

## **Sierra Jobs First Catalyst Project Concepts List**

### **Inyo County**

- Small Business Resource Center Programming Support – fund capacity and programming for Business Resource Center
- Agriculture feasibility study – identify feasibility of local food systems in the Eastern Sierra
  - Focus on grass-fed beef and potential mobile meat processing unit
  - Collaborate with “Sierra Sourced” concept
- Establish Eastern Sierra Community Foundation
- Inyo County for the Arts Support – feasibility study for mobile soundstage
- Municipal Service Reviews of water and wastewater infrastructure in Inyo County communities a comprehensive regional branding and economic collaboration initiative aimed at creating new opportunities for local makers, producers, and trade-based businesses across our region

### **Alpine County**

- Native tree nursery for forest restoration – Develop feasibility analysis for native tree nursery for wildfire recovery
- Establish Highway 395/89 Scenic Byway – Support designation of Highways 395 and 89 as Scenic Byways
- Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) route expansion - Feasibility study for ESTA service with a turn-around in Markleeville
- Alpine County Arts and Culture Organization
  - Recently formed
  - Collaborate with other regional arts organizations to support art and culture tourism

### **Mono County**

- Potential Winter recreation project
- Interested in opportunities to collaborate
  - Inyo County/Bishop

### **Bishop**

- Infrastructure Planning – funding for planning for critical infrastructure

### **Town of Mammoth Lakes**

- No update

### **Sierra Nevada Alliance**

- Capacity for recruitment for Columbia College Forestry Programs
- Job Placement for Forestry Jobs

### **Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS)**

- Job training for tribal wildfire resiliency workforce

### **Motherlode Job Training Center**

- Sierra Sourced – Feasibility study for a comprehensive regional branding and economic collaboration initiative aimed at creating new opportunities for local makers, producers, and trade-based businesses across the region (in partnership with Chambers of Commerce regionwide)
- Stipends for daycare training – provide stipends for individuals to become certified as in-home daycare providers
- Youth entrepreneur program – Provide stipends for high school students to receive entrepreneurial training
- Micro-grants for businesses – Provide micro-grants to small businesses
- Meat processing on the westside -Feasibility analysis of USDA meat processing facility for westside counties

### **Agriculture Industry**

- Establishment of food hubs concepts such as gleaning, greenhouses, upskilling landscapers, and agriculture integration into schools

### **UC ANR**

- Community and Economic Development Leadership Academy – funding to establish a regional leadership academy focusing on Community and Economic Development

### **Tribal Government**

- Cultural Tourism – Build capacity for a tribal cultural tourism program that supports stewardship and visitor education, potentially in collaboration with other recreation initiatives.
- Micro-transit – Develop a micro-transit program to provide trailhead shuttle services or supplement transit at the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport.

### **Sustainable Recreation and Tourism**

- Campground Infrastructure Improvements – Build capacity to plan, engineer and implement campground improvements throughout the Eastern Sierra.
- Regional Trail System – Expand regional trail planning into next phases, including next phase of design and implementation for Towns-to-Trails
- Recreation Climate – Implement findings of A Changing Climate: Vulnerability in California's Eastern Sierra, such as GIS mapping of recreation infrastructure.
- Recreation Audience – Catalyze a program to effectively communicate with the region's outdoor recreation audience to advance education and stewardship.