



Partners Monthly Meeting September 13th, 2024

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Summary Notes

The meeting featured introductions of new partners and steering committee leadership, including Andrea Slater as the new chair. Key updates included the nearing deadline for the regional plan part two due on September 30, delays in state implementation funding until January 2025, and the upcoming request for proposals (RFP) for the sector investment coordinator, with submissions due by Sept 30th. The team is actively incorporating state feedback into the regional plan draft and strategizing to support disinvested communities. Relevant events such as the California Economic Summit from October 8-10 were announced, alongside the introduction of a project portal for collaborative initiatives. Action items were assigned to partners, steering committee members, and Charles Johnson's team, ensuring next steps are clearly outlined for submission and review processes.

Introduction and Updates (07:31 - 13:53)

- Charles Johnson introduced himself as the program director for California Jobs First Los Angeles at LAEDC
- New partners introduced themselves: Anthony Bonuelos from Endoverdose, Janie Hodge from Paving the Way Foundation, Helene Sparangis from Launch Apprenticeship Network
- New steering committee leadership announced: Andrea Slater as new chair, Stella as first vice chair, Libby Williams as second vice chair
- Libby Williams introduced herself and her background in economic development

Regional Plan and Timeline Updates (13:53 - 21:35)

- Paul from CCF provided updates on closing out contracts and grants
- Armon presented timeline updates for various deliverables
- Regional plan part two is due on September 30
- The sector investment coordinator performance period is to begin in late November
- Implementation funding from the state delayed until January 2025
- Catalyst project solicitation to be developed in January next year
- Feedback received from the state on the regional plan draft

Regional Plan Part Two and Strategies (21:36 - 30:12)

- State provided verbal feedback on the regional plan draft
- Writing team incorporating state recommendations and making final edits
- Financial strategy lead meeting with table partner leads to assist in strategy development
- Focus on keeping and attracting industry in LA county
- Strategies to guarantee benefits to disinvested communities

Sector Investment Coordinator RFP (30:12 - 39:28)

- RFP for sector investment coordinator released
- Bidders conference held with around 21 participants
- Deadline for questions about RFP: end of day today
- Submission deadline for RFP: October 2
- Review period: October 7 - November 1
- Awardee to be announced on November 5
- Awardee expected to start around November 22

California Economic Summit and Project Portal (39:28 - 48:48)

- California Economic Summit to be held in Sacramento from October 8-10
- Investor Exchange event on the last day of the summit
- Project portal introduced for submitting collaborative strategic projects
- Portal includes tabs for project ideas, collaborative partners, and useful links
- Upcoming meetings: Steering Committee on September 26, Partners Meeting on October 11
- Final version of regional plan due in a couple of weeks
- Implementation solicitation from the state pushed back to early 2025

Action items:

All partners

- Submit questions about the Sector Investment Coordinator RFP by end of day today (15:54)
- Submit RFP applications for Sector Investment Coordinator by Sept 30th (31:57)
- Review the project portal and submit project ideas (42:20)
- Check emails and spam folders for updates from the team (47:25)

Meeting Transcript

07:31

Speaker 1

Good morning. Jobs first collaborative, Los Angeles county. Really appreciate you being here. We're going to give it a few more moments to allow people to come in, and then we'll get started. I apologize for not having my LADC background, but I had to switch computers. One is in the shop, so just give it a couple more minutes and we'll get started. Thank you.

08:39

Speaker 2

I'm logging into my computer, so you're going to see me twice for a second.

08:46

Speaker 1

No problem. Okay. Trying to get back to my screen here. This new computer here is misbehaving a little bit. Anyway. I can't see the presentation at all. I don't think it's on your end. I think it's pretty much on my end anyway, so let's go ahead and get started. I'm Charles Johnson, the program director for California Jobs first Los Angeles at LAEDC. I want to thank you all for attending today. We have a few things on, some updates for you guys on the agenda. I'm going to try to get the screen working here where I can actually see the agenda. But for now, why don't we open it up for any new partners for the LA Collaborative. If you're on the call, feel free to take time right now to please introduce yourself. Don't be shy.

