



# **GFO-23-702 Pre-Application Workshop**

**California Clean Energy Planning Program (CCEPP)**

Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division, California Energy Commission

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April 23, 2024



# Agenda

Time	Item
1:30 pm	Welcome/Introduction/Housekeeping
1:35 pm	Solicitation Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assembly Bill 128 and Purpose of Solicitation</li><li>• Available Funding</li></ul>
1:45 pm	Grant Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eligibility</li><li>• Submission Process</li><li>• Evaluation Process</li><li>• Next steps if awarded a grant</li><li>• Key Dates</li></ul>
2:15 pm	Questions & Answers
	Adjourn



# Housekeeping

- This workshop is being recorded
- The recording, this presentation, and any updates to solicitation documents will be posted at the grant opportunity's webpage:
  - <https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2024-04/gfo-23-702-california-clean-energy-planning-program-first-come-first-served>
- Participants will be muted during the presentation
- Hold questions until the Q&A period later in the workshop





# Commitment to Diversity

The Energy Commission adopted a resolution strengthening its commitment to diversity in our funding programs. The Energy Commission encourages disadvantaged and underrepresented communities to engage in and benefit from our many programs.

To meet this commitment, Energy Commission staff conducts outreach efforts and activities to:

- Engage with disadvantaged and underrepresented groups throughout the state.
- Notify potential new applicants about the Energy Commission's funding opportunities.
- Assist applicants in understanding how to apply for funding from the Energy Commission's programs.
- Survey participants to measure progress in diversity outreach efforts.



# We Want to Hear From You!

## Participation Survey

Survey responses will be summarized anonymously to track attendance of different groups in our workshops for public reporting purposes.

Please use this QR code to take the survey or use the link in the Chat.

Survey will be closed at the end of the day.

Thank you!





# Assembly Bill 128 (Budget Act of 2021)

- \$1.55M
- Maximize local government and tribal participation in statewide interagency clean energy planning processes
- Improve capacity to advance planning and permitting of new clean energy facilities and related infrastructure
- Support the state reaching its goals set forth in Senate Bill 100 (SB 100)





# California Clean Energy Planning Program Solicitation

- Make \$1,050,000 available to California Native American tribes for clean energy future planning as well as to better enable their participation in statewide clean energy and energy infrastructure planning activities.
- Make \$500,000 available to local government entities to develop new or updated land use planning documents that support and advance the development of clean energy in their jurisdiction.



# Available Funding

<b>Category</b>	<b>Maximum Funding per Category</b>	<b>Maximum Funding Award Amount</b>
<b><u>Category 1</u>: California Native American Tribes – Participation in Clean Energy Planning</b>	\$150,000	\$15,000 per tribe
<b><u>Category 2</u>: California Native American Tribes – Clean Energy Subject Matter Experts and Staff</b>	\$900,000	\$200,000 per tribe
<b><u>Category 3</u>: Local government entities – Development of clean energy planning documents</b>	\$500,000	\$100,000 per local government entity





# Eligible Applicants

- **California Native American Tribes** – on the contact list maintained by the California Native American Heritage Commission for the purposes of Chapter 905 of the Statutes of 2004 (Pub. Resources Code, § 21073)
- **California Tribal Organizations** – a corporation, association, or group controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by a California Native American tribe that is subject to its laws, the laws of the State of California, or the laws of the United States
- **Local Government Entities** – California county or incorporated city or town
- Applicants must accept the solicitation's terms and conditions (Attachment 2 of the Solicitation Manual)



# California Clean Energy Planning Program Solicitation – Example Activities

- **Category 1**
  - Participating in SB 100-related events sponsored by the Energy Commission, Public Utilities Commission, or Air Resources Board, e.g., meetings, workshops, working groups, panels, roundtables, focus groups, etc.
- **Category 2—Project types 1, 2, and 3**
  - Clean energy potential studies for tribal lands
  - Expertise related to clean energy technologies or their impacts
  - Fund staff whose duties include advancing the tribe's development of clean energy- related projects or related infrastructure



# California Clean Energy Planning Program Solicitation – Example Activities

- **Category 3** – Development of new or updated land use planning documents that support and advance the development of clean energy
  - General Plan elements, e.g., energy element
  - Zoning Ordinances
  - Clean energy potential studies or plans
  - Ordinances
  - Public engagement activities



# Category 1 and 2 Activities – California Native American Tribes

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- A tribe may apply for one Category 1 grant and/or one Category 2 grant.
- May apply for both in the same application.



# Application Requirements

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- The Application is Attachment 1 to the Solicitation Manual
- All parts of the application must be completed.
- Applications with omissions will not pass.
- Confirm all parts of the application have been completed before submitting.
- Projects cannot include any construction or installation activities or anything similar.





# How will my Application be Evaluated?

## Evaluation Process

- Energy Commission staff review applications on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Criteria are evaluated on a pass/fail basis.
- Applicants must pass all criteria or the application will be disqualified.

