



Partners Monthly Meeting July 12th, 2024

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Summary Notes

Notable highlights include the upcoming posting of the Sector Investment Coordinator RFP that will be released in August, the processing of final payments for Affinity Hub leads, and ongoing recruitment for program officer and associate positions for CCF. The timeline for regional planning was affirmed, with a second part due by August 30 and various planning forums scheduled from July 15-24, focusing on racial planning and environmental justice. A centralized Project Ideas Portal was introduced to foster collaboration among partners, detailing different stages of project readiness and encouraging submission of project ideas. The meeting concluded with updates on stakeholder engagement, upcoming meetings, and specific action items for partners and the LAEDC team, including reviewing regional plans and utilizing the project ideas portal for greater collaboration.

Notes:

☀ Introduction and Updates (05:30 - 15:34)

- CCF fiscal agent update: Sector investment coordinator RFP to be posted in August
- Affinity hub lead final payments being processed
- Table lead agreements at 100% signatures, 80% initial distributions sent
- CCF hiring for program officer and program associate positions

Timeline and Project Planning (15:34 - 22:40)

- Regional plan part two due August 30th
- Geographic and ethnic planning events scheduled for July 15-24
- RFP for sector coordinators to be released in two weeks
- Initial narrative report of pre-development projects due December 30th
- Final list of selected projects (45-50) due June 30, 2025

Geographic and Racial Planning Forums (22:40 - 31:56)

- Dates and locations secured for forums
- Dakar Foundation handling event details
- Forums to incorporate racial planning and environmental justice
- Seeking speakers for each forum
- YouTube live stream available for virtual participation

Project Ideas Portal (31:56 - 40:25)

- Centralized portal for collaborative to share project ideas
- Three stages of project readiness: exploratory, last mile, ready to go
- Draft project criteria available for reference
- Portal aims to encourage collaboration between partners

Portal Navigation and Clarifications (40:27 - 48:22)

- Detailed walkthrough of project ideas portal
- Clarification on difference between portal and actual project applications
- Encouragement to input project ideas for potential collaboration
- Emphasis on draft nature of current criteria

Updates and Next Steps (48:22 - 59:33)

- Table partner leads conducting employer convenings and developing target sector strategies
- Strategy Development Subcommittee formed with 15 members
- Stakeholder analysis: 799 total stakeholders, 689 officially onboarded
- Upcoming meetings: Steering Committee on July 25, Partner Meeting on August 9
- Reminder to review regional plan part one and use project ideas portal

Action items:

All partners

- Look out for email regarding upcoming forums (55:27)
- Review regional plan part one on the website (55:50)
- Use the project ideas portal to input project ideas (56:27)
- Check state budget website for California Jobs First funding details (57:44)

Meeting Transcript

05:30

Speaker 1

Good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us this morning.

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Speaker 2

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06:41

Speaker 1

Okay again, good morning everyone. Thank you for joining. We'll give it another minute, letting admitting as many as fast as possible. And we also have a new link this morning, so I want to make sure we give time for everyone to join. But happy Friday. Happy Friday. Yes, hello. You running today's meeting? Yes. So our director Charles is not able to attend this morning. So the team is here. I'll be leading the meeting, but the rest of the team is also on the call. He has lost our game. I try. Good morning, everyone. Good morning, Stella. Good morning, Ariel. I just reached out to you. I was able to get in the meeting after all, so thank you.

07:45

Speaker 2

Yeah, I just saw your email, but the moment they came in, you were already in the meeting, so. Got it.

07:52

Speaker 1

Thank you. Wonderful, wonderful.

07:59

Speaker 2

Yeah.

08:03

Speaker 1

So if you could all mute yourself when not speaking, that would be helpful. And let's see. So we'll start with introductions as we always do. I think I know most of the names on

here, but we'll go ahead and get started now. So any partners that are brand new to the meeting, to the program, or if you just have never introduced yourself, please unmute yourself and go right ahead. Don't be shy.

08:53

Speaker 2

If I can make it work. Hey, everyone, I'm jumping on. I've met most of you before, but I'd also like to introduce Nicole Charlene Wilkerson, founder over here at DTI. So we are a California nonprofit supporting dual use and emerging space tech companies connect to the better part of California. So she's on the line. She'll be joining us going forward. I just wanted to make sure that everyone knew that she was here. So thank you.

09:16

Speaker 1

Thank you. Thank you. They are our table partner leads. One of our table partner leads. Glad to have you on the call. Okay, anyone else would like to unmute and introduce yourself, please go ahead. Okay. All righty. Well, we'll go ahead and get started then. If we have no new members or previous members who'd like to introduce yourself, we'll go ahead and get started. Ariel, you go to the next slide for me. So first, as usual, we provide an hour for these meetings. A virtual hour. We usually have a jam packed agenda, and today is no different. We'll start with our fiscal agent update, California foundation and CCF. And I think we have Paul Maria on the line. Let's see who would like to provide us with a fiscal agent update.

