

Climate Smart Glacier Country response to questions posed about the Request for Proposals for a Contractor to Support the Climate Resilience Program – July 21, 2025

Question 1: Do you foresee this work being the equivalent of a full time position (combined, if multiple individuals are contracted), something closer to part time, or simply whatever it takes to achieve the desired goals?

Answer: A contract will be structured as a "not to exceed" cost for meeting deliverables. We anticipate that this contract would be less than a full-time equivalent position.

Question 2: What are the funding sources for this position and should I be concerned that full funding has not yet been secured?

Answer: We have received funding from philanthropic sources and an interagency watershed commission representing local, state, federal and tribal agencies. We were awarded a subgrant through the EPA's Region 8 Thriving Communities program and signed a contract, but this contract was terminated in May by the Trump Administration along with hundreds of other projects focused on community-based climate resilience. This termination is currently being challenged through a class action lawsuit, although CSGC is not a direct party. A similar lawsuit in three other EPA regions was successful in restoring community-based Thriving Community grants. We are not counting on this grant being restored, but this is a possibility. Meanwhile, we are pursuing other funding sources and are optimistic based upon the strength of this program and support of project partners.

Question 3: Since this is a contract position, would the contractor be responsible for most of the costs associated with the deliverables (I'm imagining GIS license, event materials, posters, etc.)?

Answer: We have budgeted \$5000 to cover costs associated with meeting events and promotion, so that will not need to be covered by the contractor. We're likely to secure a nonprofit GIS license or work with a project partner who has a GIS license.