



# Resources and Frequently Asked Questions



## Resources

California Council of Land Trusts Website

<https://calandtrusts.org/>

Pathways to 30x30 Strategy

<https://www.californianature.ca.gov/>

Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy

<https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Expanding-Nature-Based-Solutions>

California Department of Conservation, Climate Smart Lands Management Program

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/Pages/Climate-Smart-Land-Management-Program.aspx>

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I describe my project's location for capacity building? Or for a proposal that will cover multiple locations?

*In this case, please use your organization's address, or similar organizational reference.*

2. Where can I find my State Senate and State Assembly District?

*Go to the following website and enter your address to find both Senate and Assembly representatives. <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>*

3. How is a land trust defined for eligibility requirements?

*A land trust is a nonprofit organization whose principal purpose and activity is the direct protection and/or stewardship of land and water resources and/or the preservation, protection, or enhancement of land in its natural, scenic, historical, agricultural, forested, or open-space condition or use. This purpose is reflected in its articles of incorporation, by-laws, and mission/purpose statement. More information about land trusts can be found in [CCLT's Membership Qualifications](#).*

4. My small land trust just needs resources to develop our own internal capacity. Can we apply on our own without partners?

*Yes! Applications that build internal land trust capacity, but do not include partnerships or collaborations are welcome and encouraged and will not be penalized in scoring.*

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5. For Partnership Proposals, if successful, must the partnering entity subcontract with the eligible land trust or can it contract directly with the California Council of Land Trusts?

*There are several potential contracting arrangements for Partnership Proposals. Options will be discussed and evaluated during the grant agreement process if a project is recommended for funding.*

6. What does “rolling deadline” for partnerships with Tribes or Tribal organizations and/or underserved community organizations mean?

*CCLT understands that partnership building takes time, as does securing approvals from Tribal governments or from leadership in organizations with limited capacity. Therefore, we have concluded that there will not be a specific deadline for the following specific applicants:*

- *Native-led Land Trusts*
- *Land trusts partnered with a Tribe or Native-led organization*
- *Land trusts partnered with a community organization that represents an underserved community*

*CCLT has reserved 15% of available funding for partnerships with underserved community organizations and 15% of funding for Native-led land trusts or partnerships with Tribes or Native-led organizations. This funding will be awarded on a rolling basis as applications are received and evaluated.*

*In order to be as equitable as possible with this process, we are asking all applicants who will need additional time to contact the Program Director to alert us of your intent to apply no later than September 20, 2024 so that we can determine the interest in this reserved funding.*

7. What is an underserved community organization?

*A historical underserved community organization or California designated Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) or Disadvantaged Community (DAC), can be defined and documented by using one of the following tools:*

- *Department of Water Resources Disadvantaged Community Mapping Tool (<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>)*

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- *Cal Enviro Screen 4.0*  
(<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6b863505f9454cea802f4be0b4b49d62/>)
- *Climate and Economic Justice mapping tool*  
(<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>)
- *Additional demographic data defined in the BLM EJ mapping tool* (<https://blm-egis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4b35b1e0a8e14dc884526c4b4fcd65>)

*If you feel that none of these tools appropriately describes your organization and community, please reach out to the Program Director to discuss your specific scenario.*

8. My organization needs capacity building, but we don't even have the capacity to apply for this capacity building program. Can you help us complete the application? *Yes! Please reach out directly to the Program Director for assistance.*

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Book a meeting: [Book time with Karin Winters: 15-minute meeting](#)

9. Do I have to contact CCLT before I apply?  
*We strongly encourage all applicants to contact the Program Director at least once before applying to discuss your proposal. If you intend to apply under the "rolling deadline" you must contact the CA Onward Program Director by September 20, 2024.*

10. I need funds to conduct an appraisal and complete due diligence work on a potential easement or acquisition. Can I apply for funds under this program?  
*These Capacity Building Grants are targeted towards building and sustaining capacity and expanding and increasing the diversity of land trusts and their partners. CCLT will be launching another grant program in July, funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board, that will focus on project development, transactions, and implementation. Thus, you may not apply for due diligence or appraisal funds under this program, but you can apply for those funds soon.*

*This document will be updated as more questions surface.*