10:17

Speaker 2

Good morning, everybody. Kind of just standing. It's my first day at this meeting. My name is Anthony Bonuelos, and I am director of community engagement and training at Endoverdose. We're a nonprofit organization working to fight against drug related overdose deaths through education, medical intervention, and public awareness.

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Speaker 3

Super excited to be here. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

Thank you, Anthony. Anyone else? Feel free to introduce yourself. My name is Janie Hodge. I'm with paving the way foundation here in the Antelope Valley, Lancaster, California. Very excited for the work that has been done, and we are also excited to be here. We are a re entry organization that helps the whole person coming home to get reacclimated to community fine work, housing, those kinds of things in our Antelope Valley community. Thank you for having us. Thank you for being here. Very important work you're doing. Appreciate you all being here. Anyone else?

11:28

Speaker 3

Hi, all.

11:28

Speaker 1

I'll jump in.

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Speaker 2

My name is Helene Sparangis with the launch apprenticeship network I started a few months ago, and I'm a senior specialist for regional partnerships in Laden.

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Speaker 1

Great to be here. Thank you, Elaine. Appreciate it. Anyone else? Going once, going twice. Okay, so on our agenda today, we have. We're gonna. If Miss Libby, if you can go back one slide, please. If Miss Libby Williams is here. She's our newest chair. I'll have her introduce herself in a second. But a quick rundown on the agenda. We're going to have some updates from the fiscal agent. CCF Armon is going to give some information on the timeline and updates on the regional report part two, which we're still working on. And I'll be giving some little information about the sector investment coordinator, RFP that's been released, as well as the economic summit that's coming up next month. And then we'll finish off with some of our usual updates. If you can go to the next slide now.

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Speaker 1

September was the new shift rotation, I should call it, for the steering committee leads. Kevin Harbour, who has been the chair for the past year, has rotated out. We thank him for his service. He's been fantastic. He was fantastic. And now we're under new leadership with Andrea Slater, who's new chair and the new vice chair. Stella rotated over to the first vice chair there and Libby Williams is the newest member of the group. Libby, if you're on the call and would like to introduce yourself, please go ahead. Otherwise I'll give a quick summary of what I know about you.

13:25

Speaker 4

Sure. No, I'm here. Thanks, Charles. Good morning everyone. I apologize. I'm in transit so I'm not on camera. And I am honored to have this opportunity to be the second vice chair. My background is in economic development. I've been working in this field since 94 as I got my first opportunity at La EDC. In fact, for eleven years there, I've worked for other public agencies, LAUSD, LA Community College district, as the head of both of their small offices office. A small business, should I say working to help small contractors, subcontractors get opportunities within those districts. I was head of the Office of Small Business for Mayor Villa Ragosa. His last three years in office, I did a stint at USC center for Economic Development, working with aerospace and defense.

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Speaker 4

And currently I am the chief operating officer at Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation, a 45 year old nonprofit that's been focused on South LA and the community and help building generational wealth. And I'm excited to be here.

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Speaker 1

I'm excited to have you. Thank you, Libby. You're a sharp individual and I want to appreciate you for making me feel like I have done absolutely nothing with my life with that introduction. So glad to have you here. Next slide, please. So I'm going to turn it over to one of our colleagues from CCF, our fiscal agent.

14:51

Speaker 5

Hey, Charles. I'll be handling this today. Good morning, folks. Happy Friday. Just a quick, few quick notes on my end. I know Charles is going to talk a little bit about the sector

investment coordinator a little later, so I just want to point out that we've been working here on the CCF side. I'm closing out some of the open contracts and grants that we've been working with. So the sub regional table leads, the table leads, and the Affinity hub contracts. We're working on collecting all the deliverables, identifying if there's any funds that need to be recaptured, and we're working on both recapturing those funds whilst also issuing the remainder of any grants due by the end of this month. Ideally, I'm working with our contracting partner over at Paykeeper to kind of discuss what that process is going to look like.

