



# Roundtable of Regions

## Disadvantaged Community & Tribal Involvement Work Group Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

### Action Items:

### Meeting Highlights:

Jodie welcomed the workgroup and reviewed the agenda. Participants were asked to type their name and organization into the chat. The main purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of the DACTI Workgroup.

### DWR Updates

Maria Lorenzo-Lee, DWR, shared a PowerPoint on the DACI Program. She provided an update on:

- DWR just completed the third of the 3 Prop 1, Round 2 workshops. The recordings will be posted and links to the postings will be emailed to the participants.
- Prop 1 IRWM Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement Grant. About half of the \$52 million has been invoiced, funding about 150 projects.
- Nine of the twelve Needs Assessments have been completed. The Statewide Needs Assessment Report will be a progress report with the 12 Funding Area Needs Assessment linked to the Statewide Report.
- There is a \$50 million set aside for DACTI in the Drought Funds as part of the 2021 Urban and Multi-benefit Funding Program. Maria confirmed that this funding is currently over-subscribed. Additional funds are being proposed in the 2022-23 budget. Awards are expected to be announced in March.
- Small Communities Drought Relief Program: <https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Small-Community-Drought-Relief>. For questions regarding the Small Community Drought Relief Program, please contact (559) 230-3309 or by email at [SmallCommunityDrought@water.ca.gov](mailto:SmallCommunityDrought@water.ca.gov).

Maria encouraged everyone to subscribe to the California grants portal at: <https://www.grants.ca.gov>  
New grants are posted weekly. She also suggested looking at:

- DWR Grants and Loan page: [www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans](http://www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans)
- California Financing Coordinating Committee website (for funding fairs): [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov)

Other opportunities include:

- Cal OES has announced a program: PrepareCA Jumpstart – an update to the 2021 FEMA Hazard

Mitigation Grant Program. There is \$15 million available in State funds and \$255 million available in federal funds.

- The public comment period is now open for the Regional Climate Collaborative Program through the Strategic Growth Council.
- The federal government has published tips for local entities to get ready to apply for the 1.2 trillion Federal Infrastructure funds. To access the press release go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/01/31/biden-administration-releases-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-guidebook-for-state-local-tribal-and-territorial-governments/>. The Guidebook is at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/>

Workgroup members shared additional websites with funding information including:

- <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/Pages/Transformative-Climate-Communities-Program.aspx>
- <https://www.fundingresource.org/>
- <https://sierranevada.ca.gov/funding/funding-opportunities-newsletter/>

### **The Future of the DACTI Workgroup**

The group engaged in a discussion of the future of the DACTI Workgroup. The workgroup has been meeting quarterly. Attendance has been dropping off lately. Lynn provided a brief history of the Workgroup. Key milestones include:

DWR announced DACI program in 2016.

The Roundtable had