## Some Reasons for Not Passing

- Incomplete application.
- Application is not submitted by the due date and time.



# Next Steps After Grant Award

- **Passing applications:**
  - Applicant will be contacted
  - Applicant will need to submit either:
    1. a copy of an authorizing resolution from the tribe's governing board or local government's governing board or equivalent showing the applicant's authority to enter into the grant agreement, or
    2. a copy of the law or document showing the applicant's authority to enter into the grant agreement



# Next Steps After Grant Award

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- **Non-Passing applications:**
  - Applicant will be notified in writing and will be allowed to submit a new application, if desired.
    - the resubmitted application would receive a new submittal date and time.



# Next Steps After Grant Award

- **Notice of Proposed Award (NOPA):** Shows total proposed funding amounts and the amount of each proposed award.
- **Project Start:** Recipients may begin work on the project only after the agreement is fully executed (signed by the Energy Commission).
- **Failure to Execute:** The Energy Commission reserves the right to cancel the pending award if an agreement cannot be successfully executed with an applicant.



# Category 1 – Participation in Clean Energy Planning

**If awarded a grant, the following items will be required for reimbursement:**

1. Prior approval from the Commission Agreement Manager (CAM) for the event.
2. Written approval from the CAM prior to the event.
3. Proof of event attendance.
4. A short, written description of how the event results in improving the tribe's ability to advance clean energy planning or development.





# Category 2, Project Types 1, 2, & 3 -- Requirements

**If awarded a grant, the following items will be required:**

1. Identification of California Native American tribe staff or subject matter expert(s) (SME), their credentials, and their direct labor and fringe benefit rates.
2. A description of the work to be performed by the staff or selected SME.
3. A budget and schedule for the proposed project broken down by task and month or quarter. Note: all work submitted for reimbursement must be completed by March 1, 2026.



# Category 2 Requirements, continued

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4. Monthly progress reports summarizing work conducted in past month.
  5. Participation in a Critical Project Review (CPR) meeting with the CAM after items 1-3 above are submitted.
  6. Draft Project Summary report.
  7. Final Project Summary report.
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- Note: all work submitted for reimbursement must be completed by March 1, 2026.



# Category 3, Requirements

**If awarded a grant, the following items will be required:**

1. Identification of local government entity staff or subject matter expert(s) (SME), their credentials, and their direct labor and fringe benefit rates.
2. A description of the work to be performed by the staff or selected SME.
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# Grant Submission Requirements

- Method of Delivery is the Energy Commission Grant Solicitation System (GSS), available at: <https://gss.energy.ca.gov/>.
- Electronic files must be in Microsoft Office Word (.doc, .docx) format.
- The Application Form requires the Signature of an Authorized Representative which may be scanned and submitted in PDF format.
- First-time users must register as a new user to access system.
- GSS How to Apply tutorial: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/1654>.





# Grant Solicitation System (GSS) Warning

**START THE PROCESS EARLY!**

- This is a first come-first served grant program
- Submit your application as soon as possible, as funds are limited and are expected to be fully subscribed
- The GSS system will not accept applications before May 7 or after June 3, 2024
- Applications in the process of being submitted prior to the deadline will NOT be accepted after the deadline



# Key Dates

Activity	Date
Solicitation Release	April 11, 2024
Pre-Application Workshop	April 23, 2024, 1:30 pm
<b>Deadline for Written Questions</b>	<b>May 6, 2024, 11:59 pm</b>
Office Hours, for potential applicants to ask questions about the solicitation.	May 1 & May 6, 2024, 1:30 pm
Anticipated Distribution of Questions and Answers	Week of May 6, 2024
<b>First Day Applications May Be Submitted</b>	<b>May 7, 2024</b>
<b>Last Day to Submit Applications</b>	<b>June 3, 2024, 11:59 pm</b>
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Award Posting	Ongoing
Energy Commission Approval of Applications	Ongoing
Anticipated Agreement Start Date	No sooner than June 1, 2024
Agreement End Date	March 30, 2026



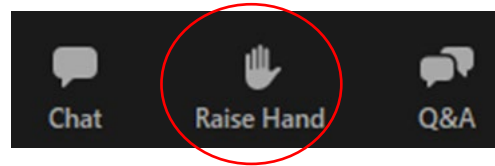
# GSS Structure

- Register as a New User – **please register before May 7**
- Log In
- 3-Step Application Process:
  1. Select Solicitation
  2. Upload Files
    - Select documents for upload
    - Tag files with document type
  3. Review and Submit



# Questions and Answers

- Please ask questions by using the Raise Hand function and you will be called on to unmute yourself.



- Please state your name and affiliation, if you wish.
- Please keep questions to under 3 minutes to allow time for everyone.
- Note that final responses will be provided in writing and posted on the grant opportunity webpage:

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# Additional Questions

Please send all questions related to GFO-23-702 to:

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**Deadline to submit questions:**

**Monday, May 6, 2024, 11:59 PM**



**Thank You!**