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Speaker 5

I'll be meeting with him later this afternoon, actually, so come next week, we'll start seeing those funds move back and forth. In regards to the sector investment coordinator, I just want to point out, Charles, I don't want to steal your thunder, so I'll keep it short here. I just want to point out that we, today is going to be our last day that we're accepting written questions. Those should be sent to the La Serf sector investment coordinator email address. So we have a deadline of today to receive those questions. And next Friday, the 20th, I believe, is the deadline for us to post answers to the questions that we received. So I just wanted to call those out, but that's it for me here.

16:31

Speaker 1

Thank you, Paul. Yeah, so I'll just reiterate a little bit of what you're saying when we get to that slide. I think that we may want to add a few things, but yeah, thank you for giving that overview. Next slide, please. And for timeline, I'll turn it over to Arman, who's our, the research analyst for California JavaScript.

16:57

Speaker 3

Thank you, Charles. Good morning, everybody. I was just trying to get that email address in the chat in case anyone has questions. There you go. But yeah, so, good morning, everybody. I'll be giving the timeline update. Compared to last month, we've added a lot of things to this timeline, and it's reflecting all the deliverables that we're currently aware of. So starting from the very top left corner, the regional plan part two. The writing team is currently incorporating state feedback and making final edits to that regional plan. It will be due the final version on September 30. Moving forward from there, we see, as Paul mentioned, the sector investment coordinator, their performance period will begin in late November.

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Speaker 3

So I put that from December all the way until September 2026, one very important update that I'd like to mention here is that we were anticipating that the implementation funding from the state would open in September of 2024. So it probably would have been open by now. But we've received word that's been delayed, that funding opportunity from the state as \$45 million in competitive funding. It's currently been delayed into January 2025. And so once that does come up, as I said, it's \$45 million pot that our region will be competing with the twelve other regions for. There are two other periods of funding that we're aware of, haven't been told when it is. So I've just kind of thrown a tentative date for the fiscal year 25 26 and fiscal year 26 27.

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Speaker 3

Moving down, moving down the chart, you'll see that we have the catalyst project solicitation, which will be developed in January of next year. The application period will be in February of next year, and then we'll be using the months of March to June to assess eligibility of projects, public review and project selection. That is going to be in close. You know, it's going to be in conjunction with these 27 convenings that will be taking place, three per service planning area for the public to provide feedback on those catalyst projects, and then ultimately the project contracting. We anticipate that to happen in July and August of next year into the performance period, which will go until the regional convener closeout date. I mentioned the regional plan part two as a deliverable. We have two other deliverables that are coming up.

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Speaker 3

One of them is a narrative report of five to ten pre development projects that is going to be due January 15, as we currently know it, of 2025. That's what they should say, not 2024. And so ultimately, at some point, the steering committee and collaborative will decide on which five to ten pre development projects to include in that narrative report. And then finally, there's a final list of selected projects report, which is just a list of projects that will include ten to 15 across the three different stages. So the three stages, of course, are exploratory, last mile and ready to go. So it'll have 30 to 45 projects in that June deliverable, and that's it for me. Thank you.

20:17

Speaker 1

Before we move on, there was. I see a question from Caroline Tauros saying, do we

know why the delay? I'm asking if it's related to the state budget issues. If you or Chioma can go into. Okay, looks like Jermaine is answering in our conversation. There's been a few issues, yes. Budgetary challenges, of course. However, I think it's more so reflective of each region's preparedness to go after implementation funding while still moving through catalyst. This way we can focus on pre development and last mile projects. Was there another reason? I think that there was an additional reason, Chioma, that the state mentioned about causing a delay. If you can come off mute and speak on it, or if there's not, just let us know that.

21:08

Speaker 2

No, I think. Good morning, everyone. I think that sums it up. I know that a few regions requested that it be delayed to give their regions more time for their region to come up with some good implementation projects, but now the state has nothing put out any information on any of the sites as of yet, but that's what we know so far.

21:36

Speaker 1

All right, I thought maybe there was another one mixed up. We have a lot of delays. Staying on track though. Next slide. Armand, did you want to finish that?