10:34

Speaker 3

Good morning, Teoma. I can go ahead and run through this.

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Speaker 1

Thank you.

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Speaker 3

Good morning, folks, welcome. I apologize. I'm going to be off camera for the day. I'm homesick. So a few updates. Here we are working on a sector investment coordinator, RFP in house. We just got the most up to date statement of work from LAADC this week. We're working on a final review today. We'll be running this through our council, hopefully getting this review wrapped up this week. We plan on posting this RFP later this month. I believe it's the 26th, so we posted so we can start getting those proposals

in the following that the affinity hub lead final payments. I know some of you were there yesterday when we discussed this, but payments have started getting cleared to go through Paykeeper, our contracting partner.

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Speaker 3

So we haven't gotten confirmation of when those payments will start going out, but likely that'll happen sometime next week if you have not gotten in. Oh, I'm sorry. I think I'm getting some echo.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, sorry about that. Go ahead.

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Speaker 3

So, yeah, so if you haven't gotten those deliverables in yet.

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Speaker 2

You should have.

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Speaker 3

Been contacted by somebody at LADC and you should be aware of what you need to get in. Second to last, we have the table lead agreements. Those have been going well. I believe we're at 100% signatures and about 80% of those initial distributions have gone out. So if for whatever reason that has not happened yet, and you're still waiting on an initial payment, or you're having an issue with contracting, please let me know and I can contact our partner over at Paykeeper to let them know that you guys have something to squash. Last thing touch on is we are actually hiring two new positions to expand the team here at CCF. We're currently looking for a program officer and a program associate. Those job descriptions are currently posted on our website and you can apply for those on our portal.

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Speaker 3

And that's about it for us.

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Speaker 1

All right, thank you, Paul, for that. I heard job opening, so please take note all and visit their website, you know, and share that information. Thank you, Paul. Ariel, we'll go to the next slide. Okay, our timeline. Armon will share updates on our timeline.

13:20

Speaker 2

Thank you, chairman. Good morning, everybody. It's nice to see everyone. I'll be giving the timeline updates. So, as you'll see, compared to last month, we have a slightly different timeline. As in, it goes from June of 2024 all the way to the regional convener closeout date, which is still two years away. But in the meantime, you know, in the more immediate future, we have the notes in the top left hand corner. That's mostly referring to the regional plan part two, which is due, of course, August 30. We've contracted the strategic writer and graphic designer. We have also gotten our table partner leads, a few of which I see on the call, and who I've been working with to develop of the strategies for the target sectors that we're going to include in the regional plan part two.

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Speaker 2

In addition to that, you'll see that we have the strategy development subcommittee meetings. That is a separate subcommittee that's also going to be working on strategy for that regional plan part two. And then finally we have the state and collaborative final edits. That's after we're going to submit it. It's just sometime in the month of September for the state and collaborative to work on that together. One other thing you'll see in that top left hand corner is round one implementation application that's TBD. Last week, July 2, were supposed to receive a draft SFP, and then that would come with a two to three week public comment period, but we did not receive that, and we're going to be receiving further instruction from the state.

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Speaker 2

We still haven't received any changes or updates to the date when the final SFP will be released, which is September 10, and the application closing for that would have been in November. But I will say that those dates are probably subject to change. If you see some other new things, we have the geographic and ethnic planning events. Those are going to be happening July 15 to July 24, and we have that on the agenda, and our contracted firm will be speaking to that. And finally, we have the RFP, which has been released for the five sector coordinators, for up to five sector coordinators that will be released in two weeks time. We have the sector coordinator application review panel

finalized, which is going to happen on September 11. And then the sector coordinators will hopefully begin their work October 18.

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Speaker 2

And I think the last thing to address on here, and I think I've said finally like three times, but actually the final thing to address here is the initial narrative report of pre development projects. That's going to be due December 30. That is going to be five to ten projects in the exploratory or last mile phase. That's going to be submitted in a narrative format to the state. And then on June 30, 2025, a final list of selected projects. That's going to be ten to 15 projects in the exploratory, last mile and ready to go categories. So that's going to be about 45 to 50 projects. We'll be submitting to the state in June of next year. So if anyone has any questions, you know, please go ahead. Oh, I see Luis has a question. Yeah.

16:24

Speaker 2

You mentioned that we're going to be submitting about 50 projects to the state. What's going to be, is there going to be a cap of how much those projects can request? So that final list of selected projects, when you say request, do you mean from the available funds? Yeah. So, like, if we're submitting 50 projects to the state? Yeah. How much can. Can those projects each ask for, like, you know, 5 million, or is it like 200,000? What's the cap? Yeah, that's something that. Oh, yeah, you go ahead, chim.

