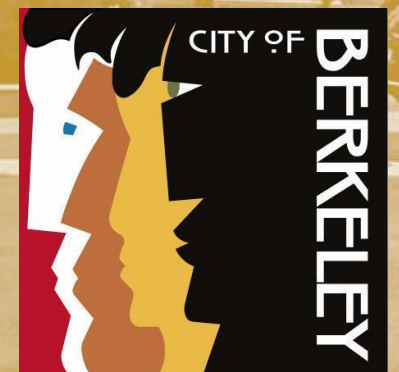


Berkeley Civic Center

CCCC Meeting

August 3, 2026

SIEGEL & STRAIN Architects |



Funding Opportunities

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FEMA HMGP

Application submitted; Rolling status awaiting funding

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2026 Infrastructure Bond

Both buildings identified for funding at HGMP grant match

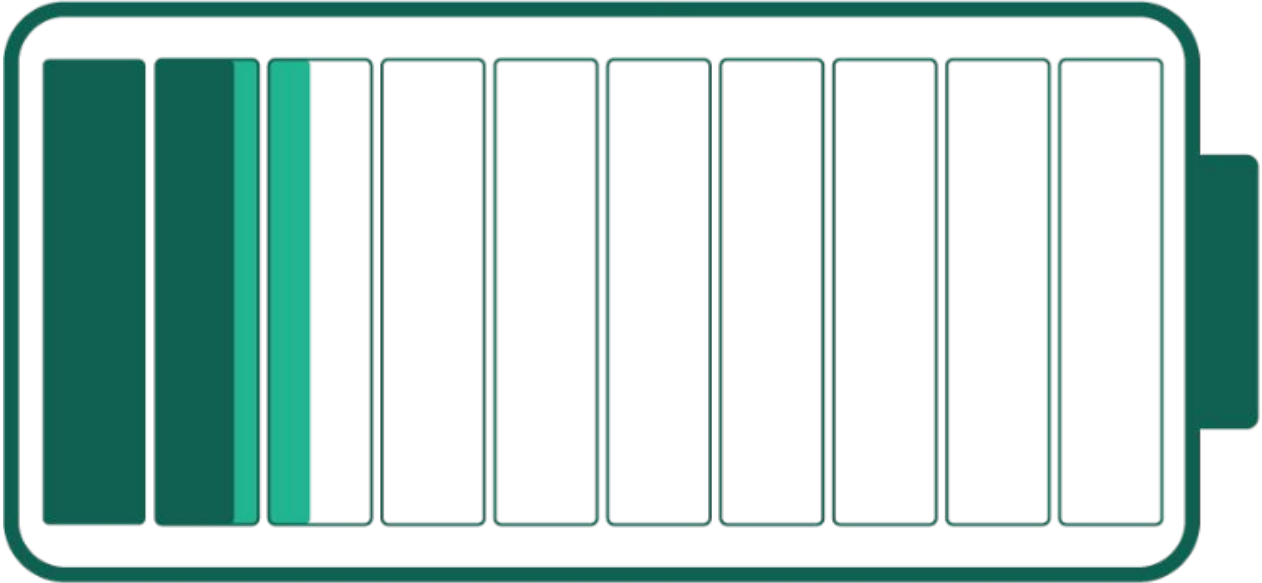
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CRC Planning Grant

