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Subject: FW: NOAH/SAM: Fellows Program
Date: Friday, May 10, 2019 4:50:00 PM
Attachments: [USCA Fellows Concept Note DRAFTv 190419 for states.docx](#)

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From: [Munger, Sam - GOV](#)
To: [Julie Cerqueira](#); [Roberts, Noah - GOV](#)
Subject: RE: NOAH/SAM: Fellows Program
Date: Friday, May 24, 2019 11:14:00 AM

Hi Julie – just wanted to circle back to let you know that we’ve gotten preliminary approval from our legal office to explore having sponsored climate fellows join our office. Details TBD, and we’ll need to keep checking in with them and our administrative/HR folks if and as details are worked out, but they didn’t see any initial obstacles to hosting a fellow. Excited to keep exploring this – let us know what next steps are. Best,

Sam

From: Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>
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Thanks for the quick response Sam!

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To: Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>; Roberts, Noah - GOV <noah.roberts@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: NOAH/SAM: Fellows Program

Hi Julie – my quick answer is that capacity is a huge issue for us at the moment, and that this is something we’d be very interested in, assuming the logistics work. I’ll check with counsel on constraints, as I believe there may be some. Thanks!

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Subject: FW: NM TEAM: Fellows Program
Date: Friday, May 24, 2019 4:45:00 PM
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Julie- Thanks for taking the time to talk with me this week about the Fellow Program. As mentioned on the phone, the New Mexico Environment Department is interested in Option 1, Subgrant to Alliance State, as a mechanism for receiving assistance to implement the Governor's Executive Order on Climate Change. I have discussed this with our General Counsel and the Department's specific statutory authority for accepting a sub-grants is found in the following state statute:

§ 74-2-5.1. Duties and powers of the department and the local agency

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To: [Leahy, Todd, EMNRD](#); [Ely, Sandra, NMENV](#); [Kenney, James, NMENV](#); [Martinez, Louise N., EMNRD](#)
Subject: FW: Link to hotel registration for USCA retreat
Date: Friday, August 9, 2019 4:57:12 PM

Hi – I can't attend this, but I'm thinking it might make sense for [our new climate person to attend](#) ([she starts Monday, will intro then](#)) and perhaps Todd to send a more senior person from our department. What is NMED thinking?

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JOSH/CHRIS/TRIESTE: Fellows Program

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Mon, May 13, 2019 at 9:41 AM

Thanks Trieste!

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From: Trieste Lockwood <trieste.lockwood@deq.virginia.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>
Cc: joshua.saks@governor.virginia.gov; Bast, Chris (DEQ) <chris.bast@deq.virginia.gov>
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UNITED STATES CLIMATE ALLIANCE

USCA State Climate Leaders Fellowship

DRAFT Concept Note

April 19, 2019

| Overview

U.S. Climate Alliance (Alliance) governors have committed to an ambitious suite of actions to drive down their greenhouse gases, sequester carbon and build resilience to climate impacts. By joining the Alliance, these governors have agreed to uphold the goals of the Paris Agreement to limit temperature increases to well below 2°C and with efforts towards 1.5°C.

Through the Alliance, states are engaged in peer-to-peer learning and connected with outside technical expertise to help them accelerate implementation of their policy priorities. However, meeting this goal requires more than just political will and access to technical resources. It requires staff capacity to do the work of developing, seeking support for, and implementing the policies that will help states deliver on their bold climate agenda. In one-on-one consultations with Alliance states, bandwidth constraints were most frequently cited as a key barrier to implementation. Even with access to substantial outside technical assistance, states often do not have the staffing resources to effectively manage those relationships and the outside resources they are provided.

The USCA State Climate Leaders Fellowship (USCA Fellows) would aim to fill critical staffing constraints for leading states by providing additional staff resources to deliver specific outcomes as determined by each state. USCA Fellows would be selected by, and embedded with, governors' offices or delegated agencies to ensure they support the state's priorities.

| Program Details

USCA Fellows would be expected to work directly with decision-makers in the office of the governor or a designated state agency to accelerate implementation of the governor's major climate priorities, as well as support engagement through the Alliance. If funding rules allow, USCA Fellows would be provided for a two-year term to allow sufficient time for policy formulation and implementation.