16:58

Speaker 1

I was just going to add. So that exact amount for each project that will be distributed hasn't been finalized yet by the steering committee. So that will be finalized in the upcoming months.

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Speaker 2

What's the pot of money we're working with, though? Is it the 9 million? Because if we're doing 50 projects, divide 9 million divided by 50 projects, that's like. I don't know. What is that? Like? Let's list them, like 100,000 maybe. I don't know idea what that is, but that's not that big of amount.

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Speaker 1

It's up to. It's up to that amount. So I don't know that it has to be that exact number, but that hasn't been finalized yet.

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Speaker 2

Chioma, if I could just chime in. That final list of selected projects is going to include ready to go projects as well, which is going to be going for implementation funding. So it's hard to say right now if those selected projects are actually going to be funded. I think it's just going to be for now, I can say it's projects that our collaborative has selected, but we don't know if they're actually going to receive the funding. Okay. I would say if we can add that to upcoming eastern committee meeting, a discussion on. On the, how much a project can ask for. I think it'll be good to get clarity on that, because I think some of the.

18:13

Speaker 2

You may have a situation where the steering committee may say, you know what, we'd rather send up 30 projects, each getting up to 500,000, as opposed to 50 projects, each getting 180,000. So. Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Yeah, that's something that the steering committee has not discussed yet, and it's something that'd be great. Thank you. Thanks, Luis. Sasheen.

18:36

Speaker 1

Hi there. I just wanted to ask if you guys are going to provide this in the table lead folders as the resource.

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Speaker 2

So.

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Speaker 1

Because all of those dates and all of that information is great, but I cannot write as fast as you say it, so just wanted to know.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, sure. I can upload it.

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Speaker 1

Awesome. Thank you. And also, for the sector coordinators, is there an explanation as to what their responsibilities will be in the timeline?

19:07

Speaker 2

In the timeline? I don't have it here in front of me. We will be releasing the RFP in two weeks, which will be the final description of what it is. But I would say the best place to refer to right now is just the catalyst contract. I can link it in the website. I think it's on page six of that. Or maybe Scarlett can link to it. Scarlett or audio and. Yeah, I would say just refer to that.

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Speaker 1

Awesome. Thank you.

19:32

Speaker 2

Yeah, thank you. All right, well, I think that. Oh, yeah, and also it looks like Jermaine put something in the chat, so. But that's it for timeline, we go to the next slide. Thank you, Chioma.

19:48

Speaker 1

Thank you. Thank you for that. Yes. Jermaine put. Yeah. Some of the scope of work and details of the sector investment coordinators in the chat. So you can take a look at that, but also check out the link that one of the team members will be putting in the chat, where you can see directly from the solicitation for proposal for catalyst and see exactly what's written in there. Okay. And, Bianca, is there a question? Hi, there. Yeah, my name is Bianca, calling in from small business majority. Just wanted to pick up on a couple of the questions that the previous folks had. Is there any way you can share how we came up with the number of 50 projects and if there is a larger pool that will be proposed ahead of those 50 projects that we'll be choosing from?

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Speaker 1

Or is the 50 all of them?

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Speaker 2

So those numbers, that comes from the catalyst contract. And so that's something that the state has written. So the five to ten for that initial narrative report, the five to ten exploratory last mile, that's the one due December, that comes from the catalyst contract. And then once again, the ten to 15 in each of the three different categories, which adds up to somewhere between 30 to 45, maybe up to 50. That also comes from the state and the catalyst contract.

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Speaker 1

Thank you so much. That's really helpful.

21:18

Speaker 2

Yeah. Thank you. Chip, I think you're on mute if you're speaking.

21:31

Speaker 1

I was muted. So we'll move ahead to our next agenda item. Our geographic and racial planning forms. We have, as you see on the slide here, we have all the dates and locations have been secured. We have our vendor, Dakar foundation, who is handling all of the details for planning these forms. So please take note of these dates. The team will be sharing this information via email today. I believe we have Dakar representative, either Kevin Clark on the call to speak on these upcoming forms. So, Kevin, let's see if you're on the call. Please go ahead. Thank you.

22:21

Speaker 2

I am. Yeah.

22:22

Speaker 4

So, good morning. So we will be sending out an email blast, but we will have an additional link to the information that will have a YouTube live stream that will allow everybody to be able to participate virtually. This will be a live two way broadcast for each one of the racial plan events that will incorporate racial planning and environmental justice. We are now also looking to solicit speakers in each one of the racial planning forums so that we can actually have everybody represented to be able

to talk on issues that concern workforce, environmental justice, and disinvested communities. So I'm now soliciting. I'm going to put my email address in there. If there's anybody that would like to speak on any one of these particular dates and venues.

