



# Better Together: Resilient Communities



## Focus on Extreme Heat Events

As the hottest summer on record in California and the third warmest year globally, 2017 highlighted the growing need to address extreme heat events.

**“Rising temperatures driven by climate change represent a serious threat to human health and well-being across our state. From Central Valley communities experiencing record-breaking highs to cities where the urban heat island effect is exacerbating rising temperatures, extreme heat events are a climate challenge that demands real action.”** – Dr. Jonathan Foley, Executive Director of the California Academy of Sciences and member of the PG&E Sustainability Advisory Council

## The Better Together Resilient Communities Grant Program

From extreme weather to rising sea levels, the threat that climate change poses to communities across California is becoming all too apparent. In an effort to build a better California and promote local resilience to climate change, PG&E established the **Better Together Resilient Communities grant program**.

## About the Program

Through the program, PG&E will invest \$2 million over five years—or \$400,000 per year—in shareholder-funded grants to support local initiatives to build greater climate resilience throughout Northern and Central California. The grant results will be made publicly available to help communities better understand, plan for and respond to climate change risks and encourage partnerships.

In 2018, PG&E is requesting grant proposals that will help communities prevent and prepare for **increased extreme heat events**. Eligible projects include research, planning or demonstration projects that better prepare communities for a future with more frequent and extreme heat events.

PG&E will select the grants through a competitive process, and the program will focus on a different climate risk each year. A panel of community and sustainability leaders will play an advisory role.

## Evaluation Criteria

To assess grant proposals, PG&E will use the following criteria:

- **Demonstrated partnership:** the extent to which the proposal reflects a collaborative effort among multiple organizations
- **Replicability:** the extent to which the proposal identifies how others will be able to learn from and adopt the resulting strategies and solutions
- **Assistance to disadvantaged communities:** the extent to which the proposal addresses the identified needs of disadvantaged communities
- **Measurable impact:** the extent to which the proposal includes practical, measurable and innovative ways to address community needs and climate risks

## Eligible Organizations

To be eligible, applicants must be a governmental organization, educational institution or 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All applicants must have a local government within PG&E’s Northern and Central California service area as a partner.

We look forward to helping the communities we serve build greater resilience to changing climate conditions.

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