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CRC Implementation Grant

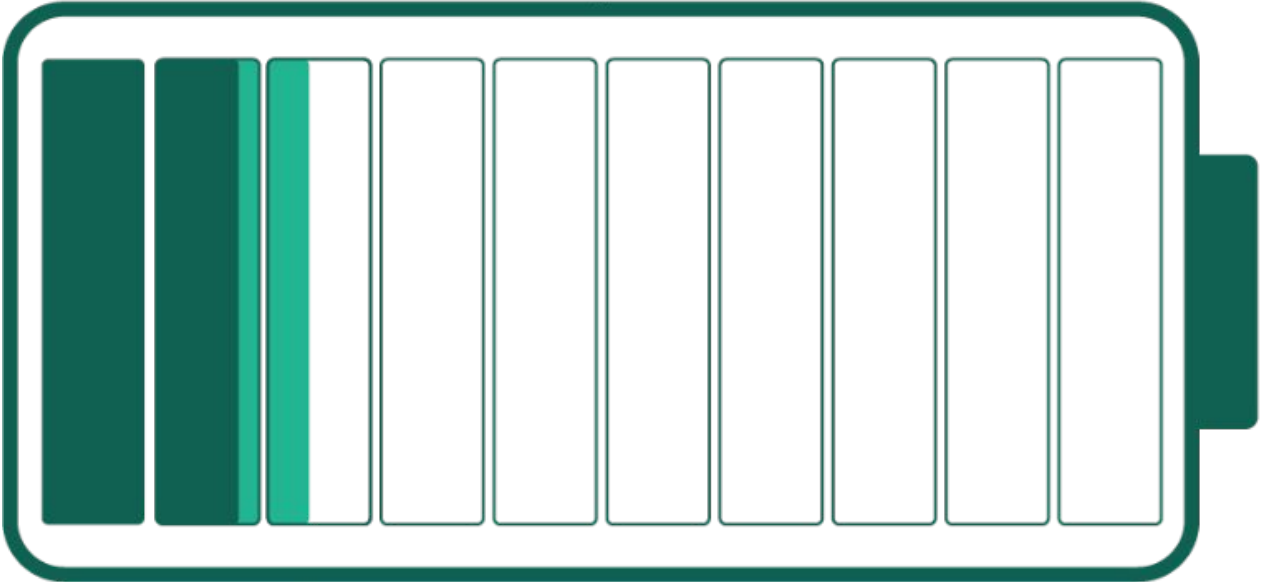
Veterans Memorial Building



\$7.4M
(\$5.6M HGMP Grant, \$1.8M Match)

\$31.5M Total

Maudelle Shirek Building



\$14.7M
(\$11.1M HGMP Grant, \$3.6M Match)

\$61.4M Total

Community Resilience Center Grant California Strategic Growth Council

Round 2 - 2024 Climate Bond

- Planning Grants - \$100,000-\$500,000
Fund a community-driven planning process to design a future center
- Implementation Grants - \$1M-\$10M
Fund construction/retrofit and ongoing services

Berkeley applying for Planning Grant, due September 4th, as first step - Implementation Grant would follow.



What is a Community Resilience Center?

