

Science for Communities

Information Sheet



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What is Science for Communities?

Science for Communities (SFC) began in 2022 to pair Delta communities and local public agencies with academic and agency subject matter experts. These partnerships allow participants to co-generate research that addresses a particular need or desire of communities in, or with ties to, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). SFC uplifts the research goals of communities and provides the support needed to better understand Delta issues. Likewise, participating scientists and researchers are able to co-create knowledge with communities and better understand how scientific outcomes would benefit Delta communities.

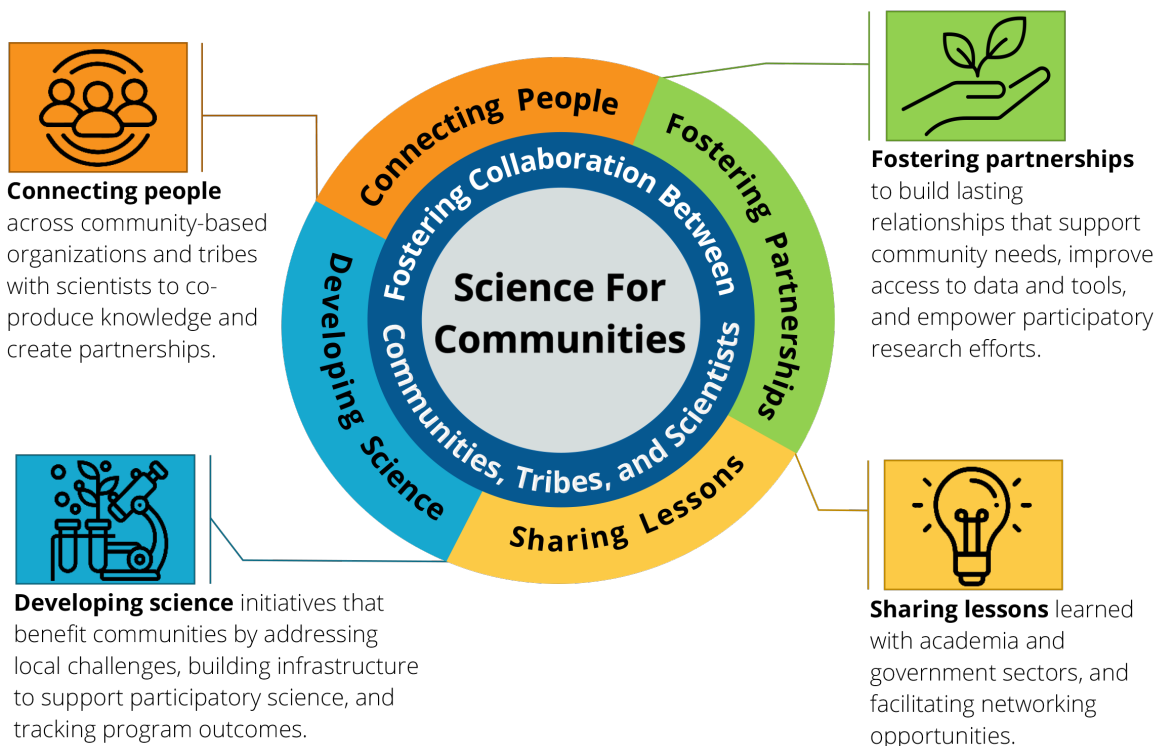


Figure 1: Science for Communities Program Goals

April 2025



Project Types

SFC projects address social and environmental issues for communities in or with ties to the Delta. For example, the 2023-24 cohort projects focused on:

- Water quality and dangers of mercury consumption through fish
- Flood risk to legacy communities in the Delta
- Harmful algal blooms
- Air quality and climate change impacts in Stockton

Benefits to Participants

For the 2025-26 SFC cohort, the Council will organize Delta communities, including tribal communities, and subject matter expert participants into teams and facilitate collaboration over the course of a year to achieve project goals.

Benefits of participating in SFC include:



Connection to subject matter experts in the Delta.



Connection to other resources including funding opportunities.



Opportunity to share project findings on the SFC website.



Opportunity to present your project in webinars and panel(s) at the 2026 Bay-Delta Science Conference.

Interested in Participating?

We will be accepting interest forms for the next SFC cohort in spring 2025! Interested parties will complete a short [survey](#) summarizing their project idea(s). Then, the Council will identify Delta researchers, scientists, and/or other subject matter experts as potential partners through a separate survey. To learn more about SFC, consider attending our [virtual open house](#) on June 11th from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. **Participating SFC teams will start their projects in summer 2025 and finish them by fall 2026.**



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