Alliance states would apply for a USCA Fellow through a competitive process, conducted annually or semi-annually as determined by funding availability. A committee comprised by the Alliance Secretariat and representatives of governors from non-competing states would select recipient states according to objective criteria that could include:

- Results the USCA Fellow is expected to achieve in the 2-year period, and long-term outcomes the USCA Fellow would support (i.e. it is essential that USCA Fellows have specific projects to support from the onset);
- Placement in the state government that demonstrates sufficient integration with and reporting to decision-makers to most effectively support priority climate policies and programs;

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- History of engagement within the Alliance, especially current or expected leadership roles in the Alliance or regionally;
- Potential for achieving emission reductions and carbon sequestration at scale, or implementing substantial climate resilience programs;
- Replicability across Alliance states; and
- Consideration of regional, political, sectoral or other diversity.

Alliance states could apply for more than one USCA Fellow, and could apply to extend the terms of current Fellows. States selected to receive a USCA Fellow would write the position description and select their candidate of choice to ensure full ownership. The process for posting the position, negotiating salary, and signing a contract would differ depending on the mechanism used to fund the position (see below). The Alliance Secretariat will not attempt to influence any programs or policies supported by the USCA Fellow.

Due to varying rules across Alliance states on receipt of grant funds, the Alliance would provide three options for covering the costs of a USCA Fellow, in order of preference below. In all cases, the state would develop the position description, interview and select the candidate.

- **Option 1: Sub-grant to Alliance State Agency**
USCA sub-grants to the state directly. The state would post the position, and handle all hiring, provision of salary and benefits, and funds for travel.
- **Option 2: Consultant**
The fellow would be hired as a fixed-term consultant. USCA could negotiate an MOU with the state, the state would hire the consultant and then invoice USCA for services delivered. Alternately, USCA could hire the consultant to provide services as identified by the state.
- **Option 3: Inter-governmental Partnership Program with Universities**
Universities that are trusted partners to states could hire and second individuals to staff state governments. This approach could provide further benefits if the university agreed to provide further support e.g. through access to graduate students and professors that could provide additional technical, analytical, or policy support. By using local universities, you can also avoid the administrative burden of navigating multiple, state-specific tax and other local rules.
- **Option 4: Secondment (fallback)**
USCA would post the position, hire the selected USCA Fellow on a 2-year contract and cover any salary and benefits costs directly. The USCA Fellow would be considered a USCA employee on secondment to the state, and would report directly to the state. A secondment agreement would be negotiated between USCA and the state. Secondments potentially require substantial additional oversight and governance to ensure compliance with host state laws and taxes, and thus incur higher costs. Accordingly, this option is recommended only when state laws do not allow sub-granting or use of consultants.



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Mon, May 13, 2019 at 9:11 AM

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I can see this program being very helpful to us. Who do you all think are the right folks to run it by? I can run it by our HR folks and any others if that's helpful.

----- Forwarded message -----

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US Climate Alliance Weekly Roundup - Week of June 10, 2019

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Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 2:22 PM

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June 10, 2019

Updates & reminders from the secretariatGovernors' Offices (GO teams):

- Our Summer/Fall meeting will tentatively be held **the week of September 9th** out west. Please hold this week on your calendars.
- Clean Cars Letter: Please hold your review until further notice.
- Friday, July 21st: Next GO biweekly team meeting
- **Due ASAP: State Policy Updates & Assumptions-** Based on feedback we heard at our winter meeting, we are planning to develop three scenarios to help inform discussions at our summer/fall meeting and to feed into our Annual Report. Kristin sent each of your state's team a short list of policies that might be relevant for each scenario. Please review, make additions, and provide other feedback to ensure robust scenario development. **Feedback due to Kristin (kigusky@usclimatealliance.org) as soon as possible. Feel free to flag any pending actions that may be proposed later this summer.**

- **June 12-13, 2019, USCA Social Cost of Carbon workshop, Chicago, Illinois.** The California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) will be hosting a workshop devoted to updates to, and application of, the social cost of carbon in policy making. **Support with travel is available.** The Government of Canada will join as part of the cooperation under the NACLD. Please reach out to Emily Wimberger at Emily.Wimberger@arb.ca.gov or EPIC's Deputy Director Lindsay Iversen at liversen@uchicago.edu for questions or travel assistance.
- Please let the secretariat know if someone from your state is interested in or planning to attend the UN Secretary General's Climate Action Summit and Climate Week, being held September 21-29 in New York City. More details are provided below. The USCA is beginning to plan for its participation in the week of events.
- **Fellows Program:** Please send any final comments on the Fellows Program to Julie by June 14th, or notify Julie if you are still deliberating internally and need more time. Focal points not on our last GO team call are asked to contact Julie to schedule a 15-min follow-up.

