



Steering Committee Monthly Meeting August 8th, 2024

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Summary Notes

In the recent Steering Committee Meeting, key updates included leadership transitions where Andrea will become chair and Stella vice chair, alongside a call for nominations for a second vice chair position. The committee addressed updates from the fiscal agent, California Community Foundation, including delays in the sector investment coordinator RFP timeline and ongoing discussions about equity criteria for funding applications. Emphasis was placed on engagement with project ideas and collaboration as the implementation funding competition approaches. Participants were reminded to submit their attendance and review the regional plan, with upcoming meetings scheduled to further the discussion on projects and funding opportunities. Closing remarks highlighted the urgency for collaboration to secure funding for LA County initiatives. Action items were assigned, outlining responsibilities for updating timelines, preparing communication for partners, and sharing project ideas.

Meeting Opening and Updates (03:06 - 14:22)

- Andrea provided steering committee updates on nominations and attendance
- Resource tracker updated with new slides and links

California Community Foundation Fiscal Agent Updates (14:22 - 25:27)

- Follow-up on Dakar foundation complaints from recent events
- Sector investment coordinator RFP update in progress
- Subcommittee working on finalizing RFP
- Affinity hub lead payments and subregional table closeout ongoing

- Timeline for sector investment coordinator RFP to be pushed back

Sector Investment Coordinator Timeline (25:27 - 33:33)

- Original notification of award date (October 1) to be delayed
- Sector coordinators to provide technical assistance for catalyst functions
- Discussion on timeline for catalyst funding applications
- Clarification needed on roles and timelines for sector coordinators and catalyst funding

Steering Committee Updates (33:35 - 42:30)

- Current leadership terms ending
- Andrea moving to chair position, Stella to vice chair
- Nominations sought for second vice chair position
- Election process to begin, next monday
- Attendance and participation emphasized as crucial

Equity Criteria Proposal (42:30 - 50:24)

- Proposal for criteria presented
- Clarification on how criteria will work for catalyst and implementation funding
- State has released draft criteria for implementation funding
- Collaboratives can develop own criteria for letter of support
- Catalyst phase criteria to be determined by each collaborative

Project Updates and Portal (50:25 - 58:22)

- Promotion of greater engagement with project ideas portal
- Few projects received so far
- Implementation funding competition approaching
- State provided categories for implementation projects
- Encouragement to submit project ideas for collaboration

Implementation and Pilot Projects (58:25 - 01:06:20)

- Discussion on eligible project categories
- Clarification needed on community development projects
- Pilot projects shared as reference for implementation funding
- Request for updated roster from state liaison

Collaborative Partners Contact Sharing (01:06:20 - 01:16:53)

- Discussion on opt-in/opt-out process for contact sharing
- Proposal to send communication to all partners with opt-out option
- Consideration for different contact types (personal vs. organizational)

Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps (01:16:53 - 01:26:51)

- Partners meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 9:00 AM
- Next steering committee meeting on August 22
- September partners meeting on Friday the 13th
- Encouragement to review regional plan part one
- Implementation phase solicitation expected in early September

Closing Remarks (01:26:51 - 01:44:58)

- Emphasis on 'go time' for projects and proposals
- Call for collaboration to secure fair share of funding for LA county
- Appreciation for participants' engagement
- Final meeting for current chair approaching

Meeting Transcript

03:05

Speaker 1

Hey, Andrea, just to let you know, we have you slated down on the agenda for the steering committee, updates on nominations and attendance. It. Hello, everyone, it's Chiona Bahweh. I'm sitting in for Arielle. He's out today with family emergency, so I'll be admitting people to the meeting and sharing the slide presentation with you all today. But glad to have you all on. We'll give a few more minutes. Lucky you. Thank you. Good to see you all here today. Share my screen, see how it looks it somebody's brave enough. Hey, Jennifer. Hi, Kevin. How are you? I am a shade above excellent today. Well, hey, you know, on days like this, if I was any better, it'd be two of me, right? Nobody wants that. So we're going to give it a couple more minutes if we can get a critical mass here.

07:08

Speaker 1

Hey, this is Andrea. I am sorry, we are at a staff retreat and I am going to have to be on my phone. I don't have my computer charger. Oh, well, you look. Your avatar looks fine. Okay, sorry about that. I thought I had my charger in my bag and apparently I did not bring it. No worries. No worries. Andrea, I sent you a text. Hopefully you saw it. Well, good afternoon, everyone. Thanks for being on time. Appreciate it. We'll give just a couple more minutes, see if we can get a few more folks on. Hello, everyone. And if I can ask if we can increase the size of the slides just a little bit, that'd really be helpful for us

older folks. Thank you, Stella. I didn't want to say it. It was my turn. My turn today. I will try. Stella.

08:19

Speaker 1

Forgive me if I cannot increase the size, though, but I will try to increase it. Very good, Chima. Thank you. See, chairman? That's why I write down the agenda. Yes. Hey, Mariah. Another grave soul showing their face. All right, Chioma, I know it's kind of difficult to zoom in. I'm just gonna. I'll put in the agenda in the chat for anyone that wants to read it. Thank you. Yeah, thanks, Armando. Thank you. Okay, one more minute, folks, and we'll go ahead and get started. Out of respect, everyone that's on time. Well, actually, it is 105, so why don't we go ahead and kick it off? So chill. I'm gonna go ahead and give the. Welcome. Okay. Well, welcome, everyone. Glad you all are here. Made it in time. At 01:00 we'll go ahead and get started.

09:42

Speaker 1

I'm Chiyoma Bahweh, sitting in for Arielle, who has a family emergency. And cannot make this meeting today. So I'll be sharing the slides and a little bit more with you this afternoon. Okay, so we'll go ahead, start it. Few housekeeping things, the resources. You can copy this link here and it will take you to the resource tracker. We've updated that resource tracker, added a few more slides, slide decks and links for you. So I think it will be very helpful for you all during the meeting and after to see the resources that we have all in one place. And these resources are also available mostly on our website on the about page, but you can see them all together in that tracker link. Please submit your attendance one of my team members will be adding the attendance link for you in the chat.

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Speaker 1

Please submit your attendance. If you are here as a proxy for someone else, please check the box to propose an agenda item, please utilize the Google jamboard that we have. I believe that's in the tracker as well. But if not, you can just use this short bitly link here to submit your requested items for discussion. Again, I've mentioned the resource tracker, a great resource for you all. There's the short link to it that you can save and bookmark. And then we have the opportunities department. So please report any complaints and concerns you have to our vice chair, almost chair, Miss Andrea Slater. And you have her email right there. Please take note. And that's what we have for housekeeping. Thank you so much, Chioma. So thank you all for joining us today.

11:39

Speaker 1

This will be my second to last meeting as the chair, so I appreciate you folks showing up. And the only thing I ask is that if you'd like to speak, please raise your hand. Use the raise hand function and I'll recognize you. We're gonna try to hold our comments to a couple of minutes and try not to repeat the same questions or comments. We have a full agenda today and we wanna move through it pretty quickly. So next I would like to move on to the first agenda item. California Community foundation, I'm assuming. Maria, I see you off mute. Take the lead. Thank you. Thank you, chair, and good afternoon, everyone. It's a pleasure to be here with you today. I have a few updates on behalf of California Community foundation that serves as the fiscal agent for California jobs.

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Speaker 1

First, following up on the Dakar foundation complaints that we received from our members on the events that were held over the last few weeks, we did follow up with Dakar directly and held a meeting with them to go over the complaints and talk about mitigation strategies to ensure that the remaining events were better and we also asked our steering committee leads and LADC to monitor the performance of the vendor for the last few meetings to ensure that the changes that were requesting were being made and followed through. We are going to be holding a debrief meeting this coming Monday with Dakar to go over the events and talk about how they went. And then I think that'll be it for the sector investment coordinator RFP update I'm continuing to work with the subcommittee and the steering committee leadership to finalize this RFP.

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Speaker 1

The subcommittee is going to be meeting, has already met twice and will be meeting a third time on Monday to make edits to the RFP and hopefully bring it before the steering committee for approval at its next meeting date, or sooner if we can. And then for the, before you move on, Mariah. First of all, thank you all for those that volunteered to do the RFP update. I understand Monday meeting took place and I think they got through six out of the 20 pages. So in the interest of trying to keep on the timeline whatever we can do to get through the remainder on time by Monday, I encourage you to do so because we have folks breathing down our throats or necks, shall I say, to get this done and to get things in place.

