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Richmond Awarded Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant

RICHMOND, Calif., Last week the California Strategic Growth Council [announced](#) a \$170,000 grant award to the City of Richmond, The Trust for Public Land, and the Richmond Community Foundation through the [Transformative Climate Communities](#) (TCC) program. Richmond was one of 10 cities statewide to receive the resiliency planning grant which is funded by California's Cap-and-Trade Program.

The grant will fund the development of a climate-change resiliency roadmap generated by dynamic stakeholder engagement. The end goal is to prepare sustainability projects that can compete for TCC Implementation Grants.

“Richmond has again and again demonstrated a serious commitment to fighting climate change and seeking protections for our residents,” said Mayor Tom Butt. “From sea-level rise and pollution to renewable energy and urban greening, we are taking action on multiple fronts to improve the health and quality of life in our city. Our greatest contribution to the global climate-action movement is made on the ground and in our neighborhoods.”

The City of Richmond has adopted a robust [Climate Action Plan](#) with progressive health, sustainability and resiliency goals at its core. Over the next year the City of Richmond, The Trust for Public Land, and the Richmond Community Foundation will leverage ongoing initiatives including the Richmond Wellness Trail and the Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE). This grant will also enable stakeholders from the Iron Triangle, Coronado and Santa Fe neighborhoods to focus local priorities into real life projects.

Alejandra Chiesa, The Trust for Public Land's Bay Area Program Director says, “Investing in community planning for climate change adaptation and mitigation is critical and we thank the SGC for their vision. The Trust for Public Land is looking forward to continue working with the City of Richmond and the Richmond Community Foundation to bring community leadership into creating multiple-benefit green infrastructure and neighborhood revitalization projects.”

Jim Becker, President & CEO of the Richmond Community Foundation stated: “Richmond Community Foundation is looking forward to working across sectors and engaging residents on revitalization projects that can address climate change. For many years, RCF has been dedicated

to building resilient communities, and we are happy to continue this work with Richmond residents and the Strategic Growth Council.”

The Trust for Public Land, project director, creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. Millions of people live near a Trust for Public Land park, garden, or natural area, and millions more visit these sites every year. To support The Trust for Public Land and share why nature matters to you, visit www.tpl.org

Richmond Community Foundation, community outreach lead, strives for healthy, sustainable communities in Contra Costa County that are safe and diverse, and where families thrive and children are given new hope for a bright and abundant future. In partnership with the community, RCF inspire leadership and share the vision for work in five areas: Economic Development, Health, The Physical Environment, Education, and Public Safety. www.richmondcf.org

Additional information is available upon request.

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