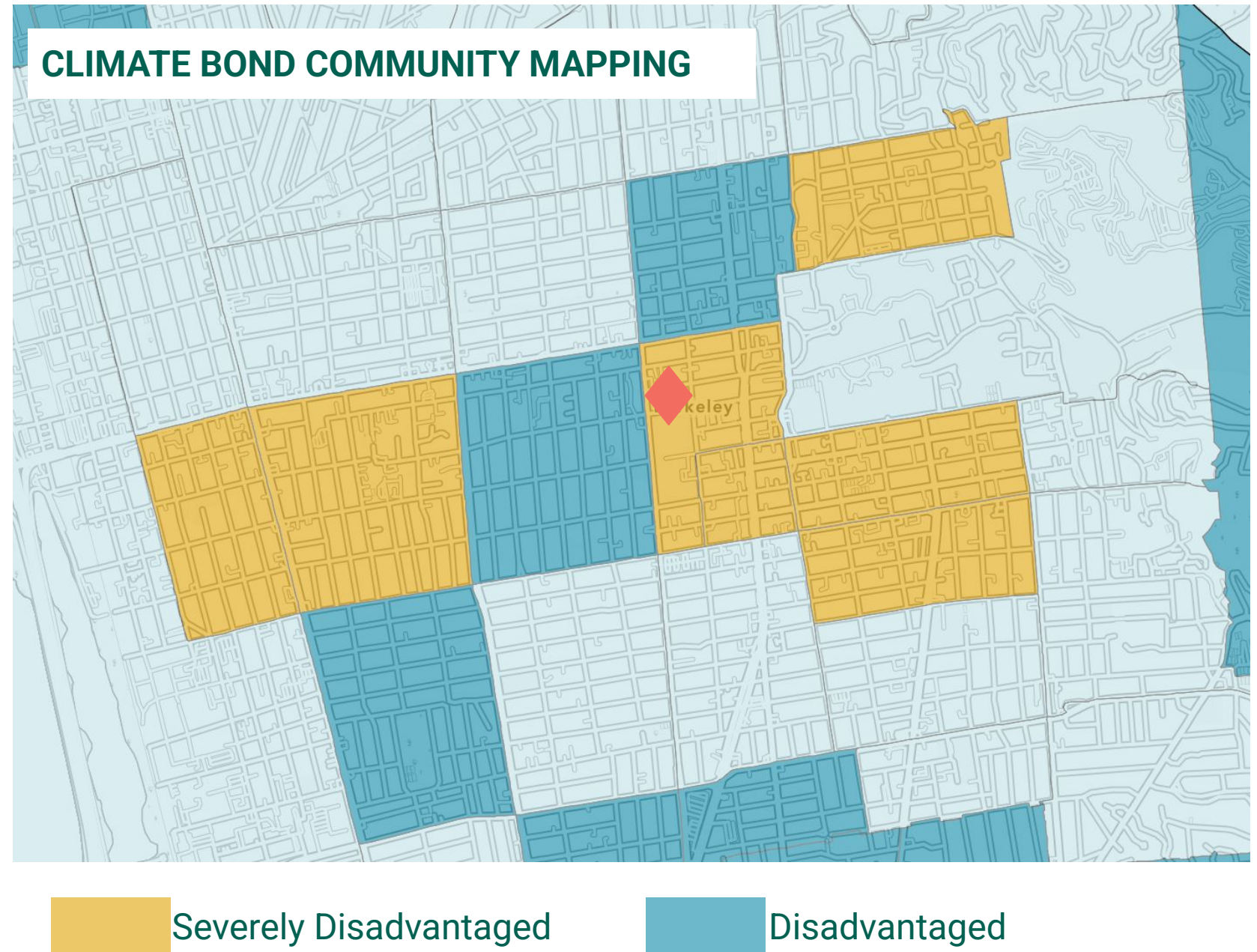
CRCs supports community in two ways:

- Every day - community programs, services, education and training
- During Emergencies - shelter and resources during extreme heat, poor air quality, power outages, and other climate emergencies