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Speaker 1

So I thank you all for volunteering your time to do this. It's not an easy task. We went through all 20 pages, so I know that firsthand, and I'll leave it at that. Maria. Thank you, chair. And then our last update is around the affinity hub, lead payments and subregional table closeout. We are continuing to close out the sub regional tables, contracts, reviewing receipts, and closing out or reconciling those agreements. Our hope is that we are able to do that by the end of this month and close them out completely. Okay, any questions for Maria? Say none. We'll move on to the next agenda item. So, Chioma, are you going to take us through the sector investment coordinator RFP timeline?

16:00

Speaker 1

Yes, this is the initial timeline that we had, but as Maria stated, we are in meeting number three, and there's a meeting number four scheduled to take place early next week, I believe Monday. So this timeline will have to be pushed back. I just want to make note of the original notification of award date was expected to be October 1, but given that the subcommittee is still going through the RFP, that timeline will be pushed back. And so we have a few more slides to go over a few more things, and you'll see why. This is a critical topic for the collaborative, but this timeline will be updated once the subcommittee concludes reviewing the and approving the RFP. Thank you, Chioma. And that's a reference to my earlier comment. Luis.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, I was curious, how do the investment secretary coordinators tie into the grants request that we're going to be getting for the 9 million in the catalyst funds? Are that separate or are they more focused on the 50 million? I can answer that a little bit. They are for catalysts, so they will provide technical assistance for round two and three of implementation dollars. But their work is about cataloging the prospective projects and doing work around catalyst functions. It may be helpful to just if to kind of start seeing that timeline of how much time we're gonna allow for people to submit applications for the catalyst funding that was dedicated to La county and what role those people are gonna be taking in.

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Speaker 1

Cause if you're saying the contracts start no later than October 18, were hearing that catalyst funds applications could possibly start as early as September, maybe October. I just wanna make sure that this doesn't become a hold up for some of those.

Well, to your point, Luis, that's why it's so important for us to get through this RFP and get it out. And then thank you for asking for clarification, Chioma. Whatever you can do, either separately or on the next newsletter, continue to first of all, provide more clarification on Luis's question and then helping us to understand that, how important it is for this work to get done so that we can keep some integrity to these timelines. Maria and then after. Maria Germain. Thank you, chair. So we did start putting together an activity schedule for the catalyst program.

19:00

Speaker 1

I don't know if the LAEDC team is ready to share that activity schedule, but one is being developed and reflects basically all of the activities that need to take place during the catalyst performance period. Thank you, Maria. Jermaine. Yes, thank you, Maria. Yeah, I was just going to just chime in here just as kind of like a friendly reminder, really. The sector coordinators are really meant as liaisons, essentially. Right. You know, they're going to help us kind of identify working with the steering committee here to identify, you know, viable projects. Right. And some of those projects that, you know, they feel are best suited to kind of move forward and be successful. However, you know where we are right now in this entire process, there's really two pieces.

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Speaker 1

One, we should not be waiting for sector coordinators to come aboard for projects ideas to be submitted. So we have that project portal that's available for folks. But really the affinity hubs, our tables, our sub regional tables, those folks have been collecting and meeting and have a ton of information, now is the time to go back to your communities, go back to your networks, and start figuring out what projects you can uplift that are pre development, last mile projects and start facilitating those ideas and collaborating and bringing those forward. And then the second part to that is implementation. The implementation portion is coming up. There's going to be three different tranches. We believe the first, RFP, will come out sometime in September. That's 50 million. That's competitive bid across the entire state. I will start looking at ongoing projects that are already happening.

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Speaker 1

CJF is meant to be braided with other funding. So whether it's a k through 16 collaborative, they have the healthcare work that's going on through Unitala, or if it's other things like EPA money. Right. We know that CRCD, who's part of this steering committee, was also awarded funding as well. These are all different mechanisms that

can be leveraged to kind of move forward with implementation projects, just as examples. But we have plenty of different things and opportunities in terms of sectors and strategies that we can leverage to really start uplifting projects. So that's where we are. So I just want to make sure we're all clear on that, because we got to start uplifting projects, start collaborating. And the focus, really, the key here is those projects. Thanks. Thank you, Jermaine. Tony.

21:38

Speaker 1

And I apologize if I missed this, but we haven't yet developed the criteria for the selection of the catalyst projects, and I don't know if we want to start a subgroup. Of course, this is one where there's going to be a big conflict of interest provisions. So if your group is applying, or board members of your group are applying, they shouldn't participate. But I feel like it's an important piece to go out that we're not just saying, please submit ideas. Although, Jermaine, I think it's great. We need to not do that. And I really like the portal that we have to be collecting. But at the same time, if somebody, if a group has a proposal that isn't in sync with where the steering committee criteria goes, I would hate for them to put the time and energy into that.

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Speaker 1

So I'm not saying don't talk about it. I'm just saying let's try to move up the selection criteria development, and knowing that we're probably going to have a very narrow group that can work on that because of conflict of interest. Andrea? Thank you, Joni. Oh, okay. So I was gonna say there actually is information already available as far as what we're looking at as the minimum under the catalyst section on the resource. I mean, it's telling like what, how it has to align with the state goals, et cetera, to kind of give people a framework to get started. And then we are actually going to, just because the whole purpose of the catalyst projects is that they are supposed to be collaborative projects, the conflict of interest is probably going to be less of an issue as far as participation.

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Speaker 1

Sorry, I was just talking about participatory research participation, because these projects, in order to get approved, are going to have so many intersections across the hubs and across the community based orgs that, yes, if we do hold to that, there can be no participation if you are any way, shape or form involved. But because everyone is supposed to be acting and moving towards these projects, there's actually probably not going to be that much of a conflict if you look at it as far as diluting the influence.

Thank you, Andrea. All right, Louise. Sorry, just quick point of clarification, Andrea. Did you say there was a minimum amount of the projects must request under the catalyst section? There's actually a lot of guidelines that the state has provided that identify, like how it aligns with state policy and initiatives.

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Speaker 1

I understand that, but I'm talking about the amounts for the. How much can someone ask? Because we have not LA county. Oh, no, that's not what I'm, no, that didn't, I didn't mention anything about money. Okay. That's what I thought it was. Okay. I just want to clarify. Thank you. Thank you, Louise Jermaine, sorry, yeah, just quick point of clarification, chair to your point, Tony. I think to remove any potential conflicts of interest if you're someone, and we can put this out now, if you're someone who's on this steering committee, obviously, and you know that you're going to be uplifting a catalyst or implementation project, simply just do not be part of that selection criteria, process development.

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Speaker 1

That way we can not delay anything further because I'm going to tell you right now, guys, there's other regions that have already started identifying projects that already have projects ready for implementation. That said, we have enough criteria in place so we at least know how to build out the framework and move forward, and then that criteria can come in thereafter. So I would just simply remove yourselves from that whole process if you believe you're going to submit a project or be part of a project. Thanks. So I'd like to comment first of all, Tony, thank you for bringing that up. We must maintain integrity and a level playing field. And Jermaine, thank you for clarification. And as Derek Steele said in the chat, to recuse yourself. All right, we're going to move on unless there are any other questions.

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Speaker 1

Okay, let's go to the timeline. Armonous. Thank you, Kevin, and thank you everybody for joining the call. I'll be going over the timeline today. So the kind of main things that we have on the timeline, I removed some of the sector investment coordinator stuff because the timeline on that has been pushed back a little bit and I was on the previous slide. But just looking at some of the other items on this timeline, we have of course the most pressing and thing that we should all be preparing for is the implementation application, which is opening up in September. So yeah, we received confirmation from

someone from Gobiz and they told us it's approximately \$45 million. It's going to be released in each round.

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Speaker 1

So we haven't got an idea of when the next two rounds are, but we do know that the first round is going to open in early September and they're going to start evaluating applications on November 1. So our region will be competing with the twelve other regions for that \$45 million. And that is of course on ready to go, shovel ready projects as their implementation. We'll give some more updates on how to best utilize the project's portal collaborate and some additional categories and guidelines that the state has given us over the last week or two specifically pertaining to construction projects and then a few different categories of projects which we'll get to. And then at the very top we just have a regional plan, two stuff. Nothing has really changed much.