Working Group Updates:

- **Emissions Inventory Working Group:**

Friday, June 28th (tentative): The next webinar, which will focus on buildings, is currently being scheduled.

DDP webinars, including the 4/17 NWL webinar, and related materials are uploaded to the DDP sharepoint site.

- **Short-Lived Climate Pollutants:** We will hold a briefing by David Doniger of NRDC on **June 20th at 1:30pm ET** to update states on an HFC phase-down bill making its way through the Senate.
- **Transportation Working Group:** We will remain focused on the clean car standards through the summer, working between the GO teams and the TWG, as appropriate. In addition, the WG held a policy deep dive on fleet transition on May 31. **WG members are asked to provide any line edits to the related case study, which includes examples from most Alliance states, by June 14th.**

Our next policy deep dive will be focused on heavy-duty vehicles, with two upcoming opportunities. A case study will be provided ahead of the June 28th call.

- On **June 12 at noon ET**, the ZEV community will host a webinar on accelerating zero emission trucks featuring leaders in industry, cities and our states.
- On **June 28 at 3pm ET**, Alliance states will have the opportunity to continue the discussion, building on the examples shared across these diverse groups, and diving deeper into policies and programs specific to US states, with the aim of exploring opportunities for coordinated state action to address some of the barriers to cleaner HDV deployment.

- **Natural and Working Lands Working Group:**

June 18 biweekly call of the NWL Working Group (3:30pm ET): Kari Cohen, Director of the Conservation Innovations Team at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, will give a brief presentation and Q&A on NRCS's two open Conservation Innovations Grant programs, which total \$37.5 million. State agencies and others are eligible grantees.

Project Concepts for the USCA Grant Program for NWL Research are due June 14, 2019. The Request for Project Concepts and submission template are attached.

USCA Calendar

Upcoming events & publications

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Week of September 9th, USCA Semi-Annual Meeting for GO Teams.

September 18-20th, Horizon19, Boston, Massachusetts. A global convening of leading organizations from the Northeast US and other global clean economy clusters, bringing together industry leaders providing valuable clean economy solutions and organizations with

innovations, capital and project partnering opportunities. Horizon19 will focus on technology and business innovation, structure the USA market for clean economy needs and solutions and link up to the national and international climate action frameworks (factsheet).

September 21-29th, UN Secretary General's (UNSG) Climate Action Summit and Climate Week in New York City. The UNSG will host a Climate Summit on September 23rd, preceded by official side events on September 21-22, on the margins of the UN General Assembly. The Summit is intended to build momentum ahead of 2020, when Parties to the Paris Agreement are invited to announce with new 2030 GHG reduction targets, recommunicate their current target with or without additional carbon-reducing measures, and submit long-term, low-GHG development strategies. Climate Week will also kick-off on September 23rd with a high-level opening event, followed by one week of side events across the city. The U.S. Climate Alliance is beginning to plan for its presence at the Summit and Climate Week.

State Leadership

Highlights from Alliance state climate leadership announcements. Please send us updates you want included in next week's newsletter.

Demonstrating its commitment to clean transportation and improving urban air quality, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection announced today that it is requesting approval from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trustee to disburse \$16 million for the deployment of electric heavy-duty garbage trucks, school buses, and port-related vehicles.

As part of the state's effort to meet New Jersey's clean energy goals, Governor Phil Murphy announced the New Jersey Partnership to Plug-In, a first-of-its-kind, statewide partnership to build out the necessary infrastructure to support electric vehicle ownership to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The

partnership, which will be co-led by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, will create a strategic and streamlined framework to support New Jersey's electric vehicle ecosystem, with the goal of registering 330,000 Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) by 2025. The New Jersey Partnership to Plug-In will be ratified under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The Delaware Public Service Commission approved Delmarva Power to offer electric vehicle services. Delmarva Power will expand public charging infrastructure and offer a new rate option for residential customers who charge their EVs at home. Based on a settlement, reached between Delmarva Power, Staff of the Delaware Public Service Commission, and Division of the Public Advocate, Delmarva Power will install, own, and maintain four new charging stations that will provide new public access to EV charging infrastructure.