21:52

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, sure. So I'm just going to give an update on the regional plan, part two where we're at with that. So we're yet to receive a document with feedback from the state on the draft that we submitted on August 30. But they have verbally provided feedback and they did that three days ago. So the feedback was that it was a great plan overall and the state is actually not requiring us to change anything. But they did provide recommendations. So some of the strengths of the report was that there's a good analysis, the strategies are feasible with a good focus on gender equity and benefits to disinvested communities. And also they liked how we justified our industries to select some of the recommendations. The first few kind of relate to spelling errors.

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Speaker 3

And apart from that there's a design aspect of moving the strategies to the end of the target sector sections when it comes to the content they have recommended, if we can, to strengthen the alignment with state strategies, to provide some successful examples of guaranteed training programs within the transportation and logistics field, and lastly to further develop and enhance the measures for integrating disinvested

communities in workforce development alongside educational institutions. Can we go to the next slide, please? So we have those recommendations from the state. We still have some things we wanted to work on the plan. So this is what we're working on right here. The writing team and designer are creating tables to more clearly and effectively, I think, spell out the strategies we are incorporating these state recommendations.

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Speaker 3

Of course, something else that's been happening is a financial strategy lead has been meeting with table partner leads to assess, to assist in strategy development. And so these conversations are centered around questions like how do we keep industry in La county, and how do we make La county an attractive place for industry, and then how do we prevent industry from leaving LA county, which is something we see, for example, a lot in video production distribution? How do we guarantee benefits to disinvested communities in these projects, and how do we further develop industries? So we'll be sending the document to the designer in a week, September 20, and then submitting it to the state on September 30.

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Speaker 1

Thank you, Armand. Before you go to the next slide, if I can add to that, and in some cases, armon getting industry to return to Los Angeles county, especially in tv, video, film, where there's been lost to a lot of different states with better tax incentives and so forth and so on. Just so you guys know, the table partner leads, which were we've been meeting the Armand and the strategic writer, as well as the financial strategy table. We've been meeting with each table partner lead to extract as much information as we possibly can and make that final regional report pretty strong, even stronger. So it's actually really good news that the state came back with the feedback that they've given us on the draft that we submitted, because it was not the strongest.

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Speaker 1

So our final deliverable really should be theoretically pretty impressive to them. So we're just going to keep the pressure on the table, partner leads to provide us stronger information, and as the writer integrates all of that into the report, we submit it. And of course it'll be available for everyone to read at some point through the website.

25:32

Speaker 3

Hey, Charles, excuse me, I just see that Jermaine put a comment in here, and he says,

for partners that are new and slash or current, please explain how they can leverage this document for projects. So, yeah, I mean, this document has strategies that can be used to develop projects for this program. The projects that we will be, the projects that will receive funding in the catalyst and implementation phases have to align with the strategies in this document. So, you know, if you're interested in doing a project, for example, in aerospace, you may sift through this document and see various strategies for development in the aerospace industry. And then each strategy also has a component of how the outcomes of from that project will relate to job quality and access, equity and climate, or alignment with state strategies.

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Speaker 3

Apart from this target sector strategies, there are also sector neutral strategies in this document that can be used to develop essentially sector neutral aspects that you may want to develop. So let's say it's not specifically in one of the target sectors. But there is a useful strategy that aligns with job quality, access, equity, and alignment with state strategies related to climate. You may, you want to try to align that project idea with the sector neutral strategies that are outlined. And also, if you can, additionally with the sector neutral strategy project, indicate how that will benefit one of the target sectors even better. And so an example for that is like, childcare always comes up. And so childcare is kind of a sector neutral issue because it comes up in a lot of the. In the target sectors as a barrier for employment.

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Speaker 3

And you just want to show at that point how it aligns with the sector neutral. So there's a lot of information there, a lot of data. We also have the plan part one, which has even more data. And so I hope that helps.

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Speaker 1

Thank you. Fred. Armon. We have a question from Frances Wiener. Can you link to the project portal, which is a great suggestion. I'll be talking a little bit more about that just shortly. Thank you for that. And, yeah, we encourage everyone to a be extremely collaborative in your project ideas, finding ways to work with other stakeholders, other organizations, even other regions. If you understand what's going on in the other regions, but also to, you know, keep your. Your districts, your spas, and overall your region in mind as you submit those projects. You can go to the next slide.