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Speaker 1

We have, we're just continually working with the writing team and table partner leads to get the target sector strategies and that is still being worked on. If we go to the next slide, please. Chioma, I can speak a little bit more specifically about the regional plan part two timeline so previously were trying to get the first draft out to the steering committee tomorrow. Yeah, previously we're trying to get the first draft out to the steering committee tomorrow, but it seems like it's going to have to be delayed at least a few days. The reason for that is because the target sector strategies are just taking a little bit longer than we anticipated and we're trying to make sure we get the best information for those strategies.

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Speaker 1

So working very closely with the seven organizations representing industries in La county to try to get all that information and are trying to get the first full draft to the steering committee and our graphic designer Jay by next week, the 14th or 15th, give everybody the weekend, and then return edits and updates and feedback to the writers by the 20th, which is Monday. So this is the kind of updated timeline we're working with here. And that's it for me. So thank you, everybody. Thank you, mister chair. Thank you. So are there any questions for Aman? If you. I can't see in chat, so if you have a question, come on screen and ask it. Okay. All right. Well, folks, we've been at this for a year. Two years is go time. Is go time.

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Speaker 1

All you, all these smart people, all you experienced people, all of you who understand your communities, understand the work that we're doing, please, let's get these projects loaded in and let's get ready to go. Sharon, you're on mute. Sharon, my apologies. I just wanted to quickly follow up. Armin, did you get back the information from the folks that had asked at the district two meeting? I know there was some rumbling. Were you able to get back to them about district two data? Well, I haven't, no, I haven't sent anybody the surveys for the sposigs. Okay. That there was, I think there was, again, I sent over the recommendations that I had gotten from the few ladies that I talked about there.

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Speaker 1

But there was a little bit of rumblings there because they were concerned that they didn't get information on that district and that they thought there was an incongruence between the information that we provided and what they know the sub regional tables had collected. And so they were concerned that some of the strategic input that they would have, wouldn't was contradictory to what you were presenting. And I know two of them may have. Did two of them approach you? No, I don't recall. Okay, there's. Okay, I will loop back offline. But there were, they were, they were pushing to make sure that they had input and that you received their input for the regional plan part two. And I know one of them is. God, what is her name? Kim. She's on Bizfit. What is her? I've known this woman for years. I'm sorry. Excellent.

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Speaker 1

She's a sub regional table, but in the La stealth chamber was pretty hot too. We can look back offline, but they had a lot to say, and they said they were waiting for something from you. And I think they were looking for information on what their region, the district at the district level, what that data said, because they didn't feel that what they got was representative or accurate in terms of the district two information. Okay. Can you make sure that they copy the chair and vice chairs on this and that they follow through? So take action. Kim Anthony is her name. That's her name. It's Kim Anthony and the gal that runs the LA south chamber. But I'll loop back and just, I'll send an email with all of you on the loop.

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Speaker 1

And you guys, Armand, you can connect with her and figure it out. I just wanted to make sure that was done. Thanks. All right, thank you. Thanks, Sharon. Thanks, Sharon. And

also thanks, Matt Horton, for priming the pump and giving some direction on projects. Okay, any more questions, Ramon? All right, saying none. We're going to move to the next agenda item with the subcommittee updates. Go ahead. And chioma, and then Armon, you could also follow on. Yeah. So for this one, I'll let Armon start it off since it starts. About the strategy development subcommittee. Okay. Sure. So, yeah, this first slide is just giving updates on our subcommittees, which are completed or in progress.

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Speaker 1

So our strategy development subcommittee, which was contributing to sector neutral and economic mobility strategies for the regional plan part two, and strategies for our collaborative moving forward beyond the planning phase. So going into catalyst implementation and then even beyond the regional convener closeout, potentially. So they were contributing to those strategies, and they completed their work last Thursday, and we're currently working on integrating what they contributed into the regional plan part two with the writing team on the second subcommittee that we're giving an update on that is just the sector investment coordinator, RFP subcommittee. They're working on the RFP, and they're currently working in progress. As chairman said. Fourth meeting is on Monday, I believe. Okay, we have a question from Luis. Yeah, real quick.

33:17

Speaker 1

Armand, are we still on track to get a draft of the strategic plan part two to the steering committee by the end of next week? So. August 16. Yeah. Okay, thank you. All right. Any other questions for Amarna? Okay, thank you. Armand, we're going to go to the equity criteria proposal. Armand, you're going to lead off with that, and then I want to pivot to either Nicole, Benny, or Brady if you're on. I'm sorry, mister chair. Can we. I'm sorry. This was a continuing slide for subcommittee right before we get to the equity. No worries. Yeah, go ahead. These are for upcoming planned out subcommittees. We put them all one slide so the steering committee can know of what's coming up. So first I want to go over the implementation letter of support review and approval this would need to be a process.

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Speaker 1

I know many of you applied for the economic development project funding last year, and at that time we did not have a steering committee form. So now that we have a steering committee formed, when someone from the collaborative wants to apply for

this upcoming implementation round that is starting early September and will be due in November 1, we need a process for reviewing the letter of supports requests that will come in. We need a template letter of support from the collaborative drafted, and then we need. The subcommittee will have to approve these letters of support. So we will be sending out an email with notification. I'm sorry, notification, but nomination. Nomination request for steering committee members who would like to be a part of this? The next one will be the catalyst application and evaluation subcommittee that was mentioned a few minutes ago.

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Speaker 1

We definitely need this subcommittee to begin doing the work so that we can be on track to have applications go out in a timely manner. We will also send nomination forms out for those who would like to be a part of this one. This one, you definitely will have to recuse yourself. As mentioned, if you see there's a conflict of interest for yourself or you're on the board of an organization that will be applying for catalyst funding, but we will send out nomination forms for that one, the last one. See, you see outreach and engagement subcommittee. This one will have to offer a little bit more context, but based on the meeting we had earlier with the chairs fiscal agent convener mapping out what catalysts will look like, there is some outreach and engagement that will happen next spring.

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Speaker 1

Well, yeah, April and May of next year. And so we would like to get an early start on what this process will look like and how outreach can be done throughout the county to get feedback on selected catalyst projects before the final approval takes place. So this is to show you all the upcoming subcommittees that we will need. The work has not stopped and so nomination forms will be sent out for these subcommittees. Upcoming subcommittees. Thank you, Chioma. I'm going to take one question, then we're going to suspend the agenda so I can get. I know that Andrea has to leave to go to facilitate, so I'm going to take one question and then we're going to go suspend and come back. Tony yeah, my understanding. Showman. And maybe I'm not tracking because the state likes to change things.

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Speaker 1

But your third subcommittee, you said that they're going to be working on events in April and May of next year. I thought I had heard that. The state came up with a January date that they wanted to have a list of at least ten. I might have the number, but they

wanted to have catalyst projects identified by the regions by some January date. I don't remember seeing it in writing. I just heard it, as in like, regions were getting told that. And so I'm wondering if we're doing outreach and engagements. But we already selected the projects. What would be the focus of that subcommittee? Yeah, so there is. We do need to offer more context on this one, but. So there is a deadline, I believe the deadline you're talking about. There's one.

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Speaker 1

I don't have it in front of me, and I don't know if Maria's on the call or Armon might can speak to it, but there's a January deadline deliverable due, and then there's a June deliverable due, and the January 1, I believe it's the narrative, possible projects, if I'm not mistaken. And then the June 1 is for the actual selected projects. So this subcommittee, we will have to map out, show you all what the process is going to look like. But there's the applications that will come out, and then the applications for catalyst will be due. But then after they are submitted, there will be an outreach and engagement to get feedback from community on projects that have been, I should say organizations that have submitted the applications, but they haven't received final approval yet. There'll be outreach and engagement during that time period.