These new chargers will help Delmarva Power and others identify best practices for locating and interconnecting chargers to the local energy grid and understand how customers use different types of chargers in different areas, including local neighborhoods, underserved communities, and main transportation corridors.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Gary McDowell announced MDARD's decision to allow land currently enrolled in the department's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program to be used for commercial solar array purposes.

The Farmland and Open Space Preservation program provides tax incentives to landowners who keep their land under agreements for agricultural use. Currently, there are 3.4 million acres of farmland enrolled in PA 116. As a result, developers searching for farmland for large solar array projects are having difficulty finding areas that don't include farmland in the preservation program.

Maine Governor Janet Mills signed HP 407, "An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise," which amends the State's growth planning and land use laws to reflect that addressing the effects of sea level rise is a state planning and regulatory goal. The bill amends the laws regarding the State's coastal management policies to direct state, local and certain federal agencies responsible for regulating, planning, developing or managing coastal resources to conduct their activities affecting the coastal area consistent with the policy of encouraging the assessment of and planning for the effects of the rise in sea level.

State-Relevant News & Resources

Summary of domestic and international news and analysis relevant to states. \$=subscription may be required

Rhodium Group Climate Deck: Through USCA, each state has access to RhG's Climate Deck portal, which contains energy market and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions data and research at the federal and state level. Through this portal you can access Rhodium's proprietary 50-state GHG emissions inventory and projections (through the GHG Emissions data dashboards on left) along with key energy market data from the EIA, EPA, DOT, US Fed and other sources (through the Power and Transportation data dashboards). Please contact Julie or Kristin for access if you don't already have a log-in.

Pro-bono help to develop model regulations:: The Sabin Center recently released the book *Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization in the United States*, which provides a "legal playbook" for deep decarbonization in the United States, identifying over 1,000 legal options for decarbonization broken down by authority for states, Congress and the federal government. The summary & key recommendations are publicly available through this link. The authors have identified a group of law firms that plan to develop draft model rules, regulations, and statutes pro-bono, and have invited U.S. Climate Alliance states to indicate their policy priorities so that these lawyers can prioritize drafting those templates. They have also offered to provide some pro-bono one-on-one assistance for those that need support with drafting policies. You can reach out to Kristin or Julie to connect with them, or reach out directly to Michael Gerrard (MGerra@law.columbia.edu).

Climate Nexus recently compiled the data, insights and messaging guidance from climate and energy-focused polling conducted over 2019 of over 100,000 Americans in all fifty states. The report distilling those findings can be found here: <https://app.box.com/s/z0z7211dpyfxemt7vr4z31qshgughfe>.

The Sabin Center at Columbia University published a new report that analyzes climate change cases filed during 2017 and 2018 to shed light on how litigation is counterbalancing—and at times complementing—the Trump administration's efforts to undermine climate change protections.

White House Doesn't Like Basic Facts: The White House blocked testimony from the State Department on climate change last week because the scientific findings did not line up with the Trump administration's views on climate, the Washington Post reports. Climate change denier William Happer, who has been tapped to lead the White House's effort to cast doubt on climate science, and other White House officials heavily edited State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research analyst Rod Schoonover's prepared testimony before the House Intelligence Committee last Wednesday. The White House proposed cutting many basic scientific references from the testimony, and ultimately refused to approve the written testimony for entry into the permanent Congressional Record. "I have never heard of basic facts being deleted from or blocked from testimony," American Enterprise Institute scholar Norman Ornstein told the New York Times. (Washington Post \$, New York Times \$, CNN, Axios, Mother Jones, HuffPost, Splinter)