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Speaker 4

We're looking for people at this time putting emails out right now to try to make sure that we have a master list that goes out with the event information. So if there's. I'm going to put my email address in here. So if we. And my telephone number. So if there are people who, again, are interested in speaking, we're looking for them. So if there's any questions right now, I can answer.

23:59

Speaker 2

I see Sajal has a question. Hi, everyone. I haven't seen. I think, Chioma, you said that you're gonna send this out, but do we have a flyer that we can send out to our networks? I haven't seen that come through. So they can be informed of these meetings?

24:19

Speaker 1

Yes. You should be receiving the flyer today. And, Kevin, you can speak on what you'll be sending as well.

24:27

Speaker 4

Yes, we'll be sending out an email blast through social media. We have a one masters blast that will go out with every venue on there. Then we'll have another email that will be going out, that will have the eventbrite links so that you can register. And we have 250 seats available for every event, for every forum in each geographic area. So there'll be two emails going out with the master list for every event and then one for the eventbrite for registration.

25:03

Speaker 1

Okay, thank you. And I see Veronica has a question.

25:08

Speaker 2

Hi.

25:09

Speaker 1

Thank you, Veronica. With quite beautiful. We are an environmental justice organization here in the northeast, San Fernando Valley. These are really long events, five to nine. I was just wondering if you had or can provide a sense of what that day would look like, what you have planned. Is it all speakers? Just curious if you had an idea of what it would look like.

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Speaker 4

The general idea is to have presentations that would be short as well as having some video inserts. But we want to have enough time for a Q and A for every presenter to be able to have responses from the audience either in person or virtual. And that will be from five to 630. And then we'll take a dinner break from 630 to 715. And from 715 we'll be looking at findings and reports and then we'll close out at about 845.

26:11

Speaker 1

Thank you. Appreciate that. I wonder if the me, if the flyers would sort of have a breakdown of that or just sort of have a narrative explaining what folks can expect. I think that would be helpful.

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Speaker 4

We'll put as much information in the eventbrites as possible. We won't have all the speakers in there, but we'll have a breakdown for how we plan on being able to put a run a show that will reflect the date parts from five to 630, dinner break. And then the findings and analysis and close.

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Speaker 1

Thank you.

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Speaker 2

So Stella has a question.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, thank you, Armand. I'm just getting requests for this. I'm sorry, just a step back for the sector coordinator information. Jermaine or Armand, where is that information located? Can we share this, like in a document with folks? Because this information I think would be helpful as people are starting to put their proposals together.

27:22

Speaker 2

So. Yeah. Thank you for the question, Stella. The. The RFP has not been released yet. And then I think Jermaine's notes may be coming from, like, community of practice meetings. But a good place to refer to is the catalyst contract on our La Surf website. If one of my team members could link to it. But if I could just link to it in a moment. Right now.

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Speaker 1

Perfect. Very good. Thank you. Appreciate it.

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Speaker 2

Thank you, Sasheen.

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Speaker 1

Yes. I was just going to make a suggestion for the forum instead of calling it a dinner break, which implies that we can leave, call it networking. So we'll stay.

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Speaker 4

There you go. Thank you, Sachin.

28:08

Speaker 2

Thank you. Okay, Chioma, I think you may be.

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Speaker 1

On mute again, muted again. I was going to add, you know, thank you. Thank you for the questions and any additional information we'll add to the chat or any questions. I see Suma had a question about interpretation. Childcare. Kevin, can you reply to that?

28:41

Speaker 4

We hadn't planned on having childcare, but we will have the flyers in different language channels, but for interpretation in terms of the speakers. Hadn't thought about that. I don't know if that wasn't part of our statement of work, but if anybody has any suggestions that we can reach out for interpretive services, we can put that into our deliverables. We don't have anybody that can offer up interpretive services at this point, but we certainly be willing to offer that.

29:18

Speaker 2

LAEDC, or, sorry, CCF, has a budget line item for that, so we should utilize that for interpretation for these events. Okay.

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Speaker 4

I will be reaching out for solicitation for interpretive providers. We just need to know what language channels we need to have available for that deliverable.

29:51

Speaker 1

Okay? Okay. Thank you, Kevin, for the response, and the team will make sure to follow up with our vendor, Dakar foundation and Kevin Clark with that issue. All righty, so we'll go on to the next item. We have a few more things to get through, but we definitely will receive more information on these forms. But please screenshot or take note of the date and time for the particular one you plan to attend, either virtually or in person. But we will share out more information today after this call on the upcoming forums. Okay, Arielle, I can take it away. Okay, here's our project ideas portal. We have the catalyst we have implementation we have coming up. And so Armon again will share some information with you all that would be very helpful to the project and to you all as well.