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Speaker 1

It's the in between time before final approval is given. And so by June. Yes, by June. That's why you see April and May, because by June, yes. The state does want to know the exact. Let's see, June 30 is the deadline to submit. Yeah. The state selected project. So the final approval is due in June. So this will happen right before then. And I would think of it, I think, as Andrea mentioned, kind of like the participatory process where you get the community feedback before the final vote is taking place. So it's in that time period. Okay, chairman, thank you. If we can hold any other questions, Andrea. And move to the steering committee updates. Andrea, why don't you go ahead and give that, and then we'll go back to the subcommittee updates. One. Yeah, one more. There we go.

40:32

Speaker 1

All right, Andrea, you're on. Okay. All right, so we are coming to the end of our current leadership terms. So Kevin is way too happy right now to be stepping into his final meetings. As those of you who were on board at the time recall, we elected a chair and two vice chairs, the first vice chair and a second vice chair. I will be moving into the chair position when Kevin's term ends. Stella will be moving into the vice chair. So we

are soliciting nominations for the second vice chair position. So we will begin the nomination period and the election process, much like we did last time. And the term is for twelve months. But all you leaders out there step up. Now's the time. Yes. And so Kevin will be staying on board through a little bit of a transition.

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Speaker 1

So this won't be, I will hunt you down and. But we have actually, to be honest, all three of us have been very much engaged in a lot of the same meetings and all of that. So there's, it's really not going to be that. There's no hidden, you know, hidden information or anything as far as the onboarding goes, because we've all been very active. So. And we're hoping that will continue with who decides to step into this role. Thank you. Have you any questions on the process? All right, thank you. So, mister chair, let me raise my hand. See that? Hand raised, Scarlett. But go ahead. For some reason, my functions aren't showing up completely. There is a second slide. I'm happy to cover it really briefly, but it actually is the timeline of this. Oh, there you go. Yes. Right. All right.

42:30

Speaker 1

Thank you. Opening up the nomination period next Monday, and we will be closing it August 16. So once the application goes live, we will send it out to our steering committee members. And so we will have this nomination period August 12 through the 16th. The election window will be August 19 through August 23. We will go ahead and create that online virtual poll with whoever decides to self nominate. The nomination form is the same one that was shared the first round. So it's a basic description of why you would like to serve and just your general information. So we will go ahead and have this send out on Monday with the open nomination as well as these specific dates for everyone's reference. Scarlett, thank you so much.

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Speaker 1

And I just slipped my mind, and I was supposed to call on you, so I appreciate you getting everything prepared for this transition and leadership again. I look forward to seeing some of the names, especially some of you more vocal folks, step into this leadership box. We need your intellectual capital. Derek Steele. Good day, everybody. Hope you're doing well. Just a quick question. The commitment, though, is for the one role, it's also thinking long term. As you know, there's rotation of the seats at the end of the term. So is it a multi year commitment or is it just a one year. Well, each seat is a one year commitment. Go ahead, Andrea. It's. It was only one year commitment for you, the

multi year. Sounds like we have somebody interested. There you go. Hope to see that name in there, Derek. All right.

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Speaker 1

Any other questions? Okay, thank you, folks. Let's see here. Andrea, also, you have one more item here on the attendance discussion. Okay, where's the. I'm waiting for the slide. I'm sorry. Oh, the attendance. Here we go. Okay. Yeah, you're good. Oh, okay. So when we're doing the steering committee, attendance has become an issue for some of our partners. And so we just wanted to make sure that we are recognizing those and the time requirement that happens. And so with this commitment and that folk are attending, there is, if you signed up to be on the steering committee and you have your organization as part of the process, one of the things that we put in place from the beginning was this designated proxy or alternative person who can attend in your place if you're unable to make a meeting.

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Speaker 1

If this is going to be a honestly moving into this next year, for folks to really sit down and reflect on whether or not this is something their organization is going to be able to be involved in, because we are going to be definitely looking at the attendance and the attendance expectations, making sure that we are getting the feedback and information that we need from these partners in order to be able to advance and move forward in the work. So if you are the lead and the designated primary contact for your organization, and you're the person who has signed up, if you are, then please make sure that you are the person attending or that you have let us know ahead of time that there is an alternative person who is going to be attending so that it can be recorded with the LAEDC.

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Speaker 1

And then. Oh, so failure to notify or folks not attending the meetings, then we are going to actually be a little bit more diligent on that side of the enforcement, and people will be getting dropped, and we will start actually adhering to that. Thank you, Andrea. Thank you for that. And might I add to that attendance is important, and participation is equally important. We want to hear your voices. We want to benefit from your experience, knowledge, and opinion. So attending is important, and participation is equally as important. So thank you for that. I know that you have to leave, Andrea, so we're going to go back to. Is there any questions for Andrea before she leaves saying,

then we're going to go back to the subcommittee? Yes. Yes. I was trying to get off mute. Okay, Sharon, go ahead. Real quickly.

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Speaker 1

I'm going to just recommend, I was trying to type it faster than I, my hands would move, so it's easy. Andrea, I'm going to recommend that just for purposes of due process, that the convener or steering committee chair leadership send out a notice of non attendance and or non compliance to individuals as part of due process before you take the position of beginning to take adverse action. It's just, well, that actually is the process is that there is notification. Okay. Yeah, I just want to make sure because I just, when you heard you say people are going to start to be dropped, I thought was, oh, well, we want to be kinder than that. Thank you. Well, Sharon, rest assured there has been an issue and I intervene with just your sentiment.

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Speaker 1

So giving that same spirit of camaraderie and understanding that Andrea has already been done. But thank you for reinforcing that because that's what we want to do. That's what we want to do. But at the same time, you know, if you're going to step up, get involved. Let me hear your voice. All right. I've never been quiet. Thank you so much for hearing me. Yeah, I know. All right, let's go back to. Thank you, Andrea. Let's go back to the subcommittee updates slide. I think we left off at the. Where did we leave off? Chioma. Had you completed? Yes, I think I had completed it. Tony's question was regarding the last one, the outreach and engagement subcommittee. That work, the period of performance for that work is next spring.

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Speaker 1

But we want to get an early start on gathering nomination names and starting the work of the subcommittees. But we'll talk more about that last subcommittee upcoming meetings as well. And also I want to make sure all of our steering committees also attend tomorrow's partnering meeting where we'll be discussing more of catalysts as well. That's right. Be there, be square. Thank you for that. Reminder. Gioma, Sharon has a question for you. Tomorrow. I was thought it was on Monday, the 12th. Partners meetings are always Friday morning. Partner meeting. Yeah, the partner meetings Friday mornings at 09:00 that's what always was. But I thought I saw something different on the website earlier today. So you got the updated. It's going to be tomorrow at nine. All right. Hopefully you will see you there. Alrighty. Any other questions?

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Speaker 1

Okay, we're going to move to the equity criteria proposal. We're going to start with Arman. See you on here. Benny, I don't know if Nicole is here. Hopefully she is and or Brady. All right, so in that order. Go ahead, Armand. Thank you mister chair. And I don't mean to digress too much, but I do have something that one of our team members is requesting that we share with the steering committee, referring to the strategy planning that we had on Monday. Would it be okay if we just quickly review that document, the excel timeline that we created with CCF? Yeah, we'll make an exception. Go ahead. Okay, yeah, I'm sorry about that. So, Chioma, if you would like, I can share my screen, or would you like to me to send you the file?

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Speaker 1

I have the file, but I'd rather share the screen with you. Okay. Okay. So I'll stop sharing. Okay, got it. Once again, so I'm sorry about this everyone. So I will also leave this open for anyone else that attended this meeting with CCF if they'd like to comment on it. But this is just a timeline that we created with our fiscal agent and our chairs regarding the next recording, the catalyst activity schedule. So just to walk through it very at a high level, let me just have these spaced correctly and. Okay, so we have the two main deliverables that was mentioned, of course, the narrative report of ten to 15 exploratory and last mile projects that is due in January of next year. We also have another deliverable, which is 30 to 45 exploratory, last mile and ready to go projects.

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Speaker 1

That is actually not a narrative report, though. I mean, Maria, call, you may want to correct me, but I'm pretty sure this is just a list of projects, and that is going to be due in the June of June 30, 2025. Some of the other key things that's going to be happening over the next year is that our sector investment coordinators, we kind of have gone over that. Their period of performance is going from December all the way into September of 2026, when the program is going to be closing out. We have technical assistance for the catalyst projects and the implementation projects that will be coming from these sector investment coordinators. But then, of course, we also have a performance period for different technical assistance. And if someone else on the team can chime in on that one, I really appreciate that.