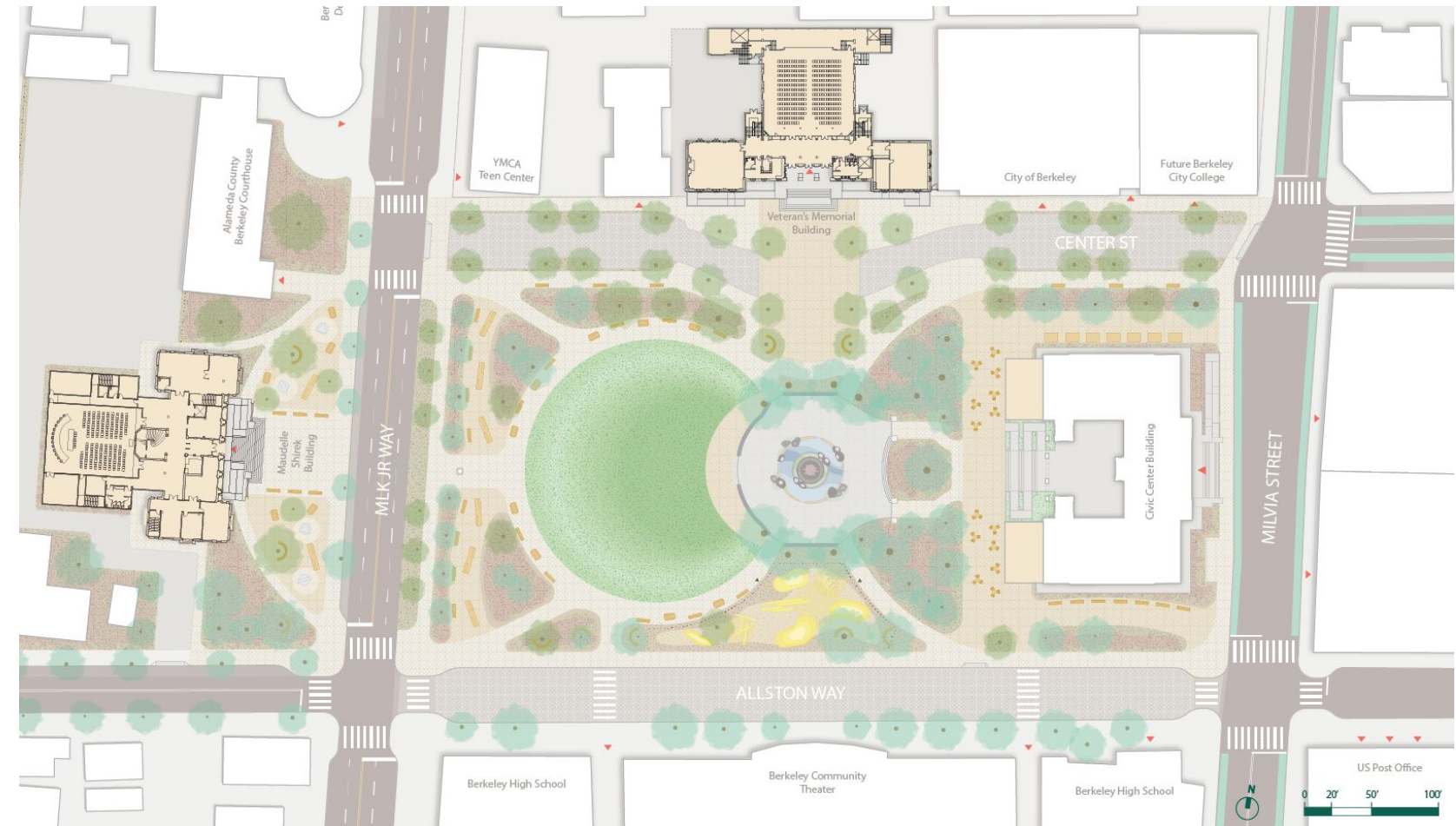
Civic Center as a Community Resilience Center

- Located in an area defined as **severely disadvantaged/disadvantaged** community
- **Planned upgrades** to structure, mechanical and electrical and power backup systems

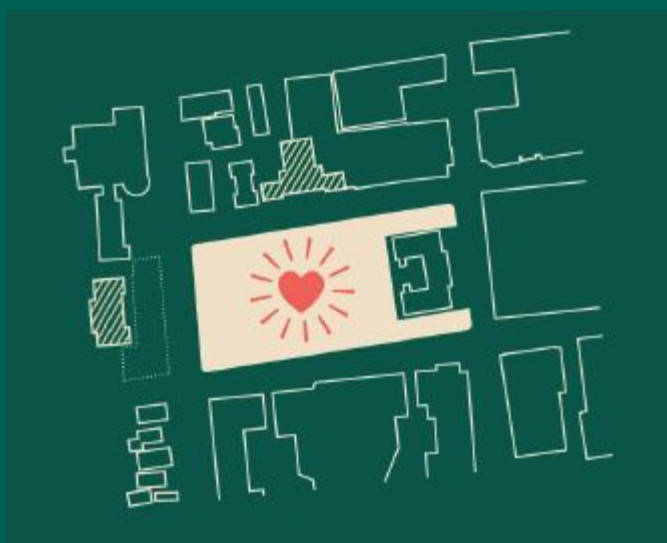


Civic Center as a Community Resilience Center

- Civic and Cultural programs will help **bring people to Civic Center** - as a trusted community hub
- Spaces to **support functions** of a CRC
 - Meeting Rooms - classrooms, training rooms
 - Assembly Rooms - shelter
 - Civic Center Park - staging, gathering area
- Existing engaged **partner organizations** can offer support, outreach, resources, and connections



