

Resources & Tools for Partner Cities

Below is a list of programs and resources that can assist in the development of policies and programs to reduce environmental impact. Many descriptions are pulled directly from program websites. Resources are offered at no cost unless noted.

Resources & Tools for California Cities

California's Long-term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan: Adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on September 18th, 2008, as a single roadmap to achieve maximum energy savings across all major groups and sectors in California. This comprehensive Plan for 2009 to 2020 is the state's first integrated framework of goals and strategies for saving energy, covering government, utility and private sector actions. It holds energy efficiency to its role as the highest priority resource in meeting California's energy needs.

www.californiaenergyefficiency.com

Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC): A collaboration between ICLEI, ILG and LGC, three statewide non-profit organizations, and California's four Investor Owned Utilities. SEEC provides education and tools for climate action planning, venues for peer-to-peer networking, technical assistance and recognition for local agencies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use.

www.lgc.org/SEEC

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability: An international association of local governments as well as national and regional local government organizations who have made a commitment to sustainable development. ICLEI provides technical consulting, training, and information services to build capacity, share knowledge, and support local government in the implementation of sustainable development at the local level.

- Must be an ICLEI Member to access certain tools and resources.

www.iclei.org

Institute for Local Government – California Climate Action Network (CCAN): Helps cities and counties play a leadership role in responding to the challenges of climate change. CCAN provides climate action resources and tools, education and information exchange, and recognition for local leadership and achievement.

www.ca-ilg.org/ClimatePractices

Beacon Award: Recognizes and celebrates cities and counties that: reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, adopt policies and programs to address climate change, and promote sustainability.

- Applications will be available summer 2010.

www.ca-ilg.org/beaconaward

Local Government Commission: A nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization that provides inspiration, technical assistance, and networking to local elected officials and other dedicated community leaders who are working to create healthy, walkable, and resource-efficient communities. The LGC's membership is composed of local elected officials, city and county staff, planners, architects, and community leaders who are committed to making their communities more livable, prosperous, and resource-efficient.

- Must be a member to access certain benefits.

www.lgc.org

Statewide Local Government Energy Efficiency Best Practices Coordinator: Develop and distribute best practices case stories on energy efficiency policies and programs that help local governments implement their climate action plans, track progress toward meeting the local government goals of California's Long-term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan, and serve as a resource to help local government energy programs achieve success.

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California Energy Commission (CEC) – Local Government Assistance: Listing of programs offered by the CEC that encourage energy efficiency, reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/localgovernment/index.html>

Local Government Toolkit: A clearinghouse of tools to facilitate voluntary greenhouse gas emission reductions. The founding partners include State Government Agencies, including CARB, Universities, and Next10, a nonprofit organization.

www.coolcalifornia.org/local-government

Green Cities California Best Practices Website: Green Cities California (GCC) is a coalition of ten local governments that have implemented groundbreaking environmental policies. GCC's mission is to take collaborative action to accelerate the implementation of sustainability policies and programs.

www.greencitiescalifornia.org

Resources & Tools beyond California

ENERGY STAR for Government: EPA provides a proven energy management strategy and no-cost tools to save energy, save money, and demonstrate environmental leadership.

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=government.bus_government

USGBC – Government Resources: Governments have access to best practices, lessons learned and other initiatives already in place across the country.

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1779>

USGBC - Green Economic Recovery Resources: Resources and best practices intended to support state and local leadership and assist with critical efforts towards ARRA funding.

www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1962

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For the most up to date list of programs, visit www.communityenergypartnership.org

Please help the CEP maintain an updated and comprehensive list – email lfaulkner@energycoalition.org to add a program to the list.