GND's Growing Labor Support: The Green New Deal picked up a major endorsement from a labor union last week as new polling shows worker support for climate action. The executive board of the Service Employees International Union voted Thursday on a resolution to back the legislation, making the SEIU the first national union to throw its weight behind the plan. The Association of Flight Attendants, part of the Communications Workers of America union, has also publicly supported the Green New Deal. New polling released from the think tank Data for Progress last week shows that more than 50 percent of current union members support the Green New Deal, contrasted with 22 percent who oppose it. The plan faced has opposition from some labor heavy-hitters, most notably the AFL-CIO, whose CEO has publicly spoken out against the Green New Deal. (HuffPost, Grist, The Hill)

Plans for Dirty Plant Stress Town: Plans to build a manufacturing plant that would burn 84 tons of coal each day is splitting a community in West Virginia as citizens question the potential impact to public health versus growth, the Washington Post reports. Danish insulation manufacturer Rockwool says that a plant it is trying to build in Jefferson County, the most prosperous county in the state, would bring 150 jobs to the area. Some residents of Jefferson County say that the jobs are not worth the risk from the plant, which is planned for construction across from a local school, while other residents say opposing the plant would encourage an anti-growth mentality and discourage other businesses from choosing the county. "People have stopped going to the Saturday farmers market because they don't want to run into each other," Christine Snyder, the managing editor of a local newspaper, told the Washington Post. "It's gotten into so many corners of the community...It really has just taken over everything." (Washington Post \$)

Carmakers Call on Trump to Compromise: Major carmakers urged President Trump Thursday to go back to the negotiating table with California on vehicle emissions regulations, calling for a "common sense compromise" on greenhouse gas standards. In a letter signed by 17 automakers, including Ford, General Motors, Subaru, Toyota, and Volvo, the companies urge Trump to negotiate with California to reach a single nationwide standard, warning of "an extended period of litigation and instability" that would be "untenable" to their business if a compromise is not met. The automakers also sent a separate letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom arguing that avoiding litigation and agreeing on a single national standard would be better for the environment. The Trump administration released a proposal last August to dramatically scale back the nation's vehicle fuel efficiency standards, setting off a confrontation with California and other states that use its more aggressive rules. States that use California's standards together account for roughly a third of all car sales in the US market. (New York Times \$, NPR, Reuters, LA Times \$, The Verge, UPI, Detroit Free Press)

Paris Saves American Lives: Thousands of potential heat-related deaths in major US cities could be avoided if the world meets the goals set out in the Paris Agreement, new research shows. A study published Wednesday in the journal Science Advances shows that keeping warming to 2 degrees C could prevent between 70 and 1,980 deaths each year per city in 15 US cities, including Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and New York. Keeping warming to just 1.5 degrees C, meanwhile, would prevent between 110 to 2,720 deaths, depending on the city. "The more warming you have, the more heat waves you have," Michael Wehner, a senior scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, who was not


involved in the study, told the New York Times. "The more heat waves you have, the more people die." (New York Times \$, USA Today, InsideClimate News, The Guardian, LA Times \$, Newsweek, Gizmodo, Mashable)

FLOODS: 'We all owe Al Gore an apology': more people see climate change in record flooding (NPR), even as floods worsen with climate change, fewer people insure against disaster (New York Times \$), the US just set yet another record for being extremely wet (Gizmodo), month of rain in a day: Parts of Southeast deal with flooding, high water rescues (USA Today), Arkansas residents assess damage after historic flooding, shift focus to rebuilding (Fox News), Campbell Co. residents rescued from floods that left behind 'heartbreaking' damage (Knoxville News Sentinel), Midwest flooding harms farmer's yields (NPR), relentless rain leads to more flash flooding in the Southeast (ABC), extreme flooding hits Louisiana (Washington Post \$), strong job market hampers FEMA hiring in flood-hit states (AP)

INVESTORS: GE 'badly' misjudged the clean energy transition, costing investors almost \$193B: IEFFA (Utility Dive)

SOLUTIONS: Carbon removal machines entice politicians, even as cost projections run high (Houston Chronicle)

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Overview

The U.S. Climate Alliance Grant Program for Natural and Working Lands Research will support technical aspects of USCA member states' Natural and Working Lands (NWL) program and policy development and help enable states to achieve their commitment to the NWL Challenge. Funding will be awarded in support of discrete analytical research and development projects that directly benefit USCA member states. Funding can be awarded either directly to USCA member states or to 501(c)(3) organizations, including non-profit organizations and academic institutions, non-federal government entities, tribes, and others that will conduct state-requested projects on behalf of states. This USCA Grant Program for NWL Research is made possible by a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

Project Concept Submission Guidelines

Eligible Applicants: USCA member states are encouraged to submit Project Concepts individually or with other states. Other entities may also submit Project Concepts in partnership with one or more USCA member states. Project Concepts submitted by applicants other than USCA member states must be accompanied by a letter of support from the relevant USCA state agency or department on official letterhead, with copy to the USCA state executive focal point, and be in support of that state's NWL priorities.

