

# Questions, Answers, and Clarifications #4

## Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Readiness

### PON 14-603

Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

California Energy Commission

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Q.1	If an application addresses multiple activities, and the CEC declines to fund one proposed activity, would the CEC independently review the other activities to decide whether to fund them?
A.1	<i>The application is scored as “pass” or “fail” and cannot be divided by activity. If the application fails due to an ineligible activity the applicant may reapply but will be placed at the bottom of the queue of submitted applications.</i>
Q.2	Our proposal includes adoption of at least the CALGreen PEV Readiness voluntary Tier 1 standard, and assessing the feasibility of including one PEV Ready parking space for multi-family dwelling with between 3 and 16 parking spaces (which are not covered by the mandatory or voluntary codes). Does every energy requirement need CEC approval even if mentioned in a Tier?
A.2	<i>In your proposal, you will need to submit the proposed Tier 1 activities and the amount that you estimate you will require to conduct your stated scope of work over the term of your agreement with the Energy Commission. You may spend less than you requested to complete the scope of work, but the Energy Commission will not augment your agreement if it turns out you need more funds. You may spend match funds to make up any shortfall.</i>  <i>If the application meets all other eligibility requirements, a proposal to provide training to city planners, city permitting staff, inspectors, and builders to implement adopted voluntary CALGreen codes may be eligible as specified in Section II.N.f on page 10 of the solicitation.</i>
Q.3	For applications for an award under Category A, PEV Readiness Plan implementation, is the allowable page limit for the Application Sheets one page or five pages?
A.3	<i>For Category A applications, PEV Readiness implementation, the page limit for the application sheet is 1 page.</i>
Q.4	For signage under Category A: Signage for price/unit of measure is allowed. If charging is sponsored and is free to the end-user, can we apply for funds to post signage identifying the sponsor and operator of

	the EVSE?
A.4	<i>Yes. Acknowledgement of California Energy Commission funding support is also recommended.</i>
Q.5	In the new budget template, how does an Applicant include administrative expenses, such as G&A?
A.5	<i>The budget template includes a worksheet titled "Indirect Costs and Profit." Applicants should specify the types of indirect costs (indirect overhead, general and administrative (G&amp;A), etc.) to be charged under the agreement and budget their indirect costs on this sheet by following the instructions provided. All indirect costs must be allowable, allocable and documentable following the Applicant's established accounting practices consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP).</i>
Q.6	Is Fast Swap Technologies eligible to apply for the Energy Commission's PON-14-603 to complete public demonstration of an auto battery exchange technology with Fast Swap compatible Stomp Motors electric SUV to offer a final solution to end recharge wait times, range anxiety, and accelerate adoption of electric vehicles.
A.6	<i>No.</i>
Q.7	<p>Under heading N. Eligible Projects Section 1.f "Local Government Code Adoption and Training..."</p> <p>May eligible applicants apply for funds to implement local codes related to electric vehicles that surpass those currently found in the EV referenced EV Green Building Standards CCR, Title 24, Part 11, A4.106.8 EV charging and A5.106.5.3?</p> <p>That is, City Council has directed the cities' EV Task Force (made up of city staffers &amp; volunteers (EV enthusiasts, technologists, environmentalists, etc) to develop EV-ready requirements relating to parking lot renovation activities. As background, the city already has EV-ready code requirements for new construction that is more progressive than that in the Green Building Code. We would like to apply for funds to implement these new codes, both already and under development.</p>
A.7	<i>Local Government Code Adoption and Training is an eligible activity in accordance with Section II.N.1.f (page 10) of the funding solicitation. However, please refer to Attachment 11, ARFVTP Funding Restrictions Certification, which states, in part, that "A project shall not be eligible for funding if it is mandated by any local, regional, state or federal law, rule or regulation..." In general, projects that exceed required codes are eligible for ARFVT Program funds. It is incumbent on Applicants to ensure compliance with all funding restrictions under this solicitation.</i>

<b>Q.8</b>	<b>Can the funds be used for reimbursement of state employee staff time? For example, if a state employee works on the activities, is their time reimbursable under the grant or is it considered match?</b>
<b>A.8</b>	<b>Yes</b>