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Speaker 1

Some of the other key things that we have here is 30 convenings, which was mentioned previously. We will have this series of convenings. It's actually 27 now. That's going to be happening in April of May of next year. Just getting folks feedback on those projects that are going to be included in the deliverable in June, which is the 30 to 45 project. And then we've also allocated some money, as was indicated in the original contract, to update the research, the three research projects that were outsourced to vendors. Once again, sorry that this was not included earlier. I guess this was an important thing, though. So wanted to review it. Okay, we have a question from Luis. Yeah. So, explain to me, so where are these? Are we setting?

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Speaker 1

So, when we submit these 30 to 40 projects, are we listing out what projects those are, or are we saying we want to do 30 to 40? Where is the money also coming from for these different projects? Yes. Okay. Thank you, Louis. So, the specific deliverable is ten to 15 projects into three categories that we've selected as a region. So if it's ready to go projects, that's funding, that's going to be applying for implementation money. And then the exploratory last mile, as it's currently set up, is that would be applying for catalyst funding. So if you're saying so, that's. So, that would be anywhere from 20 to 30 projects for the catalyst funds. So we have \$9 million to work with. How much does that break out per project? That is something that we need to discuss. I mean, we have. There.

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Speaker 1

There's some language in the contract. I mean, if we're saying we're submitting 30 projects. Yeah. There's. There's only so much that we can't submit. Like. Like five of those projects can be, you know, 3 million and 5 million. So I'm kind of wondering since. So, I guess, are we locked into the idea that we're submitting 30 projects for catalyst funds? I see Maria has her hand up. Yeah, I'll jump in here. Thank you, Armon. The deliverable that we have to the state is to submit to them 30 to 45 selected, exploratory, or last mile projects that we believe are viable. So, that's what we need to turn into the state. Ideally, those projects should be funded, but in our contract, it doesn't specify that they have to be funded.

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Speaker 1

It just says that they have to be selected by the steering committee, as, you know, the selected projects for our region. So, theoretically, we're gonna. So, theoretically, we're gonna be submitting the up, you know, projects, 30 projects that ultimately are gonna

cost, let's say, \$70,000,000. 30 projects for 9 million is 300,000. No, but. No, but still. But I think they're saying is that we're not. These are. We're just submitting a list of, like, 30 projects that the state can pick from. Some of them may be for more than like. So we may be submitting, like, if you were to add them all up, you know, we may be submitting, hey, these are \$30 million worth of projects. Knowing that we only got 9 million to work with, they may still pick. Okay, these are the three we're funding. So is that. Is that understanding correct?

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Speaker 1

Is that what the state has in mind or. Yeah, I mean, the best I can answer at this point is that we're submitting these list of 30 to 45 projects that have been selected for by our region, as, you know, exploratory, last mile or ready to go. And we've made funding decisions with the \$9 million that can be used for catalyst. Maria, I'm assuming there's going to be a budget associated with each project. I'm assuming that they're going to be at varying levels. I'm assuming that based on that, they're not going to be equal at 300,000. There could be some more, some less. I'm also assuming the steering committee is going to have some influence or decision making power on that. So I'll leave it at that. My understanding is incorrect. You can correct me, Maria, or whoever.

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Speaker 1

Go ahead, Maria, you want to comment? Go ahead. No, that's right. There will be budgets that will be required to be submitted along with these. These proposals, and it will be up to the discretion of the state to either fund that exact number or a subset of that number for whatever reason or criteria that they deem appropriate. But, you know, I mean, just in dealing with the state, that's probably what's going to happen. Seychelles, you're breaking up. So, Joel. Thanks, Luis, for your question. So, yeah, it's okay. I'll ask because I'm stuck in traffic and I'm probably not gonna be. I'll probably continue to break up, actually, you're coming through now if you want to. Go ahead. Okay, great. So, okay, two things. One, I thought Catalyst was 14 million.

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Speaker 1

So sorry if I've missed the understanding of what, where the 9 million came from. And then two, if we are looking to seek 30 because of the state. 30 projects. She's breaking up now. You're breaking up again, the RFP, be really clear if we are really going after. You hear me? No breaking up. I'm sorry. Okay, we're going to move to the next question share if you want to put it in the chat or. Go ahead, Mariah. If I could just quickly respond to the initial question about the 14 million. This is a \$14 million contract with

the state. But only 9 million has been designated for catalyst projects, correct? Yep. Okay. Thank you both for the question and answer. All right, Sharon, so my question involves two things. One, Maria, thank you.

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Speaker 1

Because this is part of the notes that went into the robust discussion around the sics. The coordinators, based the way it was written, really do have a lot of scope and authority on selecting projects. And a lot of the amendments or proposed changes that were in comments that were put into the document were around rolling back that scope of authority so that the decisioning on projects approval and the approval of the valuation committee falls on the steering committee and not individual contractors as the SICs. So I wanted to, one, make sure of that's being considered because Jermaine had put a comment in the chat. And the other thing is, one of my comments in that document, there was a lot of prescription of how this is going to go down in that document. It was around technical assistance. And Maria, thank you for responding.

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Speaker 1

It said that technical assistance would be paid for and provided, but in the response, it appeared that the technical assistance is coming out of the 9 million. So I would like a question to know, how much are we allocating for tech? Have we allocated for technical assistance? Because that's going to reduce the amount of dollars available for those 30 projects. Okay, Brian, go ahead. Yeah, if I could share. Thank you. Excellent question, Sharon. And that's actually the question that we have here for the steering committee in one of our little purple notes. Right now, there's 9 million, obviously, for catalyst projects. One of the allowable expenses for the project, for the catalyst project line item is technical assistance.

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Speaker 1

We do imagine that there will be potential applicants that want to pursue applying for catalyst funding that may need technical assistance, whether that's in the form of grant writers or other types of technical assistance. And so this was a question that we actually wanted to pose to the steering committee. If there is technical assistance that is desired, that you all want to make sure that it is accounted for and organizations have access to, let's say, a grant writer or a project designer, that there is a clear direction from the steering committee, letting us know that is what you want to do, and letting us know how much you want to set aside from the 9 million for that purpose.

Thank you, Maria. So from what I see here, your hand is down. Okay, good. Luis? Yeah, I would be.

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Speaker 1

I would encourage us to really find another way to find that technical assistance. Outside of the \$9 million, at this point, we will have gotten \$19 million. Only 9 million so far is actually going to fund programs less than half or, like, close to half. If we start pulling that down even more, it's like, at what point are we just, like, funding, just talking? This is the point where we need to put our mouth is, and I'd rather put that money towards actually funding programs rather than more, you know, this kind of like, just talking assistance reports that may or may not ever come out to any actual program benefit. So if we can find another way to fund it. I like the idea of providing assistance, but I do not want to take it out of that 9 million.

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Speaker 1

If anything, we need to be asking for more than the 9 million because we got screwed, and that's not an issue we should let go away. Yes, sir. You already know how I feel about this. Louise. Thank you for that comment, Tony. I just wanted to update the group. I'm one of. We've got several great people from the steering committee on the subcommittee that's looking at the solicitation. We are putting together a list of what we're determining our policy calls for the steering committee. This issue that Maria brought up is perfect. It is a policy call we'd like. We're going to create a single list so at one time we can collectively look at these things that impact the actual solicitation.

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Speaker 1

There may be need to do further work later, but I just wanted to say that these are the types of things that we're looking at in the solicitation to not presuppose what the steering committee wants to do. And we're trying to preserve your authority, our authority to make those decisions the way that we would want to. But we're trying to put together a total list. Thank you, Tony. I'm going to take one more question, because we need to get to the. The equity criteria on the agenda, because there are a couple items that we missed from the last meeting that we really need to cover. Okay, so thank you, folks. Sejal, are you in a place where you can speak? I don't. I don't think so. I keep raising my hand. Can you guys hear me? Yeah. Okay. Yeah, you're breaking up. Okay.

