

In July 2023, the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) took a **Support if Amended** position on the legislative climate bond bills, [SB 867](#) (Allen) and [AB 1567](#) (Garcia). Cal Cities recognize the state's climate goals and seek to support cities as they advance and implement successful local programs. State bond funding helps to ensure cities can efficiently and effectively achieve the best possible use of local city resources. All cities, urban, rural, and suburban, should have equal access to funding opportunities and technical assistance afforded through state bond-funded programs.

Cal Cities supports the following top five priorities in a Climate Bond:



Waste/Recycling

- Organic waste diversion infrastructure grants and local education programs (CalRecycle)



Energy

- Existing and new construction public building energy retrofit grants (CEC)
- Investments for clean public fleet (public utility vehicles) (CARB) and charging infrastructure grants (CEC)



Water

- Local water conservation programs and technical assistance (DWR)
- Groundwater recharge (DWR)
- Local and regional conveyance and water leak loss grants (CNRA)
- Stormwater capture and reuse (SWRCB)
- Desalination (DWR) and water recycling (SRWCB)
- Dam Safety/ Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations grants (DWR)
- Drought funding (SWRCB) and flood management grants (DWR)



Coastal Resilience

- Sea level rise vulnerability assessments and coastal adaptation and resiliency project implementation grants (OPC)
- Local coastal program updates and coastal planning efforts (CNRA)



Community & Wildfire Resilience

- Fire resilience (DOC) and Forest Management (CalFire)
- Fuel reduction and wildfire prevention grants (CalFire)
- Funding and grants for new and rehabilitated parks in communities

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