



RESILIENT COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND WATERSHEDS

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When:

February 28 - March 1, 2018

Where:

Phoenix, AZ

Application Deadline:

January 5, 2018

Apply Online!

Adapting to a Changing Climate?

Communities across the West are facing challenges related to climate change such as prolonged drought, wildfire, extreme heat, and flash flooding events. These types of events are not only financially costly, but often have implications on the health and safety of a community. To help communities plan for climate impacts, Resilient Communities and Watersheds (RCW), a joint program of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and the Sonoran Institute, developed the **Resilient Communities Starter Kit**. The Resilient Communities Starter Kit is a manual to help communities prepare for climate related impacts and build their resilience to these events.

RCW invites communities in Arizona and Colorado to apply to attend the Resilient Communities Workshop. The Resilient Communities Workshop is a two-day training that gives community leaders the knowledge and tools necessary to build their community's resilience. We will select two or more teams of up to and preferably five individuals. Workshop participants will build a better understanding of how climate change will impact their community, the areas in their city or town that are most vulnerable to climate impacts, and the strategies they can implement to mitigate impacts.

Using the Resilient Communities Starter Kit as a guide, the Resilient Communities Workshop will step community teams through the process of identifying the areas in your community that are most at risk to climate impacts and explore actions that can be taken to address these vulnerabilities. Teams will return home with short-term action plans to implement.

“While climate change is a global issue, it is felt on a local scale. Cities and municipalities are therefore at the frontline of adaptation.”

NASA

climate.nasa.gov/solutions/adaptation-mitig





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WORKSHOP AT A GLANCE

The Resilient Communities Workshop offers an opportunity to learn from peers about the challenges and opportunities of preparing for and adapting to climate impacts. Pairing two or more communities, we will explore case studies and best practices for addressing the resilience issues of top concern. Teams will have ample time to learn from experts and collaborate as a team to develop an action plan that fits their community's particular context and readiness. The following provides an outline of the two days.

Day 1: Overview of basic climate topics. Work with your team to identify key climate impacts that your community is experiencing or could experience in the future. The impacts identified will be used to better understand the parts of the community that will be most vulnerable to these impacts.
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Day 2: Focus on actions and strategies that can be taken to address key vulnerabilities that were identified on day one. Each team will develop a community plan of action.
9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

After participating in the workshop, community teams will:

- Have a deeper understanding of resilience, climate adaptation, and other related topics.
- Have identified key current and future climate impacts, such as drought, wildfire, extreme heat, flooding, etc.
- Have identified parts of the community that will be most impacted by climate change.
- Have networked and learned from peers tackling similar issues.
- Have created a community action plan to help mitigate your most critical climate impacts.

“The workshop helped us identify the problem as well as steps toward a viable strategy for addressing it. When you get all of that work done as a result of a workshop, you are a couple steps ahead. That’s really helpful.”

Chase Jones

Energy Conservation Coordinator, City of Missoula, Montana



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Who Can Apply

The application is open to all cities, towns and counties in Arizona and Colorado. Teams must demonstrate a commitment to addressing climate issues and vulnerabilities in their community. Priority will be given to interdisciplinary teams demonstrating an ability to implement and scale their action plans post-workshop. The workshop is designed to build consensus and catalyze an enduring commitment to collaborative action. Two or more teams will be selected, with up to five individuals on each team. Attempt to compile a team with a diversity of knowledge, skills, and perspectives such as:

- Elected officials
- City/Town Managers + Department Directors
- Resilience Officers + Critical staff
- Planners + Planning Board members
- Environmental Services
- Emergency Management

More competitive applications will have teams that include an elected official, a key staff person from the planning department, and a representative from an agency that deals with the community climate concern. If submitting a multi-jurisdictional proposal, then an elected official or staff person from the other communities should be represented on the team.

Selection Criteria

Teams will be selected based on:

1. Interdisciplinary team composition.
2. Demonstrated need for the information and resources offered in the Resilient Communities Workshop.
3. Communities that demonstrate readiness, or capacity to start or scale a resiliency effort (awareness of challenges, leadership in place, political will, resources, etc.)

How to Apply

Each team should discuss the following questions as a group. Once the team develops answers for each question, they should visit the following website for online submission instructions:

ResilientWest.org/resources

1. (300 word limit) Describe your community's top concerns in the context of population, infrastructure, growth patterns, climate trends and resilience or preparedness to respond to the shocks and stresses of extreme weather and climate uncertainty, namely, drought, flooding, extreme heat, or wildfire.
2. Rank your community's climate concerns from 1 (Highest) to 4 (Lowest). (Drought, Flooding, Wildfire, Extreme Heat).
3. (750 word limit) Clearly state the climate-related challenge of highest concern to your community and describe any efforts your community is taking to address the challenge. Describe how participation in this training will help your community be successful in scaling your efforts or catalyzing new ones.
4. (150 word limit) Describe your community's readiness to address your climate concerns in the context of political will, public support, resources, social capital, awareness, knowledge of climate challenge and consensus.
5. Based on your answer to the previous question, rate your community's overall readiness in regards to your community's climate challenge. (Use the scale on the online application).
6. Rate the following topics based on your community's needs and interest.
 - Overview of Resilience, Climate Adaptation/Mitigation
 - Identifying Climate Concerns
 - Communication Strategies around Climate Concerns
 - Identifying Community Vulnerabilities to Climate Impacts
 - Building Community Support
 - Exploring Strategies/Actions to Address Climate Concerns
 - Developing an Action Plan
 - Implementation
 - Evaluation



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Team Roster

Applicants must also complete the list of team members as part of the application process (included on online application).

Supporting Materials (optional)

Applicants may submit copies of news articles and links to any reports or publications that provide additional information in response to questions posed as part of your application. You may also provide letters of support from local officials to strengthen your application. Submit these via email by the deadline.

Costs Covered

Travel, lodging and most meals will be provided, including breakfast, lunch and dinner on Day 1 as well as breakfast and lunch on Day 2. Teams will be responsible for dinner on their own on Day 2.

Application Deadline

Applications, team roster, and supporting materials (optional), are due by 5pm (MDT), January 5, 2018.

Contact Information

For more information or to submit optional materials:

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