



August 30, 2026

The Honorable John Laird
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
Committee
1020 N. Street, Room 502
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 113 (Gabriel)/SB 113 (Laird): Allocation of Climate Bond (Prop. 4) Funding for FY 26-27
Notice of SUPPORT *(As amended August 29, 2026)*

Dear Senator Laird and Assemblymember Gabriel,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is pleased to express our **support for AB 113 (Gabriel) / SB 113 (Laird)** in allocating the Prop. 4 – Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund of 2024 (Climate Bond) funding.

Cities continue to face climate change impacts including intensifying wildfires, floods, extreme heat, sea-level rise, and other natural disasters. At the same time, cities do not have the fiscal capacity on their own to bear the rising emergency response and recovery costs associated with climate change impacts and disasters. Cal Cities believes it is therefore imperative to support local governments in their efforts to plan, prepare, and adapt to the impacts of climate change which will reduce future costs, safeguard lives and property, and protect local and regional economies important to a strong state economy.

Cal Cities is appreciative of the Legislature in providing new dedicated funding to support state, regional, and local agencies in building resilience in communities impacted by climate change. We support the following priorities in the Prop. 4 allocation for the 26-27 fiscal year:

Water Resilience:

- \$263 million for clean, safe and reliable drinking water funding
- \$68.8 million for repairs to water conveyance projects to improve water supply reliability
- A total of \$256 million for flood management and control projects
- \$47.7 million urban stormwater management
- \$100 million for water recycling and reuse

Wildfire Resilience:

- \$61 million for local wildfire prevention funding
- \$60 million for the regional forest and fire capacity program
- \$37.9 million for regional projects to improve local fire prevention capacity, improve forest health and resilience, and reduce the risk of wildfire spreading into populated areas from wildlands
- \$35.5 million for the forest health program

Wildfire Resilience, cont.:

- \$19.6 million for grants to conduct fuel reduction, structure hardening, create defensible space, reforestation, or targeted acquisitions to improve forest health and fire resilience
- \$25 million for community and home hardening investments
- \$15 million for wildfire risk reduction related to electricity transmission

Coastal Resilience:

- \$25 million for sea level rise mitigation efforts
- \$15 million to increase ocean and coastal resilience to impacts of climate change

Extreme Heat:

- \$137.4 million for the transformative climate communities program
- \$55 million for the community resilience centers program
- \$26.7 million for the urban forestry program

Clean Energy:

- \$10 million for distributed electricity backup assets program including new clean microgrids

Thank you for your leadership to ensure this important Climate Bond funding is allocated annually to support the needs of our cities and communities facing climate impacts. If you have any follow up questions, please contact Legislative Advocate Melissa Sparks-Kranz at msparkskranz@calcities.org or 916-658-8232.

Sincerely,



Melissa Sparks-Kranz
Legislative Advocate

cc: Members, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
Members, Assembly Budget Committee