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Speaker 2

Yeah, thank you, Chioma. So we have this project ideas portal, and it's a centralized portal for our entire collaborative to utilize. I'll put a link in the chat right now, but I actually just wanted to maybe dedicate about five to ten minutes going through the portal and navigating through it to just give everybody a quick run through to hopefully encourage folks to upload their project ideas. So I'm going to just share my screen for a

second. Let's see. I think I should be able to. Okay. All right, so I'm going to share my screen. Can everyone see that? Yeah. Okay.

31:41

Speaker 1

Yes.

31:41

Speaker 2

All right. So yeah, right here we can see we have our project ideas portal as we approach the catalyst and implementation phases. We're already in catalyst, but we haven't opened up any applications or even developed project criteria for that. But as we get through these phases, I think it's a good idea for our collaborative to begin proposing project ideas. And so there's a few different tabs that we have on this portal. The first place that I would suggest people start off at is the portal instructions. When you see the portal instructions, how to use the portal, are you looking to share a project idea? So if you're looking to share a project idea, the first thing you want to do is determine the state your project is in using the stages of project readiness sheet. That is the second tab right here.

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Speaker 2

You'll see that there's three stages, and there's the exploratory, last mile, ready to go. The exploratory and last mile projects are those that can be funded under the catalyst pre development grant. That's the \$9 million that our collaborative can decide themselves how they would like to distribute. Sorry for the background noise. And then the implementation projects is the ready to go, and that's the one that will be going through. That's the application that will be going directly to the state. So you'll see. You may be wondering, is my project an exploratory? Is it last mile, or is it ready to go? We have some examples of catalyst pre development activities which would capture the exploratory last mile, and we're still waiting for some more that would be ready to go, but we should have some more information down the line.

33:13

Speaker 2

So that would be the first step, is to look through stages of project readiness and categorize your project. The next thing that you may want to do. The next thing that you want to do is you want to see, does your project meet the draft project criteria? So it's very important to know here that these are draft criteria. They're subject to change. For the catalyst phase, it would be up to our collaborative how they would like to

finalize the criteria. And for the implementation phase, we're going to be receiving word from the state as to what the final criteria is. So I would like to emphasize these are draft criteria, but it is still a good idea. This is kind of the best estimation of the direction we have where the state is going with these projects.

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Speaker 2

So you maybe want to at least consider, okay, like, does my project, you know, the Justice 40, for example, is my project. Can I show that it's doing at least 40% of funds providing direct or meaningful benefits to disinvested communities? Is it aligning with various state initiatives, state orders, state executive orders? From a climate perspective, I am pretty sure no one here is going to be like opening a gas station or fracking. But you just want to maybe confirm that our project is not funding your fossil fuel extraction activity for job quality access, for example. You maybe want to be considering how can your project create sustainable jobs. And then what's your other criteria as well?

34:35

Speaker 2

So I would like to emphasize once again, these are subject to change for both the catalyst and implementation phase, but it's a good place to start for projects in either catalyst or implementation. I can barely hear you. Okay, I am sorry. I'm in a library, but is that. Did everyone get that, or should I repeat that? Jon, was that speaking too quiet?

34:58

Speaker 1

The last part. If you could repeat the last.

35:02

Speaker 2

All right, okay, yeah, sorry, I'm in a library. So the last thing that I said, I actually am not sure what that was, but I think it is just the fact that these projects are. I mean, these criteria are subject to change. And so this is really just the best estimation of where the state is thinking. But whether you're thinking of doing a catalyst or implementation project, it's a good place to start. It's a good place to start. I think that's what it was. And just to clarify, for the catalyst projects, what's going to happen is that our collaborative will finalize what the criteria is, and then for the implementation projects, it's going to be up to the state. I'm going to get through this, and then I'll address the questions later at that. So, okay.

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Speaker 2

You will address your, you know, you look through those criteria, kind of see, where is my project at another place to look at eventually. We don't actually have anything here yet, but it is just additional criteria. And these are going to be developed by our collaborative and then potentially, actually, for both to be developed by the collaborative. But there's nothing here. So I wouldn't really worry about this right now. I would just focus on kind of getting an idea of how our project, how we can show our project serves equity, climate, job quality, access, and other criteria. And then let's see the fourth step. Review the general project requirements and the stages of project readiness. We have the project criteria, but we also have project requirements.

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Speaker 2

And so these project requirements are more like what has to be in my project's application package and what do I have to show in there? And that's some things like project sponsor, community partnerships. This sort of information is all available right here. So, you know, please go through it. These are also subject to change. Unfortunately, that is just the nature of the work we're doing. But, like, with the criteria, it's a good idea to at least get an idea of where you're at. And then finally you've done all this work, and you have. You went through the criteria, you're like, all right, my project's doing well. Whatever. You want to come here to this project ideas tab, and you enter your stuff here. So, general description of your project. That's the first column.

