ENRICH Centers Project (Empowering Neighborhoods for Resilience against Impacts of Climate and Heat)

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Breathe SoCal headquarters building

Concept:

- This prize will enable the partner organizations, in conjunction with key community stakeholders, to develop a plan to establish an ENRICH Center hub at Breathe SoCal's headquarters to serve as a climate resilience center.
- The plan will develop ways to upgrade the building to become a secure community hub for residents to use for heat, climate, and smoke emergencies, as well as other natural disasters.
- The facility will feature classrooms and a multi-purpose room to provide educational programs regarding energy-efficiency, environmental sustainability, and climate resilience between emergency needs.
- This initiative would also recruit, train, and assist other organizations to establish their own ENRICH Centers.
- The ENRICH Centers will create spaces to address ongoing needs, foster community cohesion, and form community-driven partnerships that enhance climate resilience, expand economic opportunities, and reduce environmental and climate inequities.
- Our programs will reach underserved communities, improving air quality and public health, as well as empowering a skilled workforce for a net-zero carbon economy.