A Vision for Berkeley's Civic Center



Civic Center will be the heart of Berkeley's community. Civic Center will be the prime space for civic life, culture, and the arts. It will reflect the city's diverse identities, celebrating its history and contributing to **shaping its future. A place of shared resources** and a platform for free expression accessible to all, the Civic Center aims to **manifest the city's values, advance social justice, and demonstrate the power of true public space.**

From Berkeley Civic Center Vision & Implementation Plan dated July 10, 2020 and adopted by Berkeley City Council on September 22, 2020

CRC Planning Grant & Engagement Process

The planning grant supports a structured planning process that prioritizes community input, equity, and long-term resilience for all Berkeley residents.

Lead Applicant:

- City of Berkeley

Partners:

- CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort)
- Others TBD

Planning Grant Application Requirements

- Collaborative Governance Structure - *Framework*
- Community Engagement Plan - *Framework*

***Frameworks will be refined, finalized, and implemented during performance period if grant is awarded*



Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)

CORE is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that responds to disasters around the world. We deliver life-saving resources in the immediate aftermath – and empower communities to be self-reliant in the long run.

CORE's mission is to empower communities in and beyond crisis. Our Programs focus on three areas:



**Emergency
Response &
Preparedness**



**Addressing
Climate Change**



Health Access



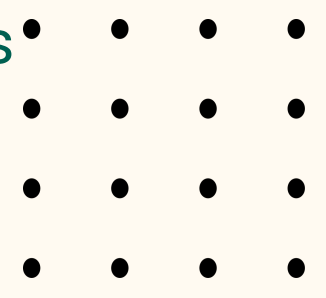
Collaborative Governance

The Grant requires a collaborative governance structure to be drafted before application submittal to be finalized and agreed upon during the grant award period.

Collaborative Governance is a body who makes major decisions about the project such as final location, programs and services to be offered, emergency protocols, etc.

The Collaborative Governance body, facilitated by City of Berkeley Staff, will consist of City staff members such as the City Manager's Office Staff, Office of Economic Development, Public Works, CORE, and ***other community organizations, residents, and stakeholders (THIS IS YOU).***

It is anticipated that this group will meet as needed (at least quarterly) to make decisions about the project based on community engagement. Each party will have voting power to contribute to this process.

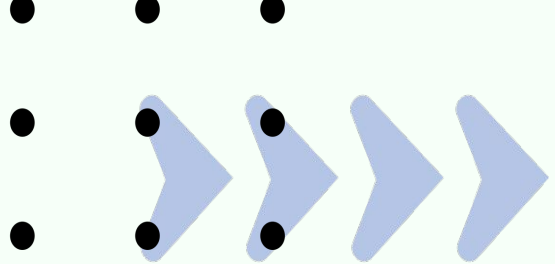




Community Engagement

1. Berkeley and its partners are expected to continue engaging the community to inform the decision making process of the collaborative governance group as we move through the planning process.
2. If awarded, the City of Berkeley and its partners will conduct quarterly community engagement meetings to gather thoughtful community input/feedback about the progression of the project. Feedback will be presented to the collaborative governance structure who will make major project decisions.
3. The grant requires a draft Community Engagement Plan (CEP) to be submitted with the application on September 4th. Right now, we are the drafting process identifying locations, dates, and times to continue community engagement through the award period. Once awarded, the city will work with Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to finalize the CEP.