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Speaker 2

Your organization, name other organizations involved in point of contact, and then there's a few other columns that you can address project needs. You may think that, okay, you know, we have everything ready to go, but we need uniforms, whatever it is, you know, you can write that right here. Can you lead or anchor the project? So there's a bunch of columns that you can answer as you write your project idea. Now, let's say. Let's say that you don't have a project idea, but you want to collaborate, you want to get involved. We have a tab for that. It's the collaborative partners. You could just come here putting your organization name, description of your organization, what kind of work you guys do, your point of contact, email, link to a website. Finally, the last thing I would like to address is just the FAQ.

37:54

Speaker 2

We have some frequently asked questions here. Of course, it's a bit confusing. We have this criteria, but it's all subject to change. And so maybe some more explanation here of what's going on. You know, what projects or strategies are not likely to get funded. This is actually a pretty important point. The state has said that there's kind of four types of projects that are outside of the scope of this regional investment initiative. California jobs first, that's housing, mental health services, sort of public transit infrastructure, like building a new highway lane, building some rail and food access and security. I think that if you're unsure if your project is under one of those, but you still have an idea, I would still encourage you to upload it, and then we can address that later down the line.

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Speaker 2

But, yeah, you know, please consult the FAQ as well if you have any questions. And then the very last thing is that we have a feedback form. If you have any feedback for this portal, please use that feedback form. To submit information. Is subject to change, unfortunately, but this is the best information we have at the moment. And we also write when we update it last. Okay, so I just spoke a lot. I'm gonna see who has their hands up. So I think Luis was first. Yeah. So is this considered, like, so for the organizations that already submitted, is this considered their proposal, or they're, they still gonna have to submit something else, like a formal, you know, proposal?

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Speaker 2

Because my only concern is that are we giving people the impression that, hey, they've submitted their stuff, their proposal is being considered, and no, they're still gonna have to submit a whole separate application. No. Yeah, I think. Yeah, that's a great question, Luis. This is the project ideas portal. We have not opened any applications for catalyst as a collaborative, and the state has not opened any applications for implementation. So this is not a place, this should not be considered your application for a project or a proposal. It's just a place to put your project's idea, to get people thinking and then creating opportunities for collaboration between our partners.

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Speaker 1

Good.

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Speaker 2

Thank you, Luz.

40:05

Speaker 5

Tony, I think Bianca was ahead of me. Or did she put her hand down?

40:14

Speaker 1

Thanks, Tony. I just put my question into the chat.

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Speaker 2

Okay, Bianca, so I'm going to read your question. What flexibility does the collaborative have in assessing the viability of these projects? Let me see. You mentioned the HRTC has more discretion. Okay, so to answer your question, Bianca, for catalyst projects, the steering committee, the governing body, will determine criteria, those project criteria. It still has not been determined for implementation. So for implementation, the collaborative has to accept a project before it's submitted to the state. But we still haven't come up with that process, and that's something that our steering committee should address, but I hope that helps. Tony?

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Speaker 1

Yeah.

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Speaker 5

I just want to say, I think this is really very impressive work. It's extremely difficult to explain something that is there, but not there. So I just appreciate and am going to actually recommend. I work in multiple regions. I'm going to say that this is a portal that group regions should be considering. I think you've been really clear about what's draft criteria. We can't control when the state goes formal. But the. And the other piece, though, is I think you've done a pretty good job of differentiating between what is the LahRTC's ability to change versus what is the state's. And the only suggestion that I have is potentially in, after we get through all of the workshops that we.

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Speaker 1

That are.

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Speaker 5

That are coming up, maybe we do a office hours or something to just talk to people about being able to go through the portal like you did here and offer that up to people and so they can do more specific questions now that we've had a chance to look through it.

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Speaker 2

Okay. Yeah. Thank you, Tony. I appreciate it. And, I mean, you helped out with this as well, so thank you. But, yeah, office hours, a good idea. Maybe some specific meetings dedicated to projects. Thank you, Tony. Does anybody else have their hand up? I don't know why it's not letting me see that.

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Speaker 1

Sego and M. Mason.

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Speaker 2

Okay, yeah, please go ahead.

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Speaker 1

Sorry, I don't know who was first?

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Speaker 2

M. Mason was first.

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Speaker 1

Okay, please go ahead, M. Mason. Mason, please go ahead. You can unmute yourself and ask your question. Okay, so we'll go to Stagel and then we'll try to go back.

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Speaker 2

So I totally agree with Tony. This was really helpful information. And so, just to clarify, now I want to hand over to the president. Okay, thank you. So, just to clarify, this portal, you would like us to start working in it to put project ideas, and then there is going to be

an RFP released for the actual application on the 26 July. And we can apply for these funds. Or I think from Luis's question, I just needed a little bit more clarity.