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Speaker 1

All right, folks, let's get back to the. Can we get back to that. The share screen, please? The agenda. Thank you. Thank you. So let's get to the equity criteria, if we could, and in our mind, you already had your say on the timeline, so who will present? Will it be Nicole, Brady or Benny? Are any of you here and ready to speak on that? Kevin? Sorry, just. I do want to preface this criteria, though. Oh, you do. Okay, go ahead. I did promise you that. Go ahead. No, thank you. Thank you. So, yeah, we have received this criteria proposal. So that's a proposal for criteria. And I just would want to clarify how the criteria will work before we move forward and maybe before people want to send in some more ideas for criteria.

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Speaker 1

So we have the catalyst funding and we have the implementation funding. And so I'm going to discuss implementation first. So the state has released draft criteria for implementation. That's that equity stuff, the job quality, access, the climate, and then there's some other criteria. So this data is released as draft criteria. And applications for implementation funding are going to need a letter of support from our collaborative. Those applications are going to go directly to the state, and then they're going to release the final criteria sometime in September. So when it comes to us developing additional criteria, the purpose and implementation can be that collaboratives can develop their own criteria for that letter of support that applications that go to the state must receive.

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Speaker 1

So let's say if someone wants to receive a letter of support, we come up with a formal process of like, oh, they have to meet this certain criteria before they even send the application to the state to see if they meet the state criteria. That's where we can, you know, take some advice from our steering committee for, like, these equity proposals type of thing, so that can be integrated to receive the letter of support in the first place. And then there's the catalyst phase. So the state has released suggested criteria for the catalyst phase. That's that same stuff, the equity, job quality, access, and climate stuff. But with catalyst, each collaborative has actually the final say in determining what the criteria itself is. And the applications are going to go to the stewardship committee of the collaborative.

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Speaker 1

So then these recommendations for catalyst actually become. They can be integrated into the literal criteria for the projects to then, as a part of the application, to be sent

over to the stewardship. So just wanted to, like, highlight that difference. And back to you, mister chair. Thank you. I want to note that a recommendation was made on the technical assistance, one last recommendation, not to digress, that it be integrated into the sector investment coordinators. Okay. All right. We need to get to the equity criteria proposal. If Luis, is your question in regards to Armand's comments. It's regarding the equity criteria, but I can hold it if you want to. No, no. If you could hold it until we get through the presentation. I want to get through it because we're getting out of. But hold that question, please. It's important, I'm sure. All right.

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Speaker 1

So what is Nicole on the line? So, mister chair, I wanted to identify that were prepared to present this at our last, during committee meeting. Unfortunately, the members are not on this call to do a formal presentation. So maybe what we could do is we could talk a little bit about the preface around it purpose, and then people can maybe chime in. I do appreciate Armand identifying that this is really focused around the catalyst portion of it. And I do appreciate Armand's comment and clarifying that we are trying to build a criteria to make sure that the projects that are funded are connected to our original goals. When we started this process over two years ago. So that's really the preface for this.

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Speaker 1

We wanted to make sure that a lot of the concern has been over the past couple of months, what is this project going to look like? What are they going to serve? How are we going to make sure that we maintain the diversity across the county region that we're addressing, the most marginalized, that they are reducing carbon, the carbon footprint, that there are mitigation components to it, everything we've talked about, we just wanted to make sure that there was a criteria that we could hold up against it so that we get, as a steering committee, be proud to support any of these projects moving forward. And so that's really the intention behind this. And it'd be great if people are actually able to see it. And we also think that this can be also a precursor to the larger opportunities for the implementation money.

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Speaker 1

And so, to Armand's point, this could be a criteria that we use to when we solicit letters of support that are going to be required by the state. Having the criteria like this could also beneficial in that case as well. Benny, thank you for saying that. Thank you, Nicole, Brady and yourself for bringing us forward. Thank you. About your notes. Armon,

candidly, this is the thing that motivated me for being a volunteer for the last year in this position. This right here is very important. You know, all I can say is it has my support, attention, and I hope everyone on this call feels the same. So I'm putting a stake in the ground on that. All right, Luis, I know you're up. And then Derek. Yeah, I apologize.

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Speaker 1

I think if this is the first time I'm seeing this, and so one, I like to see one, can we get this shared out so we can share with some of our groups internally as well, and be able to get feedback on it? So I would be reluctant to try to approve this today since we still have time until some of these applications need to be submitted. I think it wouldn't be unreasonable to delay the vote on this or our next meeting, as most of us are seeing this for the first time. So I would recommend that way it gives me some chance to get some feedback as well as recommend some additional changes if there's other groups that have been left off that we think could make this criteria a little bit more effective. Thank you, Louise.

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Speaker 1

Being inclusive is always the order of the day. Armand, if we could fold this into maybe our next communication to make sure that everybody's seen it, they can lean in and have an opinion. That's the way we operate. Transparent inclusiveness needs to be done that way. Thank you, Luis. Derek, just two quick thoughts. The first one, I just want to underscore what you said, chair, in a way of just identifying all these continual conversations we've had throughout the process of trying to make sure that equity is elevated.

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Speaker 1

This is where the rubber meets the road when we're talking about the selection of different projects and how we're going to go about them and what we're, what type of expectations we're looking at, looking for having this lens that these decisions are being filtered through, I think becomes really critical to our commitment to equity into this process, which was the, again, underscore what Benny said, the impetus of this in the very beginning in the first place. Right. And it has been some time. It has been, you know, a lot of different conversations, been two years. And sometimes you can lose sight, but making sure that we underscore it and actually put an explanation point on it by moving forward with an equity criteria, I think really puts us in the right place.

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Speaker 1

I also just want to lift up, like, in the idea, you know, I hear Louise's explanation. I'm not requests around getting a little bit more time to bring it back to folks, which I think is not a bad idea, but I just want to make sure that we're able to have time for the presentation of this, too, so that we're all on the same page around, like what the effort around the equity criteria is as far in this full proposal of it, because I think even just looking at the document is one thing, but actually hearing the context behind it is another. So, you know, just want to see if we can have time in a future meeting to make that so. So I think this. I don't mean to interrupt you. Were you finished there? I was done. Yeah, you got it.

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Speaker 1

So I think that the way to go, we'll get it out. And then, Benny, if you could take it back to Nicole Brady and make sure that they're on board at the next meeting. We'll put it on the agenda. Is that fair? That's super fair. Thank you. All right. Very good. Matt Horton. Oh, thanks, Kevin. Just in terms of my understanding on the process, and I think that critical juncture that we all agree on in terms of identifying projects that I'll just address the point I've been putting in the chat. I don't think this body is going to be challenged to generate its own projects at any given stage of this process from a very early stage. So I think our best bet is to look at the development landscape and see who's doing what in areas that really seek to achieve different.

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Speaker 1

We're filling gaps in that equity stake, whether it be housing, whether it be economic mobility related to workforce, whether it be transit. And those types of connectivity issues, where those projects are in terms of their development continuum, how close they are to shovel ready, maybe what those projects need in order to get over that last mile in terms of feasibility studies, how we can best amplify those projects to a jobs first kind of continuum and then, you know, solidify the community engagement process and all of the other wraparound types of engagement activities that are going on around those projects. And then, you know, again, lift those up to the state and say, this is our first at least best approach with the funding available to us to reach some of these equity resilience goals, given what we have to work with. Thank you.

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Speaker 1

Thank you, Matt. Now we have a few more agenda items, folks. Unless this is the last question, unless it's something really critical. Go ahead, Sharon. Yeah. I am really appreciating both Derek and Matt's comments. And what my hope for is that we elevate this to the beginning of the agenda next meeting because again, get pushed and it has an implication impact and it will affect the investment coordinators RFP as well. Okay. So the answer is yes. Just cut to the chase. All right. Thank you. All right. And if somehow it doesn't happen because we got remind us, and I have the executive privilege to move it to the top. All right. So we're good there. All right. So the two hands are up. Previously. I believe that's from last time. Unless we need to move to the other side of the agenda.

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Speaker 1

Unless what you're saying is really critical for the body. Bear with me. And if you have any more questions, we'll catch it at the end of the meeting. Is that fair, folks? All right. So we talked about the technical assistance. Chilma, did you want to go over that again? I think we kind of went over that, but go ahead. We talked about that earlier. There were some recommendations, unless something new. Yeah, went over this because I think so. But yeah, there's technical assistance, but I want, I heard the questions. There's technical assistance for implementation and then there's technical assistance for catalysts. So technical assistance for implementation. My understanding is that it will be in the sic sector investment coordinators in their scope of work for implementation.