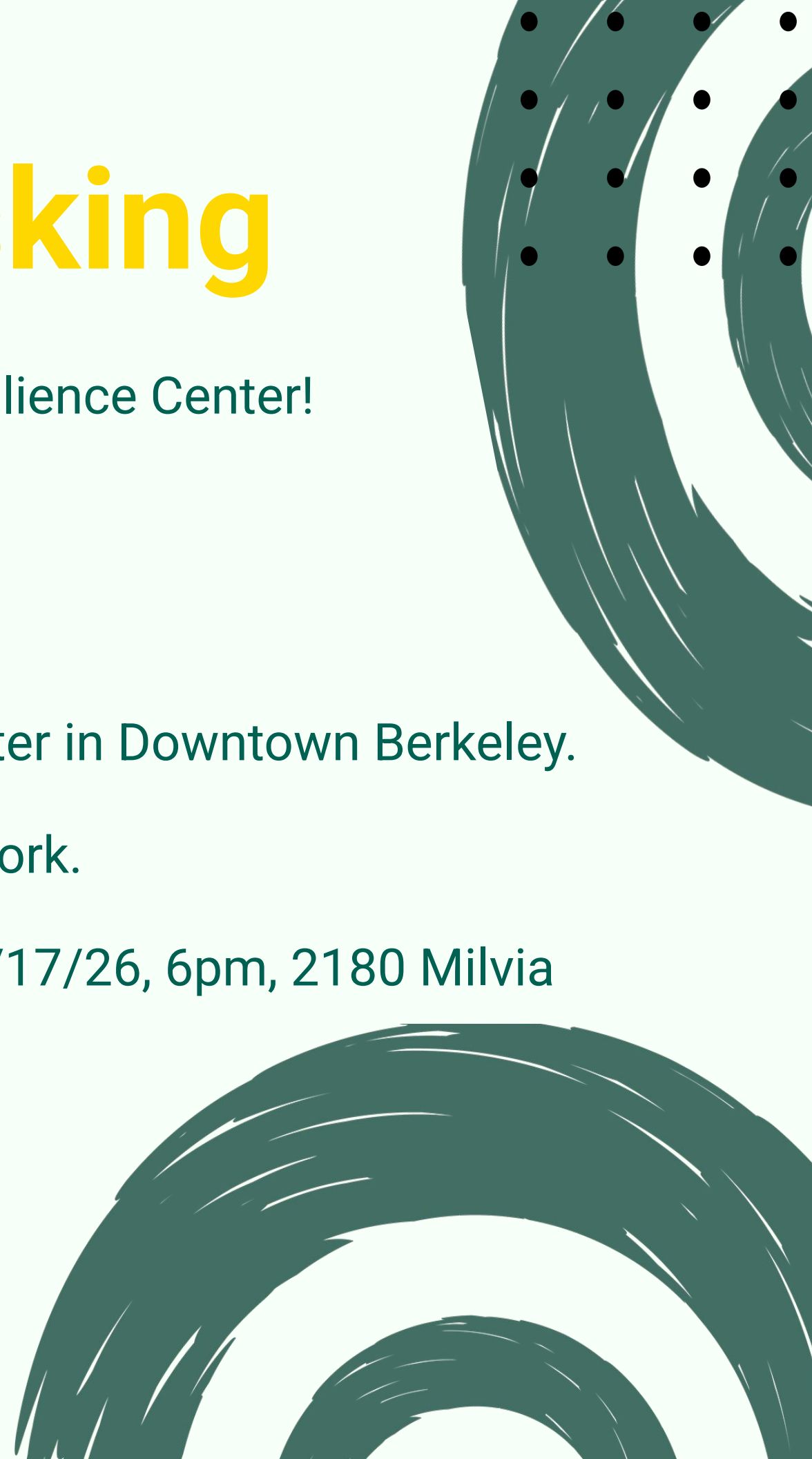


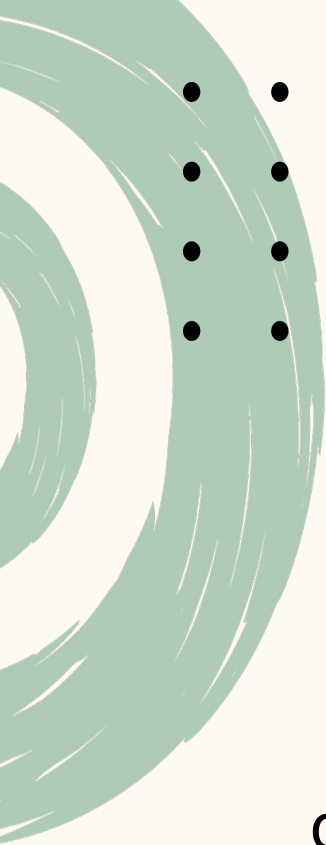


What We Are Asking

We need you to help us shape the Community Resilience Center!

We would love you to :

1. Share your feedback, ideas and needs for a Resilience Center in Downtown Berkeley.
 2. Help us spread the word! Share information with your network.
 3. Join us in an upcoming community engagement events (8/17/26, 6pm, 2180 Milvia St, Cypress Room, 1st Floor, is our next).
 4. Consider becoming a partner.
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Partnership Opportunities

Committed Partner: A partner who signs a **Letter of Commitment**, identifying specific responsibilities