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Speaker 1

So those are two different things. Oh, okay. Yeah, Armar, go ahead.

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Speaker 2

Sorry, Choma. Yeah. So, yeah, there are two different things that Shamma was going to say. The RFP that's opening on the 26th, that's for the five sector coordinators, that's kind of like a whole separate thing. This is the stuff that we've been discussing here is for the catalyst projects and implementation projects. And so we have not developed rfps. The catalyst RFP will be developed by our region internally. We have not done that yet. And then for the implementation RFP, that's going to be coming from the state. And we are kind of awaiting some direction on that. Hopefully we'll be getting it in September. We were going to have a public comment period on draft last week, but it never came out. And we'll have some more information from the state. But, yeah, ultimately, July 26 is the five sector coordinators.

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Speaker 2

Catalyst RFP has not been released by our region, and the implementation RFP has not been released by the state.

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Speaker 1

Okay.

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Speaker 2

And so to thank you so much. So, to prepare for September, you know, estimated release of the RFP, we should start working in this portal and talking to you all about ideas. Is that correct? Yeah, exactly. That's exactly. It's a place for people to put their project ideas because we want to get people to start thinking about these things. As I've said, these are just draft criteria, so they are subject to change. But you do want to start thinking about, okay, I have a project idea. Whatever it is, how can I show that it's being equitable, it's promoting sustainability, etcetera? And then, of course, if you don't have a project idea, you may want to just put in your organization description here and

it'll create opportunities for collaboration. So that's the thinking behind this. Okay, Mason, do you have a.

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Speaker 2

Do you have a question? And Mason, yes, I do. So I'm a department of labor apprenticeship program. I'm a full wraparound service for class A transportation for the implementation. Seems like you guys are not ready. I'm at the forefront of federal funding with the state. Will you guys, do you know, are you thinking that you will match funding? If organizations is already in implementing their program and have federal funding, will you match the state funding to continue the program or how does that go? Cause some of the federal funding needs match funding as well. I see. Well, we ourselves, as we're the regional convener for the program, so we're not the ones releasing the SFP or the funding. But if you're referring to the state, will they match funding? I think what's something that the state is concerned about is funding supplanting other funding.

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Speaker 2

So for example, like, let's say, you know, this sort of workforce development and the specific things already being funded federally, you don't want to come and fund it in like a different manner. That wasn't a great explanation. I'm sorry. But ultimately I would say just put that. I would say just put your project idea here. If you have a project idea and then I think, you know, once we get down the line, we can determine if it's going to be viable. It's really not an idea. It's already in play. So it's beyond idea. It's actually in play. All right. Yeah. Okay. Well, I would say still just, you know, please put it into the folder. You can note somewhere that it's already in play.

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Speaker 2

And then once we get down to the point where we're going to be trying to receive funding from the state for implementation or distributing funding for catalyst, we can see where the guidelines are at that point. Thank you. Thanks. Okay, I think I'll take one more question, Sachin.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, I just wanted to clarify, is this portal so that because this is supposed to be a collaborative effort between organizations, industry, et cetera, this is the way that all

of us will know what everyone else is interested in doing so that we can then work together when the RFP comes out.

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Speaker 2

Exactly. Yeah. Thank you. You said it great. Thank you. Yeah, yeah, of course. And I see that Jackie asked a question in the chat about domestic violence is an acceptable project. I would say right now, folks, please just put your project ideas in and then we'll determine later down the line if it's non viable. We're still receiving guidelines, so maybe the state will flip flop. We don't really know. Just put your project ideas in and use the criteria as kind of a starting point of things to think about as you're going through this. I think we'll move on with the agenda now. So I'm going to stop sharing my screen audio. You can put your screen back. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

Thank you, Armand, for that detailed visual of going through the folder. I think that's very helpful for our partners. Now that you have the link, you know which tabs to look at. Please. Like Armand mentioned, start with the first intro tab and go through. But once we have the project ideas or projects you already have in motion listed there, then we can have a better idea of what questions that we need to ask the state and what information we may need from the state that we don't already have. So please share your project ideas with us moving forward. And just to reiterate, Catalyst is regional funding that each of the 13 California jobs first regions will determine the details of within their region, and then implementation solicitation will come directly from EDD, from the state.

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Speaker 1

We're waiting to see whether it be October or, sorry, August or September. Okay, so, Armand, take it away again.

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Speaker 2

Hey guys, I'm back. So, table partner lead updates. Oh, actually I just wanted to address one question, just to clarify with the portal for if you have a catalyst or implementation idea, exploratory, last mile or ready to go idea, you can use that same portal. It's for all of them. Okay, so table partner lead updates. We have our eight table partner leads. I believe a few of them are on the call today. They've been doing great work convening with employers, large employers, medium sized and small employers

throughout La county. Just would like to give a quick update right now on these table partner leads. If we go to the next slide, please. The table partner leads, of course, are working on these deliverables right here, which is conducting at least three convenings with employers.