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Speaker 3

Hey, Charles, I see Sachin has her hand up.

28:31

Speaker 1

Oh. Oh, Sasheen, I'm sorry. I didn't see.

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Speaker 6

No worries. Good morning, guys. I just wanted to ask, are we doing a follow up call after we. All the table leads have had their call with the financial strategy lead, are we doing a follow up call just to kind of pull through what we talked about?

28:50

Speaker 1

Sure. Yeah, that's a good question, Sasheen. So, Sasha, just so why don't you introduce yourself, tell everyone on this call who you are so they understand why you're making this call, why you ask that question.

29:02

Speaker 6

I'm sorry, then. My name is Sasheen Artis. I'm the founder of plenty of Pie, and I am the table lead for the video production and distribution sector. And I've been working with the strategic writer as well as the financial strategy lead to really drill down into the things that we can do to connect disadvantaged and disinvested communities to the industry, as well as reboot our industry so that there's something to work in.

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Speaker 1

Thank you. Yeah. So Sasheen has met with the strategic writer a few times to give a deeper dive into the problems and potential solutions of the tv and video production sector. Once we got a good handle on that. We circled back with the financial strategist to find out ways to pair different funding sources with that. Maybe it's just policy issues that was required outside of funding, or maybe a combination of both. So to answer your question, Sasheen, the feedback we got from the state really doesn't require another call with your industry sector. So I think we may be okay there. But as we continue to write the final narrative, if there's something that we may need just even wordsmith properly, we'll reach back out to you. Okay. Thanks for advancing the slide. So the.

30:44

Speaker 1

Paul from CCF already spoke on this a bit, but the sector investment coordinator, RFP has already been released, so it's been now out for potential bidders to. I'm sorry, for bidders to review. We had the bidders conference this past Tuesday with a decent turnout. And they will have asked some questions on that call, verbally and I, in writing. And to Paul's point, they're going to be. They have until next Friday, I'm sorry, to the end of day today to send all the questions about the RFP, and then we'll have responses to them by next week. The submission for the. For the RFP to appeal will be by October 2 and the review period be from the 7th through November 1. And then we'll identify at some point there will be an evaluation. We have put together an evaluation committee to evaluate the applicants.

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Speaker 1

And then awardee will be announced on November 5. Tony, I see your hands up.

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Speaker 2

Yeah.

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Speaker 3

Thank you.

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Speaker 6

I just had a question.

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Speaker 1

How many people organizations participated in the workshop? In the bidders conference, you mean? Yeah, yeah. Off the top of my head. I don't know. I honestly didn't pay attention to it. More than ten.

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Speaker 7

Yeah, it was like around. There was like around 21 participants.

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Speaker 5

Okay, thank you.

32:39

Speaker 1

Thank you for that, Ariel. And then we're looking for the awardee to start somewhere around no later than November 22. It's going to be tight. We know that November is right around Thanksgiving, then it's followed by Christmas, then by New Year's. So the real work will probably realistically began right after the new year. So we want to really hit the ground running there. So it's important for that be awarded to begin sometime in late November. Next slide, please. California forward and Gobiz are co hosting this year's California Economic Summit up in Sacramento from October 8 through the 10th. And it'll feature some guest speakers from federal and state and local government, of course, have some breakout sessions. I'm assuming I'll be attending along with two of the three steering committee chairs, independent and potentially a few key regional partners.

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Speaker 1

After the state kind of identifies who we should be inviting, we'll get more information probably next week or so on that this one's going to be interesting. This year is going to be interesting because they're having what they're calling an investor exchange and it's going to be the last day of the event. And essentially it's by invite only and it's essentially an event. And now just going to read here, it says this event will provide jobs first conveners and invited key regional partners with the timely opportunity to learn from private and public sector investors about financing resources and how to effectively develop a capital stack to support implementation of regional priorities. A panel discussion with investors outlining key elements they consider for financing decisions, and insights on how to approach developing a capital stack.