they're committing to if the grant is awarded, financial or otherwise. This could include joining the collaborative governance structure, providing resources or in-kind support, helping facilitate community engagement, providing services included in the project's implementation, or another contribution of your choosing.

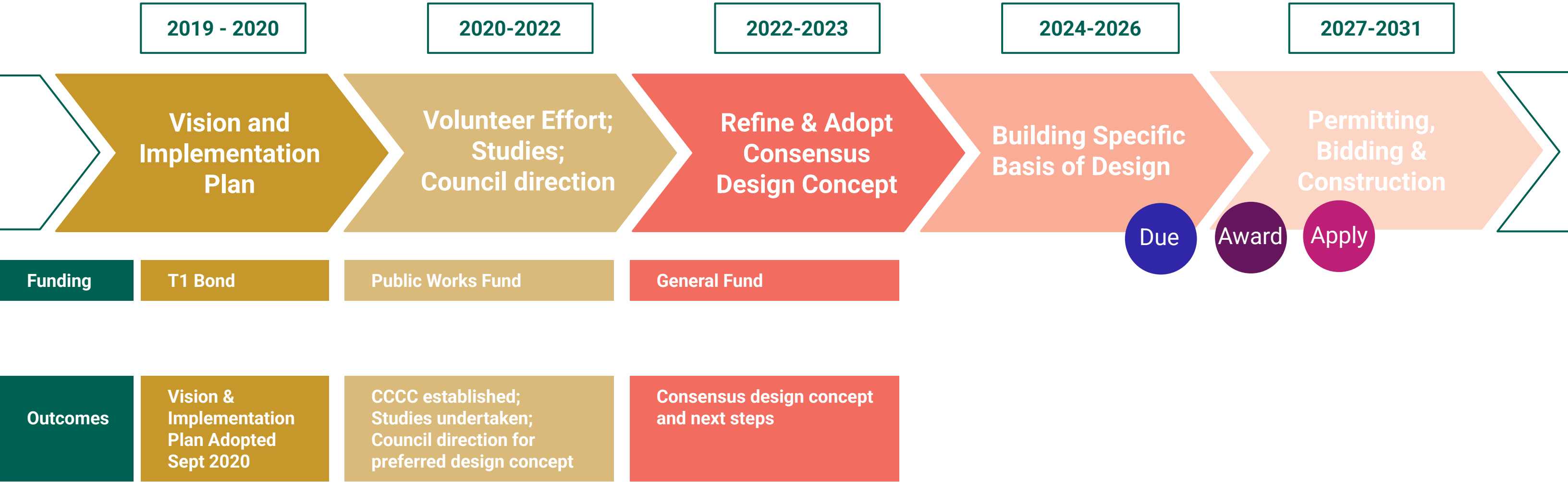
Non-Committed Partner: An organization or representative who supports Berkeley's project but isn't ready to commit to specific contributions at this time. We'd appreciate a **Letter of Support** from these partners — not a requirement, just a statement that your organization is aware of and supportive of the application.