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Speaker 1

The issue with that is round one of implementation funding will be released early September, and we're told the application will be due November 1. So that window of September to November, since we do not have these sector investment coordinators on board, we need to provide technical assistance for our region. Who will be applying for that? For rounds two and three of implementation funding that will be included in the sector investment coordinators scope of work. And then the other issue is the technical assistance systems for catalyst projects. That one is the question at hand. We need the feedback of the steering committee because, yes, that funding would need to come out of the 9 million, but that one, welcome the feedback as we're hearing today from the steering committee for that.

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Speaker 1

So, Chioma, we're going to follow up with that and the, but, you know, we haven't

reached consensus on budgeting yet. There was recommendations on how maybe we could fold that into, or amend that into another group or another. So we haven't reached a consensus on it. So that's going to require some more discussion. But clearly, I think it's important to provide technical assistance to make sure that we get the best projects and make sure that those that may not feel confident or might, you know, whatever the case may be, they have the help to get through this process. We don't want to leave them behind. But at the same time, they've cut our budget by so much, 50%, and there might even be more. And so I understand that, and I'm sensitive to it.

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Speaker 1

Okay, so let's move on to the next agenda item, the California jobs first, geographic racial planning. Kevin Clark, are you still on the call? He is on the call. Kevin, if you're speaking, you're on mute. Has he left? He was on earlier, yeah, I don't, I see his name in the participants list, but not, don't see a squared. I don't either. I see, get me, I see a spread. Okay. All right. So if you can go ahead and give us an update in a closing observation, statement, feedback. Sure. So I have a lot of statistics from not just the eventbrites, but also from the surveys that we collected. We got better at events four and five and collecting surveys and data from there.

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Speaker 1

The fourth event at Los Angeles Valley College, we collected 47 surveys, and from those 47 surveys, most of the information was filled out. I'd be happy to provide analytics on who, how, and where those people collected or responded to the surveys. I was prepared to do that on the debriefing on the event number five, which is last Wednesday, we had 68 surveys, but we had a total of 97 people who were attendees. So that meant a lot of people didn't fill out the surveys. We don't know why. We know that we had a little bit of an issue with the questions on the surveys, and that may have stopped some of the people from participating in the collection of data. And we plan on making sure there's analytics for how that information that we collected comes back in a final report.

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Speaker 1

Can you guys be more specific about what other updates you want other than data? Derek, I see your hand raised. I'm assuming that was from your last question, so. All right. Robert Salcedo. Doctor Salcedo, hi. Good afternoon. One of the concerns that I saw when I was at that event on Wednesday is there were a number of people, the ones that did not fill out the survey, there were questions on there that, one, I don't know,

that could be legally asked, and two left folks very uncomfortable, and it felt a little too invasive. So they did not do the surveys. Yes. Well, we addressed that as best we could. We took those questions off the surveys in the middle and midstream. But Sharon did bring that to my attention during the event, and we pivoted to take them off.

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Speaker 1

But I guess it was too late to try to get the people to reconnect back to the survey. Right. I got a good question as it relates to that, Kevin. I thought that there was an agreement or understanding those questions will be removed. And was there something that happened that, where they got back on? Can you help with that? Yeah, well, the. My vendor had conversations with, I think, some of the LADC team, and they thought that some of those questions could be important for some of the constituents that did need services, in particular the folks who had been system impacted or in reentry.

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Speaker 1

And were looking at trying to find out if there were ways to connect them to services, more particular things that would help them get their records expunged or to find services that, again, they may not in an ordinary situation, be more forthcoming with their needs. So I think that's why the information got back on there. But I have to be accountable for that because I didn't see the questions get back, get added back onto the survey. Thank you for asking, first of all, thank you for clarifying. Thank you for taking responsibility. Armand. Yeah, I just would like to also clarify. There was just, I think, a miscommunication, honestly, like the data collector from the event, they reached out and they said that there was a few questions that were removed from the Google form. And I was trying to clarify which questions it was.

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And it seemed like the questions that they had removed was the one relating to whether an individual identifies as one of the core demographic groups for this program, such as an immigrant, justice involved youth, like those kind of groups that the affinity hubs were based off of. And there was just a miscommunication in the sense that I thought that was a question that was removed. And we received word that some steering committee members had approved the survey. So we just set to go ahead, but, you know, would like to apologize for just the miscommunication and definitely did not intend to do that, but, you know, want to be accountable for that. I was a little shook when I saw it, but thank you for the clarification and taking accountability, sharing. I just wanted to one, thank you for getting it done.

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It was hard to see, to have those kinds of questions asked specifically in a community that has a high concentration of individuals who have been justice involved or maybe food insecure and ungovernment assistance. And there is, that was, it was difficult to see people come into the community and ask those questions. But I want to elevate another issue as it relates to that. And Kevin, thank you. You were very proactive, and I appreciated that. Shayama has been pretty consistent and we brought it up, but we haven't taken action. I am going to ask for it to be on future agenda about us being able to create an opt in.

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Speaker 1

There was a prior vote early on, two years ago when we did this, prior to the staff even coming on, where a decision was made not to share information or contact information and to keep that in house and confidential. And so that has been where we're going. But if we're going to move forward in terms of collaboration within the construct of the HRTC, I do want to ask that we send out a new, we redress that, readdress that, and send out a new poll and ask people if they would be interested in opting in to have their information shared. So I want to get that on the record. But the other thing that troubled me about this whole survey process is the document asked for people's personal contact information.

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Speaker 1

And so when we're being told as steering committee members, that we can't get the contact information of our fellow steering committee members or of our HRTC members or of our subordinate table members, yet people that came to that meeting believe they were just coming into an La EDC job first event and their data and contact information and some very sensitive information was being given to a third party. That breaches and concerns me about privacy. And it seems like a double edge. And so I want to bring that issue up to it so that we know we have to have a confidentiality privacy policy and we have to be consistent in how we apply it. Darren, you bring forth a very good point. We do have. We are going to get to that. That is on the agenda.

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Speaker 1

But thank you for that, and I think that deserves further discussion. Okay, so if there are no other comments, we're going to go to the project updates. Armon, you're up. All

right, thank you. So one objective real quick, Armon, before you got. We got six minutes until 230. I'm willing to go on if you folks are, until we get through the agenda. Okay. All right, thank you. Go ahead, arma. Okay, thank you. It's very important, and one thing that we would like to do is promote greater engagement with our project ideas portal. So this is a centralized portal, you know, I've gone over it a few times on these calls and also gave an overview with the, at the partners meeting at the last one, and we'll bring it up again tomorrow.

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Speaker 1

But we have not really received that many projects, and I would like to kind of just bring it to everybody. The forefront of everyone's thoughts, that implementation is coming up in a month, and we're going to be competing with funding with other regions who have, in a way, more developed infrastructure to compete for these projects because they have smaller collaboratives, whatever it is. And we just want to make sure that we're getting our fair share of that \$45 million. We have a quarter of the state's population, so we want to go for at least a quarter of that. And one way that we can do this is by utilizing things like the portal, finding opportunities for collaboration there. You will find all information that we've received so far for projects in this portal.

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Speaker 1

I update it, and then the last time I updated it was yesterday. And so if we could just go Choma, there was one thing I didn't want to get to and then I'll pass it off to you for the pilot projects. But if we go down to, I think, two slides, one more please. So this the project categories. So just to give people. Thank you Chioma. Just to give people some idea project types. So like I said, we received like five to eight projects so far, but we received five to eight projects so far, but the state has sent us this document of implementation project categories. And so just to get everybody thinking, here are some categories that the state has sent us that implementation projects, that they'll provide funding, but it's not limited to these categories, but just to give an idea.

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Speaker 1

So innovation, ecosystem, entrepreneurship and access to capital infrastructure and community facility development, social infrastructure should be its own bullet point there, but that's another one. And workforce development, this information is on the projects portal is in the faq. So just scroll down like a few questions down the faq and you'll see this exact same information there. But essentially we just are trying to get greater engagement with this portal so we can create collaboration and have strong

projects moving into the implementation phase opening up. And that's it for me. I know Chioma has something about pilot projects, but back to you, mister chair. Thank you. Thank you Chioma. By the way, just to your point, thank you for breaking that out. I want to make sure that we get this slide deck.