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Speaker 1

Along with the agency staff, sharing available community financing tools, case studies will be heard. It's also a network exchange giving jobs first regions the opportunity to share project ideas and receive insights from investors on how to align projects with investment priorities. The exchange will include a a poster tour of each of the 13 regions with opportunities for convenience to share key regional information and insights to investor and financing authorities. So essentially this means that we have an

opportunity to impress potential investors with our project ideas. So the jobs first teams, essentially from now until this summit, we're going to be working with the steering committee, pushing the steering committee, you guys, to submit collaborative strategic projects so we can maximize this opportunity and get feedback and guidance from these potential investors.

36:09

Speaker 1

And of course, any information that we get from the state as we move forward. We'll try to share either through newsletters and of course to our steering committee members in upcoming meetings. Any questions? Okay, so the project portals are ideas. I can't remember her name off top of my head. Kind of kicked us off with getting us thinking in that mindset. But again, this is a really, this is an avenue for the steering committee to start submitting ideas, working with our industry, I'm sorry, with our stakeholders. And Armand, if you don't mind, just kind of walking everyone through how the idea, if you can go back one slide, please, just walking everyone through how the portal works, we greatly appreciate it.

37:22

Speaker 3

Yes, of course. So I linked the portal in the chat a little bit earlier and I'll put it in there again, or someone from my team could do that, please. That'd be appreciated. So just to go over the portal, it has, I think we're at like eleven tabs now. But thank you, Chioma. That really kind of detail the process for how to use the portal. And then for anyone that has a project idea, you can use it to assess maybe what stage your project is in. So of course we have the exploratory last mile and ready to go and exploratory and last mile are eligible for redevelopment catalyst phase funding and then they're ready to go. Are eligible for the implementation funding. We have some draft criteria that we received from the state, some additional criteria.

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Speaker 3

So for implementation, the criteria has not been finalized because we haven't received the SFP, but this is the draft criteria from the state and that's the most current information we have. And same for catalysts. We haven't as a collaborative or our steering committee has not finalized the criteria yet. But once again, I think it's a good basis for people that have project ideas to kind of think of how they meet those equity climate, job quality and access draft criteria that are listed in there. The tabs that our partners and anyone in the public, well, I guess mostly our partners can contribute to are the project ideas and collaborative partners tabs. On the project Ideas tab, there's

just, it's like a table and you can just write in your project idea. If you don't have a name yet, it's okay.

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Speaker 3

You could just say name TBD. But, you know, you can list your organization, what your project will be doing, we'll be doing maybe some potential partners, etcetera. We currently have 19 projects and, you know, we would like to get that a lot higher. But seeing steady progress in that field, there is another tab as well that is called the collaborative Partners tab. In that tab, let's say you don't have a project idea specifically, but you want to collaborate in some way. You could list your organization there and what your organization does, and that'll just provide a sort of data set for individuals and organizations that do have projects to maybe look through that collaborative partners and say Organization X, for example, they do so and so. And that plugs right in with my project idea.

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Speaker 3

The last thing I do want to mention is that we have this links tab. In this links tab, you can see that there's all sorts of links that could be useful for developing project ideas from all the way from the state and county, strategies that the governments are using at the various levels to develop the county, state and federal infrastructure, all the way to project ideas. And so I see we have some time here. So I guess we could just, if we go to the next slide. Could you go to the next slide? Some of the information that you can find throughout this document. So it's just a miscellaneous information, but I'm going to focus on those two images right there first, and then I'll address the bullet point.

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Speaker 3

So as I was speaking to on the links, one of the links is to this list of California workforce development high board, high road training partnerships. And so it's just a list of these high road training partnerships. Of course, our collaborative used to be called the high Road Transition Collaborative. So it's very much within the line of the kind of projects that the state may be looking for. We also have a link to the California Jobs first pilot project awardees. So that was last year, I think last May that the state awarded \$40 million to a few projects, of which La county received 5 million for the Pace Green Loan Fund. And there is just miscellaneous a lot of information in this document.