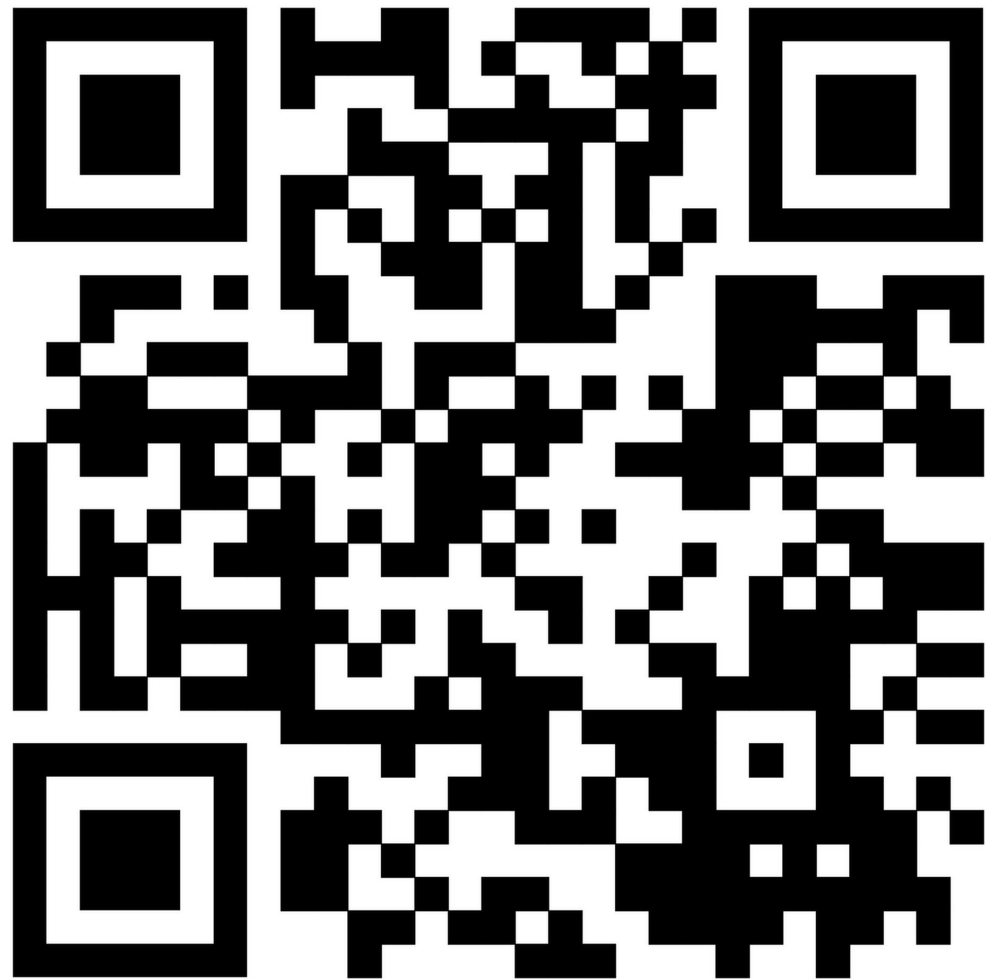
GRANT TIMELINE



Project Timeline



Next Steps



→ Attend 8/17 Meeting

Cypress Room 1st Floor, 2180 Milvia Street, 6pm

→ Online Survey

Scan the QR Code or link here:

<https://forms.gle/ZSiwcNw1WwQaczYM7>

→ Reach out with questions:

civiccenter@berkeleyca.gov