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## **JUSTTRANSITION ECONOMIC** REVITALIZATION PLAN **UPDATE**

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION &
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE –
JUNE 2023

#### **OBJECTIVE**

• Provide update regarding the process to plan for a Just Transition.

#### WHAT IS A JUST TRANSITION PLAN

- A process that seeks input from the community (with a special focus on highly impacted Environmental Justice communities), workers (especially impacted workers), and business/industry
- A set of strategies that seeks to address an historic injustice by seeking the sustained input of those communities most impacted by the environmental burdens of the climate crisis
- A plan for improving the health, safety, infrastructure, and job opportunities for residents in these communities
- A plan for a transition away from an economy that is dependent on fossil fuels, to a zero-emission economy.

#### WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- An analysis and set of strategies to identify and attract new and sustainable businesses that grow the County's economy and tax base, and prepare the existing and future workforce and those communities most impacted by fossil fuel industry for new jobs
- An analysis and recommended set of policies related to infrastructure, and other sectors
- A set of strategies to improve the health and safety of those communities most impacted by the fossil fuel industry
- A process that continuously engages and heeds the input of all affected stakeholders during the economic shift.

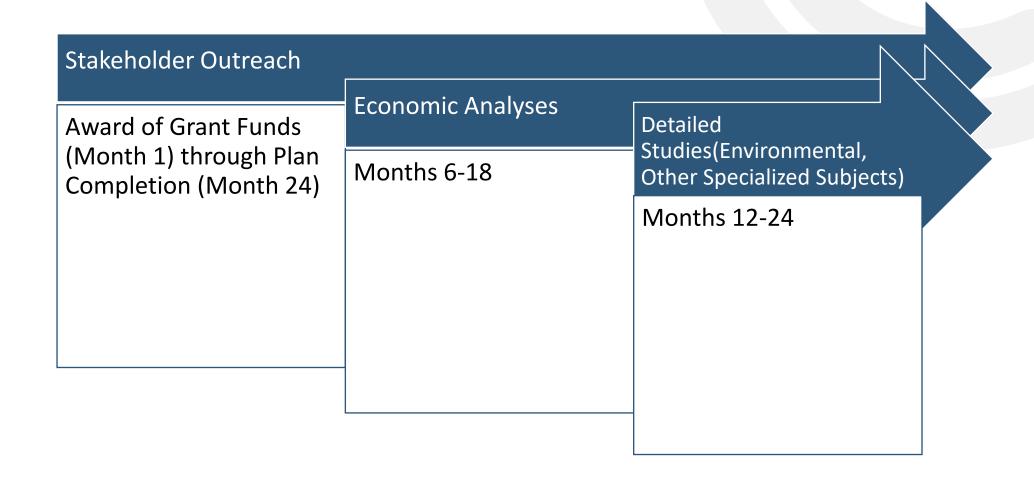
### LANDSCAPE OF EXISTING EFFORTS TAKING PLACE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY:

- Bay Area Good Jobs Partnership for Equity (Community Economic Resilience Fund, or CERF)
- Contra Costa Refinery Transition Partnership
- Green Empowerment Zone including Northern Waterfront of Contra Costa
- Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative
- Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan
- Contra Costa County Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice
- Refinery Community Benefits Agreements
- Envision Contra Costa 2040 General Plan Update
- East Bay Regional Planning Unit (Workforce) Plan

# SCOPE OF WORK FUNDED BY FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANT

| Expense   | Amount    |
|---|-----------|
| Stakeholder Outreach/Stakeholder Meeting Support (Stipends, Translators, Childcare, Community Ambassadors, etc.): | \$200,000 |
| Economic Analyses:  | \$200,000 |
| Detailed Studies (Environmental, Other Specialized Subjects):   | \$150,000 |
| County Staffing:  | \$200,000 |
| Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan (Total):   | \$750,000 |

# PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR USE OF COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANT

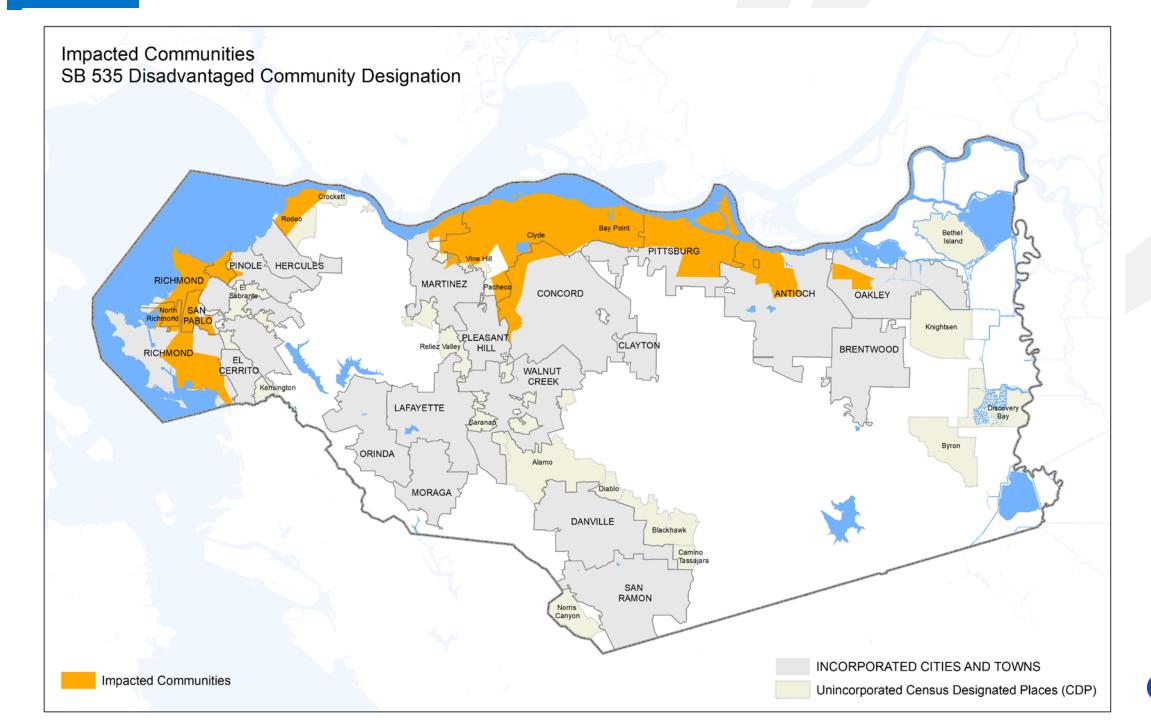


#### LA COUNTY'S JUST TRANSITION PLAN PROCESS

- August 2019: LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopted the OurCounty Sustainability Plan which called for the creation of a Just Transition Plan.
- **September 2020:** LA County BOS adopted a motion directing the adoption of a Just Transition Strategy and to coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and other local jurisdictions to create a Just Transition Taskforce (initially included the City of LA, City of Culver City, labor, environmental, industry, and other members).
- June 2021: The County's Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) and the City of LA Mayor's Office of Sustainability agreed to co-convene and expand the task force to include frontline and tribal communities, additional industry reps, labor organization/workers, and workforce development partners.

## PROPOSED COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- The county's impacted communities are the intended main beneficiaries of the community revitalization planning effort in the Economic Revitalization Plan.
- Many of these census tracts are clustered in areas near oil refineries and related industrial uses. The residents of these areas experience higher rates of asthma and other illnesses and have historically been underserved by our government at every level.
- Contra Costa County is committed to addressing this historic injustice and is looking for every opportunity to do so in this work by providing special attention to helping develop new opportunities for frontline and impacted communities, including soliciting meaningful input from these communities into the development of the Economic Revitalization Plan and improving the health and job opportunities for residents in these communities.
- This plan will also be consistent with the 5-Year Consolidated Plan's objectives/strategies on expanding economic opportunities for extremely low-, very low- and low-income residents.



#### PROPOSED STAKEHOLDER TABLE

- Sustainability Committee member(s)
- Labor/workers
- Frontline environmental justice community representatives
- Local government
- Business/industry sector
- Workforce development and training entities
- Education sector (community colleges, County Office of Education)
- Academic partners.

#### PROPOSED CONSULTING ASSISTANCE

- Community Outreach/Stakeholder Meeting Support: \$200,000
  - (Including: Stipends, Translators, Childcare, Community Ambassadors, etc.)
- Economic Analyses: \$200,000
  - (Including: impact analyses on jobs, the economy, and local tax base)
- Detailed Studies: \$150,000
  - •(Including: environmental reviews, other specialized studies that align with and build on existing priorities in the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative and the County's Envision 2040 General Plan update to support this transition)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH/STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUPPORT: PROPOSED CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Leadership of a robust countywide stakeholder engagement process
- Ensure that the residents of impacted Environmental Justice communities, workers and labor unions, business and industry, local government, environmental justice and environmental interests, community colleges, the workforce development system, and other relevant stakeholders help guide the work and are invested in its outcomes
- Culminate in a Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan, a roadmap to move forward with an equitable Contra Costa Just Transition.

#### **ECONOMIC ANALYSES: PROPOSED CONTRACTED SERVICES**

- Analysis of future economic opportunities and constraints
- Analysis of the workforce transitions and training needed to support the career pathways that make Contra Costa the hub for production and employment in advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, biomedical/biotech, food processing, clean tech, advanced transportation technology and other sectors that support the green energy economy, and the associated necessary investments in the labor force
- Workforce crosswalk to transition from fossil fuel-related industries to other forms of production and employment that are clean and sustainable; and promoting equity in helping Contra Costa County achieve its economic development goals.

#### **DETAILED STUDIES: PROPOSED CONTRACTED SERVICES**

- Land use and environmental analysis, and other specialized studies that help guide planning and align with and build on existing priorities in the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative and the County's Envision 2040 General Plan update
- A roadmap to attract and accommodate businesses in advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, biomedical/biotech, food processing, clean tech, advanced transportation technology, and other sectors that support the green energy economy and the shift to a zeroemission economy.