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Speaker 1

I want to make sure all the steering committee members get this slide deck because I think it's going to help. Also be a reminder, Tony, before we go on, Tony, you had a comment. Yeah, and I thank you for the, for sharing that. Armon, I. The state is making me a little crazy here because they took community development projects and threw them under that for strategies related to community development. They put it under other and community development strategies. Yet they're saying here that it is actually an eligible activity of infrastructure and community facility development. It's a little confusing and I wonder if we can maybe try to get clear some clarity from them. I think they should be included. I have no problem.

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Speaker 1

I just want to be sure that if we go down that road, that we're going to understand how we make sure we're coming up with an eligible project. Because part two suggested to me that we would have a difficult road on those things. Yeah, Tony, I think that's a good point. So, yeah, so just to give some context, stay has previously said there's four areas that would not be funded as a part of this initiative. Housing, transportation, mental health services and food service and access. And so, yeah, it seems like they're kind of going back on that, if I get what you're saying correctly, Tony, one thing that the state has also been saying as it, when it comes to projects that will not get funded is they don't want projects that will support plan funding.

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Speaker 1

I don't really get what that means and I ask for clarification. What that means is like if a project can receive federal funding from a federal grant, they don't want to dedicate state money to it, especially if it can receive all of this money from the federal grant. So that's the clarification we have gotten so far. I would say if you have a project you're not really sure, just put it in the portal and, you know, we can go to the state for clarification. Okay, thanks. Yeah, great advice. Thank you for that. There's also some other comments in the chat, but we're going to move forward. So we hit the implementation update, correct, Armon, you're good with that? Yes, the pilot projects

was just, that was something that you almost, how about economic development pilot projects? Did we. You're going to hit that, Chioma?

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Speaker 1

Yes, this one is just brief. Since day one when I outreached to and engaged community members, I've been sharing the links for the surf pilot project that received awards last year and the link to the original surf pilot project solicitation, just so partners can see what to expect from implementation. And then the state did mention in one of the community of practice calls for collaboratives throughout the state to look to the pilot projects to get ideas for implementation. So if you all look at the resource tracker that we've put in the chat, we have a section there with these two links for pilot projects. But now that we're so close to September, we'll have the actual implementation solicitation for proposals to look at.

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Speaker 1

But this is just for reference for those who want to get an idea of what to expect for the implementation funding. Thank you, Chionwa. And there's also a request. You know, there's been a change in the guard of Mary Collins. I know that is Matt Phillips. I hear that all this work is going to be in the go biz camp now. So if we can get a updated roster from the state in terms of who is going to be our liaison or contact, that would be appreciated. That information needs to be shared. Okay, so we're going to move to the next agenda item, collaborative partners contact sharing. Sharon, do you have a question? Real quick, you're laughing. Oh my God, what a wonderful segue. Yes, it will. We reel into that. It's really quickly.

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Speaker 1

I had an age, a member that had been trying in the south LA area who have been trying to join the HRTC. They've been involved in the sub regional table stuff. They've been in some convenings that were done in the western part of the spastics. And they got, it was they're associated with the faith dome. And I asked that they email, surf, la, surf, whatever, because they got a response that they've been engaged but were not able to join officially and they were having some issues. So I went out and looked at the surf website, and it is the bottom button that says join our. Our collaborative goes to a smart sheet that is defunct and said it no longer exists. And then there's another directive there. Let me chime in. Okay. Send an email to surf and copy me.

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Speaker 1

There have been people recently have done that and they got on with no problem. Okay. I actually only even offered to train them. Okay, thank you. Cool. Mister chair, can I offer one question is we did test the site and we see that there is an issue with the onboarding form link that we are working to rectify today. Very good. Thank you. Thank you for being transparent on that. Appreciate it. Okay, so let's chill. Why don't we go to the collaborative partners contact sharing? We took. We touched on that earlier. We did. I don't see that there's a slide specifically for it, but let's go to the next slide and you can just speak on it. Yes. So the question is regarding what Sharon mentioned earlier, and we did have that on the agenda for today.

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Speaker 1

And so there can be an opt in or an opt out. And yes, this conversation was, had this last year, and it was voted on not to share information. But now that it's being revisited, we want to figure out the best way. The team thinks the best way is to send out a communication to all of our partners. And those who would like to opt out can send an email to surf or reply to the email either way and letting us know they would like to opt out. We think that would be an easier way for our collaborative than trying to opt in. Everyone is already onboarded and opt in a sense, as they're already in our database. And so we can send out a communication to all of our collaborative, all 807 800 plus.

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Speaker 1

And anyone who would like to opt out can let us know. There we go. All right. Very easy. All right, thank you. All right, so, yeah, thank you for your comment, Tony. Duly noted. Let's go to the upcoming meetings. Scarlett. Hold it. Hold it. Go ahead, Tony. Well, I think that groups are going to want to know what it is that you're sharing. For instance, I would not be the right contact for my organization, but it doesn't mean the American Indian Chamber doesn't want to be reachable. And they have an email, etcetera. So sometimes you have internal emails that are on your contact sheet. You know, I'm not trying to overcomplicate it, but, you know, there's a difference between reaching me and reaching an association. So I think, well, thank you for that, Tony.

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Speaker 1

I think, you know, the best way forward is try to come up with a strategy that will address the vast majority of those members, but in special circumstances, maybe something needs to be worked out that hasn't been figured out yet. I. But thank you for your comments. Okay, let's go to Scarlett. Yes. So just our upcoming meetings we are

having tomorrow, Friday. Oh, you know what I think? Oh, they added the next one, but for next month, but for this month, we have tomorrow's partner meeting, and we are encouraging all our steering committee partners to please attend.

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Speaker 1

We will be having Chris Costarena, who was formerly with Gobiz, who's now working with the Inland Empire, and he'll be sharing more information about the sector industry coordinators and some of the work that they've already been doing in their specific area and how we can benefit in terms of best practices. So that will be for tomorrow. Our next steering committee will be for Thursday, August 22. And then our next partners meeting for the month of September will fall on Friday the 13th from 09:00 to 10:00 a.m. But we do welcome everyone to please join us tomorrow for August partner meeting that will be taking place at 09:00 a.m. Thank you so much. We'll be there. Okay, next steps, Chioma. All righty. So, yes, next steps. We could add quite a bit more, but please, yes, still review the regional plan, part one.

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Speaker 1

Share your project ideas in the portal. If you have a question about a project idea, please enter the project idea into the portal as stated. Then we can ask the state for guidance on there. And then, yes, not October. August 30 is the regional plan due date. And then we have the implementation phase solicitation expected to be released September early. September is still what we're hearing from this state. And so please keep an eye out for emails from us for these nomination forms. For one is for the second vice chair. Then we have, you know, the letter of support. And I would suggest that any of the partners who worked on the equity criteria, you know, sign up to be on that letter of support review subcommittee as well. Then we have the catalyst project evaluation subcommittee.

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Speaker 1

So please be on the lookout for emails from cerf related to these nominations, forms and updates that are coming. Please attend tomorrow's partners meeting. As Scarlett stated at 09:00 a.m. We put the link in the chat. But if you need the link, please email one of us or surf. We can always share that with you. Please add it to your calendars as it's always the second Friday morning at 09:00 a.m. Of the month. That's all I have for you. So I want to thank you. Thank you Shioma. I want to thank you all, first of all, for staying to the end of the meeting. Great meeting today. Good questions, good

feedback. It's go time, folks. This is what we've all been waiting for is go time. The work that we're going to be doing is going to affect our entire community, our entire region.

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Speaker 1

And they're counting on us to put some good projects and proposals together. So let's get it, let's put it together. Let's collaborate, collaborate. And let's get our fair share because I'm not happy about the money that is falling on LA county. In fact, not happy is an nice way of putting it. So let's position ourselves to get as much money as we can as we deserve and let's get those projects in. All right. Thank you all again. I appreciate you. It's a twelve month, one more meeting to go for me and we'll see you tomorrow. Take care. Thanks everybody. Thanks Mr. Chair.