Please note that the state or organization submitting a Project Concept need not be the ultimate grant recipient - the funding recipient will be decided at a later stage.

Submission Documents: Project Concepts should use the template provided in this document. If a Concept is being submitted by USCA member state personnel on behalf of the state, submit the Concept via email to NWLGrantProgram@usclimatealliance.org and CC your USCA state executive focal point. If a Concept is not being submitted by USCA member state personnel, but rather by an external partner (including state-affiliated university partners), submit the Concept

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via email to NWLGrantProgram@usclimatealliance.org; CC the USCA state executive focal point; and submit a letter of support from the partnering USCA state agency or department on official letterhead.

Award Size: Awards are expected to range from \$10,000-\$200,000 per project.

Expected Project Grant Period: October 2019 – January 31, 2021

Key Dates

All dates are in 2019 unless otherwise noted.

- April 23:** Draft Call for Project Concepts distributed to USCA NWL Working Group and reviewed on NWL Working Group Biweekly Call.
- May 13:** Final Call for Project Concepts distributed to USCA NWL Working Group. NWL Working Group Biweekly Call for states to share ideas for Project Concepts. States are also encouraged to reach out to one another directly.
- June 14** **Project Concepts Due.** Applicants submit completed template (attached) and letter of support, if necessary. Submissions should be emailed to NWLGrantProgram@usclimatealliance.org.
- July 15-19:** The Technical Committee provides feedback on Project Concepts to all applicants. Feedback will include advice and guidance to both improve the competitiveness of individual final proposals and maximize the number of final proposals that can be funded. Feedback may include recommendations or requests to consolidate similar projects. Feedback may include a recommendation not to proceed with a final submission without significant changes to the Project Concept.
- July 19-Aug. 30:** States and their partners develop final proposals in collaboration with one another, potential researchers, and the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee will be available during this time to provide advice and guidance, including assistance finding research partners, where requested. The Science Advisor to the USCA Grant Program for NWL Research will be available to conduct preliminary research to assist in scoping final proposals.
- Aug. 30:** **Final Proposals Due.** A template will be provided.
- Sept. 27:** **The Technical Committee announces awardees.**
- Oct. 18:** Due date for grant agreements to awardees.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

The formal applicant(s) to the USCA Grant Program for NWL Research, i.e., those entities that might ultimately be awarded funding, do not need to be identified at this Project Concept phase. A USCA member state, group of USCA member states, and/or states' research partners may submit Project Concepts.

Non-federal government entities, 501(c)(3) organizations, tribes, and for-profit entities are eligible to receive grant funds as well as perform subcontract work under the project. Final proposals submitted by applicants other than USCA member states must be accompanied by a letter of support from the relevant USCA state agency or department on official letterhead, with copy to the USCA state executive focal point, and be in support of that state's NWL priorities.

What is eligible for funding?

Eligible projects are those that support the technical aspects of NWL program and policy development and implementation and enable USCA member states to achieve their commitment to the NWL Challenge. The Alliance asks that states interpret project eligibility broadly at this Concept phase, and submit Project Concept(s) that best meet states' needs. The scope and variety of Concept Projects will help the Technical Committee understand the range of states' needs and inform Committee review and refinement in partnership with states. Research or analysis might support technical aspects at any stage, from early research to identify best practices to internal or public-facing decision support tools associated with implementation. For example, the project scope may include, but is not limited to:

- Developing or refining GHG emission or carbon sequestration quantification methods associated with one or more NWL practices, or application of practices in a programmatic context;
- Developing and/or running statewide business-as-usual projections of GHG emissions over time, e.g., to 2030 or 2050;
- Developing or refining methods to project expected GHG emissions and carbon sequestration impacts of a given program or policy over time, e.g., to 2030 or 2050, and/or running the projections;
- Developing NWL program or policy implementation scenarios, e.g., estimating scale of adoption/implementation (i.e., number or percentage of acres or landowners) across various land types and programs;
- Developing monitoring, reporting, and/or verification methods to track implementation and performance of land conservation, management, and restoration practices;

- Data development to support any of the above, including but not limited to data aggregation, collection, and interpretation, or the design of data collection and management systems;
- Developing or refining decision support tools related to any of the above.