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Speaker 2

Some of them are doing more, getting a lot of employers involved, really appreciate the work. And then most importantly, they're all developing a target sector strategy, which is for the regional plan, part two, that's for section three a. And this target sector strategy is going to be showing how this sector can align. It's going to be giving strategies to show alignment with job quality, access, equity and climate, a workforce development plan, alignment with state strategies, and then a way that we're going to implement the strategy. So that's the update on the table partner leads. Thank you. Oh, okay, I think this is me again, guys. All right, the strategy development subcommittee. So we have formed a strategy development subcommittee. So as I said, the table partner leads are all developing that section three a of the regional plan part two.

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Speaker 2

That's the target sector strategy. We're also getting our steering committee, some of those table partner leads involved with developing strategies as well, in addition to those target sector strategies for the regional plan part two. And that'll be the work of the strategies development subcommittee, which will be kind of like confirming, finalizing, and maybe even adding strategy for that regional plan part two. So we have 15 members who volunteered their time. So we appreciate that. It's very important work. And their first meeting is next Thursday at 01:00 p.m. July 18. We can go to the next slide. And then finally this research update. It's not really an update, but please feel free. Well, don't feel free, check it out. For sure. It's the tool data accountability tool from, we got it from Beacon Economics.

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Speaker 2

It is a free tool and it's on our website and it has a lot of good data. It goes back up to 20 years in some cases. It has industry data and you can use it to see, you know, what are the economic conditions in your service planning area and La county. So please check it out. It's on our website and I'll link it in the chat right now. Thank you. Good morning, everyone. So just for the stakeholder analysis, we didn't really have any changes from the last month. Now the total stakeholder, the total number of stakeholders, we're at 799, but the officially on-boarder has 689 members. We

encourage to all those who had engaged with us but having really completed their onboarding to complete your boarding process so we can come in as official award.

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Speaker 2

Here we have that shows the stakeholders by member of the time. And like I mentioned, we didn't really have a decrease or decrease funds from last month. And in this one we have the partners provided by geographic area and as you can see, the spot for the one with more partners at the moment. And we always aim to have this graphic as a straight line. So we encourage everyone, people from different sectors, so we can have a presentation of all the sectors in Kauai. And yeah, that's the, for the partners and the upcoming meetings that we have our next seeing committee meeting on July 25 and our next partner meeting is going to be August 9. The seeing committee meeting ends every second and first Friday of Thursday of the month and every second Friday of every month.

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Speaker 1

All righty. So we are coming towards the end of our meeting and so we have a few next steps. Okay, so one is look out for your email regarding the upcoming forums. Hopefully you took a screenshot of the dates and the times and locations. All of the meetings will be five, start at 05:00 p.m. So please make plans to attend either in person or virtually. Then we have our regional plan part one. If you have not done so already, please take a look at the 200 plus pages of our regional plan part one. It is a little lengthy, but you know, you can skim through. It is on the website. If you scroll down on the about page I, you'll see the links for the different items, quite a few resources there for catalysts and for our.

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Speaker 1

You'll see the deliverables is where you'll find the regional plan. Okay, please use the portal that Armon just showed us all how to use and what to put in there, where to put it. Please take a look at the portal. You may not have a project idea right now, but you are collaborating with your network and you may come up with one. We do have a little time, not much before implementation solicitation comes out again that will come directly from the state. And then we have Catalyst, which begins, as you see here, Catalyst award this year and it should say this year, but it goes, I have to update this because Catalyst is, this starts this year and then continues on to 2026. So sorry, this period of performance is not accurate listed here. I think it was copied from the pilot one.

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Speaker 1

But catalyst begins this year and goes throughout to 2020. So catalyst, we do have some time and implementation is to be determined. We do know the state budget was released. It's now live on the state website. And so you can do control f and see the funds in there for California jobs first. And so we're awaiting more information from the state so we'll have the exact amount of funds for implementation that will come from the state. And so as we have that information, we will share it with you all. And so let me know if there's any last questions before we adjourn the meeting and then we'll go on to have a great weekend. Sachin, I just wanted to know, can someone put in the chat, the state budget link so we can just directly go to that? Sure.

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Speaker 1

You know, I do have it. Let's see. I can do that. Any other questions? Here, I'll paste it. Yeah. And then you can just, when you click on it, just go to the enacted budget. Now. The details are there. Okay. Okay. I see questions. I'm sorry, if I wasn't able to answer your question in the chat, please send an email to surf or to myself and then I'll be able to better help you. Sorry I can't get to the chat during all the chat questions during the call, but yeah. So thank you all very much. Please go have a wonderful sunny California weekend. Thank you all for everybody. Thank you. Have a good one.