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Speaker 3

And one thing that we did receive from the state, maybe last month, was this language and that bullet point, which is that the regional investment initiative program will provide funding within, but not limited to, the following categories of innovation, ecosystem entrepreneurship and access to capital, infrastructure and community facility development, social infrastructure and workforce development as defined in the following paragraphs, which are not actually there, but in the document they are defined further. It's a lot of text, so I wasn't going to anticipate in reading that right now. But yeah, I would say check out the portal. If you have any questions, you can send me an email or comments and I'll try to assist you.

42:19

Speaker 1

Thanks, Armand. Before we go to the next slide, I'll do a q and a with you, Armand, just to kind of help out the stakeholders on the call, the California, the pilot project awardees, would you say that's kind of more reflective of the type of projects that the state was looking towards investing in?

42:47

Speaker 3

Yeah, that's a really good question we have. So we've asked the state before, like, where can we get inspiration for our projects? And they usually point us to the pilot project awardees as examples of successful projects. One other thing that I asked about is the TCC, transformative climate communities. There's a workforce development to some of those projects that I received word from the state that those could also serve as good inspiration for some of these. And so we're still waiting to see, you know, what the state is going to say on the implementation criteria when they release that in January. But I think for now, yeah, those pilot projects, workforce development, TCC even these high road training partnerships could all provide inspiration for individuals who may have a project idea.

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Speaker 1

Thank you for that. I'm going to started working with a few of the partners who've reached out to talk about their strategic projects, either through implementation of catalyst and at some point I'll help develop one of one or more to give presentations to maybe the steering committee, but certainly to this group here with potential projects that they like to submit or will or already have submitted in the portal. Just so you guys can see how everyone is working together. I'm seeing in the chat a few requests to have a link, a recording of the link to the recording of this sent to their emails. Ariel, if you

want to can you speak on either how you can email it to them or a spot that they can find it, everyone on this call that they can't find a link to this recording?

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Speaker 7

Yeah, actually Shima was just responding to them that they can find the recordings on the webpage. We're gonna post it with today's info on the surf website.

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Speaker 1

A lot of the past recordings of any other partner meeting should be on that website as well. So you can just go to the date and click on it. If it gets buried in your emails, sometimes it's just easier to go to the site, pick, find the date, click on it and then you have it there. Just FYI, next slide.

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Speaker 7

Okay. And then just for the upcoming meetings, we have our next student committee meeting on September 26, that is two weeks from today. And our next partner meetings, our next partners meeting on Friday, October 11. That's next month. It's every second Friday of the month. So just put it in the calendar. And if someone doesn't have the invite, they can just email ourselves and we can forward them the invite. So you can have it in your calendar. That's for upcoming meetings.

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Speaker 2

All righty. We have next steps. So one of the next steps is of course to take a look more at that portal for our project ideas. You can just take a look at the tabs, take a look at the links. The links I think are very helpful for those who are thinking about catalysts and implementation projects. As Armand mentioned, taking a look at those economic development projects that were funded last year will be very helpful for those interested in implementation projects. So take a look at that. We have the final version of our regional plan coming up in a couple of weeks. And then again, the implementation solicitation that will come directly from the state has been pushed back a little bit. So those interested in submitting implementation applications for your projects. You have a little bit more time.

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Speaker 2

Early 2025 is what we're hearing. So we'll look forward to the state to now hopefully

release the draft of that solicitation. So when we get that information, we'll share it out to you. And so another key note is to please keep an eye out for our emails. Sometimes they go to you all spam folders, so please check your spam folder. If you have not been receiving emails from us and if you'd like to add another email account, just go to the bottom of our website, la.cerf.org, and you can click to sign up to the newsletter. And if you have any questions beyond that, just send an email to [cerf@surface](mailto:cerf@surface.org). That's all I have for you. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

Thank you, Chioma. And wow, this may be a record for us. We still have 18 minutes. If there's anyone on the call like to discuss anything, you have the floor to speak on it now. Okay, well, get started on your weekend a little bit earlier. I'll give you 17 minutes of your hour back. Thank you very much for attending and we're going to keep pushing forward to make this catalyst phase very successful and we look forward to seeing you guys all next month. Thank you. Have a great weekend. Thank you.

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Speaker 2

Thank you.