Please see the *Summary of Analytical Needs and Ideas for USCA Grant Program for NWL Research* for more ideas. Please consider the available funding and grant period when designing a project for submission. For example, a 10-year field study of carbon flux in wetlands cannot be completed within the grant timeframe. It is unlikely that this funding is suitable for conducting field research, although it may be suitable for *designing* a field research program. Consider breaking down very large or long-term projects into components that would be suitable for this funding and turning those into Project Concepts.

How many Project Concepts can I submit?

There is no limit to the number of Project Concepts that a state or partner organization can submit or support. If your state submits multiple projects, please assign a numerical priority to each one, as indicated in the Template.

Do I need to identify my research partner(s) in the Project Concept?

No, although you may list research and other partners if they have been identified. The Alliance and Technical Committee will assist you in making connections with other states that have similar interests, as well as research partners for your consideration.

Is there a cap on project size?

A total of \$560,000 is available through the USCA Grant Program for NWL Research. There is no cap on the dollar amount requested for any single project. The range of requests for USCA Grant Program funds is expected to be \$10,000 - \$200,000 per project. The total cost of funded projects may be larger if states, research partners, and/or co-funders provide financial or in-kind match. Additionally, the Alliance and/or Technical Committee may seek additional co-funding from other philanthropic entities to support requested projects.

What is the term of the grant period?

Award decisions will be made in September 2019. The scope of work must be completed by January 31, 2021.

What is the source of funds?

The Secretariat of the U.S. Climate Alliance, housed at the United Nations Foundation, was awarded a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to support the USCA Grant Program for NWL Research and other efforts within the Alliance's Natural and Working Lands Initiative. Funds will be sub-granted to awardees, with the funding being disbursed and managed by American Forests.

NWL Research grant results will be reportable to the U.S. Climate Alliance at the end of the grant period. A summary of NWL Research grant results will be included in the U.S. Climate Alliance's grant report(s) to the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

What are the reporting requirements?

Awardees will be required to submit a brief interim progress report to American Forests in mid-2020, and a final report by the end of the grant period, January 31, 2021. These reports need to: i) describe in narrative fashion what was achieved with the grant funds; and ii) provide a full financial accounting of the grant funds.

1. Grant reports should contain the following:

- a. narrative and description of accomplishments, challenges and future plans of the funded project;
- b. assessment of the project to date with any changes in the original plan suggested by these experiences;
- c. copies of representative materials, brochures, reports, and other materials relating to the project, as well as representative media coverage, if any (electronic formats are encouraged);
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Once Project Concepts are submitted, what is the review and selection process?

Project Concepts will be reviewed by a Technical Committee that is chaired by the U.S. Climate Alliance and includes a participant from each of the six USCA Impact Partners (American Farmland Trust, American Forests, Coalition on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, and World Resources Institute). This Committee will also review final submissions and come to consensus on awards.

The Committee will review Project Concepts individually and collectively. Collective review will allow the Committee to identify potential synergies to maximize the impact of available

funding. Based on the compiled needs, the Committee will identify opportunities to conduct regional or other shared analyses that might more cost-effectively meet the needs of multiple states and lead to more consistent and comparable results. The Committee may then propose alterations to states' Project Concepts. The intent of these suggested alterations will be to improve the competitiveness of resulting final proposals and maximize the cost-effectiveness of research. Some Project Concepts may move on to the next stage without alterations or suggestions to merge with other Concepts.

