education. CAUSE, with its experience in community organizing and advocacy for social and environmental justice, will ensure the HAP is comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and equitably implemented. The County will provide the necessary infrastructure, policy framework, and resources to support and implement the HAP. These organizations form the EHAP Committee, which will create the required governance structure for the HAP at the outset of this project (attachment 3 & Task 2.3). The EHAP Committee ensures geographic representation as well as representation of vulnerable communities have a voice in how the governance structure is created and decisions will be made.</p> <p>Ventura County has a successful track record of collaboration with these partners on climate resilience initiatives. In 2023, the County and CEC, along with multiple cities and organizations, launched the Climate Resilient VC Campaign to help the community address climate change. The County and MICOP have worked together on the Ventura County Health Access Guide to assist the indigenous migrant community. The County and CAUSE have collaborated on community projects, including preserving bus service, expanding affordable housing, and building a community park. See attachments 2 and 3.</p>
Letters of Support In addition to questions above, the review panel will award up to five (5) points for optional and required letters of support. Letters of support should collectively exhibit robust community support for the proposed project. Please upload the required Co-Applicant and Supporter letters of support in the "Lead and Partners Summary" section above. Optional letters of support may be added in the "Additional Letters of Support" section at the end of this form. The review panel will use these letters to determine a score. Points Available: 5	
Projects with Multiple Benefits Up to 10 points	

Describe how the proposed project will prioritize strategies and outcomes that provide climate change adaptation co-benefits, especially for the benefit of vulnerable communities (such as social equity, greenhouse gas emissions mitigation, economic, and/or environmental co-benefits).	<p>The proposed Ventura County HAP project will prioritize strategies providing multi-faceted climate adaptation co-benefits, with an emphasis on aiding vulnerable communities disproportionately impacted by extreme heat. These strategies are aligned with California's state extreme heat action plan Action Track A, Goal 2: Identify heat adaptation strategies with health co-benefits.</p> <p>Social equity co-benefits will be achieved by actively engaging vulnerable groups like farmworkers, outdoor laborers, seniors, low-income residents, and the unhoused in developing tailored interventions addressing their unique challenges during heat waves. Culturally competent education in multiple languages will increase access to preparedness resources for non-English speaking communities.</p> <p>Safeguarding the health and productivity of outdoor workers through measures such as providing shade, adequate hydration, and heat risk management training has economic advantages. These preventive actions help avoid heat-related illnesses that could result in workers missing days of work and losing income. By proactively addressing the risks of heat exposure, there's a notable reduction in the demand for healthcare and emergency services, which alleviates financial pressures on these critical systems.</p> <p>Certain adaptation measures offer greenhouse gas mitigation co-benefits. Urban greening with trees and parks can reduce the heat island effect while sequestering carbon dioxide. Cool roofs decrease energy demands for air conditioning, indirectly lowering emissions from power generation.</p> <p>Environmental co-benefits include urban greening, improving air quality, biodiversity and natural habitats. Water conservation and storm water strategies promote sustainability and drought resilience.</p> <p>The project adopts a holistic approach, recognizing climate impacts' interconnectedness in Ventura County. This comprehensive methodology enhances resilience beyond just extreme heat - also aiding public health, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and social equity across sectors. Prioritizing vulnerable communities ensures the plan provides multiple, integrative benefits spanning climate adaptation goals.</p>
	<p>Interview or Site Visit Large Grant Applicants Only Up to 10 points After the internal and Interagency Review, top scoring Large Planning Grant and Large Implementation Grant Applicants will be invited to a finalist interview or site visit with OPR staff. These interviews and site visits enable reviewers to ask clarifying questions and dig deeper into the applicant's proposals. Applicants will receive up to 10 additional points from the interview or site visit portion in addition to the 90 base points available from the submitted application components. Applicants are encouraged to include as many project partners as they would like in the interview or site visit to demonstrate the strength of partnerships, describe proposed activities. Interview responses will be assessed to the degree applicants' responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Overview- Present a clear vision of the project's proposed tasks and meaningful approach to building extreme heat resilience. (2 points) • Workplan- Articulates how the proposed workplan aligns with the core program components and EHCPR priorities. (2 points) • Partnership- Demonstrates strength and diversity of the partnership and a vision for the role of each partner. (2 points) • Readiness and Capacity- Demonstrates organizational capacity to successfully complete proposed project. Project benefits, trains, and empowers younger staff and community members. (4 points).
	<p>Budget Justification and Work Plan Up to 10 points Download the project workbook here Complete the project workbook and re-upload below. Further instructions appear on each sheet in the workbook.</p>
Upload your completed project workbook Ventura_County_HAP_-_Workplan_and_Budget.xlsx	
	<p>Work Plan Points Available: 5 Work Plan - Included in the workbook above The applicant should provide a work plan that includes a comprehensive list of proposed tasks that correspond to the required program components including partnerships, prioritization of vulnerable communities, optional program activities, and a timeline for completion of key tasks and deliverables, and the partners involved in implementing each task.</p>
	<p>Budget and Budget Justification Points Available: 5 Budget - Included in the workbook above The budget table should provide reviewers with a clear understanding of how the applicants have allocated time and funding resources to various elements of the workplan. The budget should allocate resources across entities within the partnership to lead or support on specific tasks that reflect their strengths and experience. The budget should strike a balance between programmatic and staff costs and direct expenses to ensure effective project implementation.</p>

Budget Justification:
Provide a brief and clear
(1) high-level budget
justification that
summarizes the overall
project cost and information
on (2) how the requested
budget aligns with the
project goals and work plan.

The proposed budget of \$749,381 aligns strategically with the project goals and work plan for the development of a Heat Action Plan (HAP) and supporting the farmer outreach pilot project. Significant budget allocations include:

Administrative Tasks and Governance (\$70,710): Funding for staff time to attend meetings, produce reports, assist with grant administration, and develop the HAP governance structure, including a consultant for the heat baseline assessment and advice for creation of HAP.

Engagement and Outreach (\$589,446.9): The majority of funding supports outreach and engagement activities to ensure community involvement, especially from vulnerable populations. This includes staff time for community surveying, outreach activities, workshop focus groups, and HAP development. It also covers travel costs, a consultant for survey and workshop validity, translation and interpretation services, supplies and materials for workshops including childcare and replacement meals, and community stipends for local residents to serve as equity consultants.

Pilot Project (\$89,774.1): Funding for a Heat Education and Awareness Campaign targeted towards farmworker communities and field supervisors, including staff time for specialized education training, translation support for Public Service Announcements, and distribution of Cooling Kits.

The budget strategically allocates resources to ensure community engagement, accessibility, and inclusion, with a focus on vulnerable populations, in the development of the HAP and the implementation of the pilot project.

Additional Letters of Support (Optional) Applicants may also submit up to three additional letters of support from the local and/or regional public entities, tribes, CBOs, elected officials, and appointed leaders. The recommended page length for these letters of support is one (1) page.

Optional: Letters of Support

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