



Tahoe Living Community Partner Group (CPG) Call for Applicants

Tahoe Living Project Overview

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is a bi-state regional environmental planning agency with a mission to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region. Though the agency focuses on environmental planning, it also deals with housing and land use policy, which are very intertwined with the health of the lake and surrounding communities.

The lack of housing that is affordable to residents and workers has created economic and environmental crises. TRPA has launched the third phase of its Tahoe Living project, which aims to create policies to advance more equitable and sustainable housing.

TRPA Priority Communities

Advancing equity in housing and land use policy requires an inclusive and representative community engagement process that centers the voices of historically and currently underserved and impacted communities. TRPA defines such populations demographically/socioeconomically and geographically as Priority Communities (PCs) and Community Priority Zones (CPZs):

- Priority Communities (PCs) are TRPA-defined demographic and socioeconomic groups that are historically and currently underrepresented in decision-making, have special needs that require tailored approaches to engagement beyond “general public outreach”, and/or experience economic, health, and quality of life disparities. These include zero vehicle households, seniors, persons living below the poverty line, individuals with a disability, youth, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color).
- Community Priority Zones (CPZs) are TRPA-designated areas with higher densities of at least three priority community demographic or socioeconomic characteristics. CPZ geographies include Kings Beach and Incline Village on the north shore of Lake Tahoe, and Bijou, Sierra Tract, and Tahoe Verde on the south shore.

Community Partner Group (CPG) Background

TRPA understands that meaningful participation and partnership with community-based organizations (CBOs) is an important avenue to reaching PCs and CPZs. The TRPA and project team (Mariposa Planning Solutions and Raimi and Associates) are launching a “Community Partner Group” (CPG) as part of the Tahoe Living project.



CPG is a two-year long ad hoc group of six to eight compensated representatives from community-based organizations (CBOs). Additional organizations not accepting or receiving stipends may also participate if they meet the CPG screening criteria, for a total maximum of twelve CPG members. CPG members will help identify needs, barriers, and disparities, shape equitable design of Regional Plan policies, and inform effective community engagement strategies throughout the process.

Goals and Outcomes

The Community Partner Group (CPG) will serve as a forum to share information and obtain valuable feedback and direction from Priority Community (PC) and Community Priority Zone (CPZ) leaders to address housing equity challenges in the Tahoe Region.¹ The CPG is intended to cultivate more inclusive community leadership and housing policy through Tahoe Living process, including:

- Help identify needs, barriers, and disparities
- Shape equitable design of Regional Plan policies and interventions
- Inform effective community engagement strategies throughout the process
- Foster stronger relationships with community-based organization (CBO) leaders
- Build greater capacity among PC/CPZ CBO leaders to participate in TRPA policy and programmatic arenas moving forward.

CPG Candidate Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Candidates must:

- Work for or be a leader of an organization with an equity-focused mission or that represents or is focused on meeting the needs of TRPA's Priority Communities in the Tahoe Basin (zero vehicle households, seniors, persons living below the poverty line, individuals with a disability, youth, or BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color))
- Have availability and capacity to participate in the process.
- Not already a member of the Tahoe Living Working Group or other TRPA committees providing direct input into the Tahoe Living process.

Preference for candidates that:

- Have a history of working on housing issues in the Tahoe Basin or evidence of a sustained/long-term commitment to working on housing issues.
- Represent or work with TRPA's Priority Community Zones (Kings Beach, Incline Village, Bijou, Sierra Tract, and Tahoe Verde).

Time Commitment and Stipend

Up to eight 1.5-2-hour meetings will take place over Zoom and in-person between November 2024 and June 2026. CPG members will receive a stipend of \$250 for each meeting attended and can either receive the stipend directly as an individual or to their organization. Participation in the CPG is on a voluntary and informal basis,



and participants are not employees of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency or any other organization. The stipend is the only form of compensation offered for participation.

CPG Member Expectations

- Submit the CPG Application Form and provide a W-9 if selected.
- Participate in every meeting (lead or alternate staffer).²
- Review meeting materials before meetings. Materials will be posted a week prior to meetings.
- Serve as a thought partner and provide constructive input on key documents, materials, and policy questions over the process, including feedback at and between CPG meetings.
- Consult with CBO constituencies/members when appropriate and help the project team disseminate information, including surveys, meetings, and other opportunities for public participation.
- Share honest and constructive feedback on the process and ideas for improvement with TRPA staff or the CPG to help ensure continuous improvement over time.

Process

To finalize your organization's participation in the CPG, please sign and send the CPG Application Form and include your or your organization's completed W-9 to Chris Lepe at Chris@mariposaplan.com by October 28, 2024.



Tahoe Living Community Partner Group (CPG) Application Form

Organization Name: _____

If fiscally sponsored, please list fiscal sponsor here: _____

Mailing address: _____

Lead Applicant Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Alternate Applicant Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____



Please respond to the following questions:

What constituencies and communities do you or your organization serve or represent? Please share how long standing your relationships to these constituencies and communities are.

Will you or an organizational alternate be able to attend each of the six to eight CPG meetings? What is your interest, availability, and capacity to participate in the CPG?

Do you or your organization have a history of working on housing issues in the Tahoe Basin? If so, please describe. If not, please share any interest or longer-term commitment to working on housing issues in the basin.

Do you or your organization serve on the Tahoe Living Working Group or any other TRPA committees providing direct feedback into the Tahoe Living process? If so, please describe.



Please indicate if you want to decline compensation but still participate in the CPG.

Yes