Following review, the Committee will contact applicants to discuss Project Concepts and any suggested alterations. It is important that any proposed alterations to initial Project Concepts still meet individual states' needs and accurately reflect the intended scope of work, so this is a crucial step. At this stage, the Committee will also inform applicants if their Project Concepts are not suited to move on to the formal application stage. This would be the case if the Concept is not expected to be competitive given available funding. The Committee will remain available to assist USCA member states in advancing the research described in all Project Concepts, including providing scientific and strategic input as resources allow, whether or not they move on to final proposals.

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How will final project submissions be evaluated?

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- Integration of the proposed project outcomes and implementation of a USCA member state's NWL climate strategies, including advancement of the NWL Challenge;
- Potential magnitude of GHG mitigation and carbon sequestration;
- The number and/or distribution of states benefitting from the research;

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- Cost, including consideration of any matching funds;
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RE: GO Team bi-weekly call

1 message

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Fri, Jun 7, 2019 at 2:55 PM

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Subject: GO Team bi-weekly call

When: Friday, June 7, 2019 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Toll-Free: +1 (855) 673-6651,,564027#

Hi all,

Looking forward to today's GO team call. Please see the agenda and call-in below.

Agenda

1. Clean cars update

Speaker: CARB

Outcome: Discussion on path forward for responding to the rollback of the clean cars standards. See the NYT article on the OEM letter here.

2. Fellows Program

Speaker: Julie Cerqueira, USCA Secretariat

Outcome: Discussion on the Fellow Program. Please use this time to ask any remaining questions or flag concerns. We'll also discuss potential risks for everyone to be aware of and next steps.

3. Jobs Report

Speaker: Chris Davis, WA

Outcome: Information for potential upcoming cooperation

4. NWL Learning Labs

Speaker: Claire Jahns, USCA Senior Advisor

Outcome: Information on upcoming workshops

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26 October 2018

Dear Secretary Chao, Acting Administrator Wheeler, Deputy Administrator King, and Assistant Administrator Wehrum:

I write today on behalf of the U.S. Climate Alliance – a bipartisan coalition of 17 governors representing 40 percent of the U.S. population - to strongly oppose the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) titled “The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.” The U.S. Climate Alliance resolutely supports the 18 jurisdictions representing 140 million Americans that are suing to defend existing standards for fuel-efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions. The Alliance further supports preserving state flexibility to adopt standards more protective than the federal standards. The existing standards are producing the cleanest and safest vehicles we have ever had—all while addressing the largest source of climate pollution in the United States.

The United States continues to need strong clean car standards that reduce vehicle pollution and improve efficiency to protect our health, environment and climate, while strengthening U.S. manufacturing competitiveness and creating American jobs. The Alliance opposes this effort by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to weaken these standards, as it will not only cost our residents more at the pump, but hurt

children, senior citizens and people living with respiratory illness. It will limit the ability of Alliance states to meet their own emission reduction targets and take crucial climate action.

Recognizing that climate change presents a serious threat to our environment, residents, communities, and economy, the Alliance remains committed to meeting its share of the U.S. emissions reduction contribution to the Paris Agreement. This proposal to roll back the standards undermines one of the country's best climate programs and constitutes an unwarranted attack on consumers, our environment, our health, and longstanding tenets of cooperative federalism enshrined in the Clean Air Act. We urge you to withdraw the proposal.

Signed,



Julie Cerqueira
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The U.S. Climate Alliance, representing 17 States & Territories, Commits to

-- U.S. Climate Alliance Issues Statement on Effort to Weaken National Clean Car Standards --

The United States Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of 17 governors committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement, today issued the following statement on the effort announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to attack the federal emission and fuel economy standards:

“The United States needs strong clean car standards that reduce vehicle pollution and improve efficiency to protect our health, environment and climate, while strengthening U.S. manufacturing competitiveness and creating American jobs. We oppose efforts by the Trump Administration to weaken the nation’s clean car standards, and we strongly support the 18 jurisdictions representing 140 million Americans that are suing to defend these standards. We also support existing State authority to adopt emissions standards more protective than federal standards, and we reject the new effort by this Administration to challenge this authority.

Weakening the nation’s clean car standards will not only cost Americans more at the pump, but hurt children, senior citizens and people living with respiratory illness, and will impede the ability of our states to meet our own emission reduction targets. The Alliance will hold strong to our commitment and state leadership to meet our share of the U.S. emissions reduction contribution to the Paris Agreement.”

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