



# Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Communities Challenge Phase II GFO-19-603 Pre-Application Workshop

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**GFO-19-603**  
**EV Ready Communities**  
**Phase II**  
**Pre-Application**  
**Workshop**

- Welcome/Housekeeping
  - Overview of Solicitation
  - Questions and Answers
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# Commitment to Diversity

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The Energy Commission adopted a resolution on April 8, 2015, to firmly commit to:

- Increase participation of women, minority, disabled veteran and LGBT business enterprises in program funding opportunities.
- Increase outreach and participation by disadvantaged communities.
- Increase diversity in participation at Energy Commission proceedings.
- Increase diversity in employment and promotional opportunities.



# Commitment to Diversity

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- **Fairness** – Increase funding accessibility to all Californians.
- **Inclusion** – Small businesses make up a significant portion of the U.S. economy.
- **Job Creation** – Projects can create jobs for residents of the underserved communities.
- **Diversity of Ideas** – Great ideas occur in a variety of areas.
- **Diversity in Communities' Needs** – Needs vary widely from one area to the next (air quality, socioeconomic, etc.).



# Find a Partner on EmpowerInnovation.net

Empower Innovation strives to accelerate your clean tech journey with easy access to funding opportunities from the CEC and other funding providers, curated resources and events, and connections to people and organizations.

## FIND A PARTNER

Announce your interest in this funding opportunity and message other interested parties to find potential partners.

## RESOURCES & TOOLS

Browse the collection of resources for clean tech innovators including Resource Libraries, Funding Sources, Tools, and Databases.

To connect with others for this GFO please go to this link:  
<https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/custom/funding/directory>

Please direct questions for the Empower Innovation platform to:  
[https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/contact\\_us](https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/contact_us)

# Housekeeping Items

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- Slides and webinar recording will be available here:  
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2020-08/gfo-19-603-electric-vehicle-ready-communities-phase-ii-blueprint>
- Solicitation updates provided through transportation, opportunity, and altfuels listservers
- You may type questions requiring immediate attention throughout the session
- Time allocated at end to address any questions



# Purpose of Solicitation

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- **Overall:** Challenge project teams to accelerate local/regional electrified transportation deployment with a holistic and futuristic view of regional transportation planning
  
- **Phase II:** Competitive grant solicitation to implement projects identified in Phase I - Blueprint Development, of the EV Ready Communities Challenge



# Key Dates

ACTIVITY	ACTION DATE
Solicitation Release	August 12, 2020
Pre-Application Workshop	August 24, 2020
<b><u>Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m. PST*</u></b>	<b><u>August 31, 2020</u></b>
Anticipated Distribution of Questions/Answers	September 14, 2020
<b><u>Deadline to Submit Applications by 5:00 p.m. PST*</u></b>	<b><u>October 2, 2020</u></b>
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Awards (NOPA) Posting	November 2020
Anticipated Energy Commission Business Meeting	January 2021



# Eligibility

- This solicitation is open to the entities that completed Phase I blueprints under GFO-17-604 within one year of their agreement start date. Only the following entities are eligible to apply:
  - City of Santa Clara
  - Contra Costa Transportation Authority
  - San Francisco Department of the Environment
  - Kern Council of Governments
  - Tierra Resource Consultants (Fresno)
  - City of Sacramento
  - City of Long Beach Harbor Department
  - County of Los Angeles
  - Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
- Applicants/Project groups are only eligible to submit one application under this solicitation



# Geographic Distribution of Funding

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**Bay Area includes:** City of Santa Clara, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and San Francisco Department of the Environment

**Central California includes:** Kern Council of Governments, Tierra Resource Consultants (Fresno), and City of Sacramento

**Southern California includes:** City of Long Beach Harbor Department, County of Los Angeles, and Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance



# Funding and Maximum Award Amounts

- \$7,500,000 available for awards under this solicitation

Project Group	Maximum Amount Per Award	Anticipated Number of Awards
Group 1: Bay Area	\$2,500,000	1
Group 2: Central California	\$2,500,000	1
Group 3: Southern California	\$2,500,000	1



# Match Funding

- Minimum Match Share: 25% of total allowable project costs (page 11)

Total Project Costs (Including CEC Award)	Maximum Request for CEC Funding	Minimum Match Share
\$3,300,000	\$2,475,000	\$825,000
\$3,333,334	\$2,500,000	\$833,334
\$3,400,000	\$2,500,000	\$900,000



# Phase II Project Requirements

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- Applicants will apply for implementation of actionable items identified in the Phase I- Blueprint developed under GFO-17-604
- Required to submit a new proposal
- Must propose projects located in the EV Ready Community associated with the Phase I – Blueprint Development region



# Phase II Project Requirements Cont.

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- Must identify which portion of blueprint to implement and indicate measureable outcomes
- Activities that the applicant plans to implement must be consistent with blueprint created in Phase I



# Example Implementation Activities

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- Electric Vehicle Charger Installations
- Secondary EV Market
- Ombudsman
- Permitting and Inspection Process
- Fleet Electrification Support
- E-Mobility Hubs
- Workforce Development



# Application Organization

Item	Attachment Number (if applicable)
Application Form	Attachment 1
Project Narrative	N/A
Scope of Work	Attachment 2
Schedule of Products and Due Dates	Attachment 4
Budget Forms	Attachment 5
Resumes	N/A
Contact List	Attachment 6
Letters of Support/Commitment	N/A
CEQA Worksheet	Attachment 7
Past Performance Reference Form	Attachment 10



# Past Performance

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- Provide references for grants received by the Applicant or team in the last 10 years, or for similar or related types of projects completed in the last 10 years
- References may be contacted by CEC staff
- Applicants should fill out a separate Past Performance Reference Form for each reference addressed



# Page Limitations

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- Project Narrative limited to 25 pages (excluding table of contents)
- Overall page limitations exclude:
  - Application Form
  - Resumes (limited to 2 pages each)
  - Scope of Work
  - Schedule of Products and Due Dates
  - Budget Forms
  - Contact List
  - Letters of Support/Commitment (limited to 2 pages each)
  - CEQA Worksheet
  - Past Performance Reference Form



# Application Delivery

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- **Electronic Submission only through the Grant Solicitation System**
  - <https://gss.energy.ca.gov/>
  - Allows applicants to submit documents electronically
  - Files must be in Microsoft Word and/or Excel formats
    - Completed Budget Forms, (Attachment 5), must be in Excel format
  - Attachments requiring signatures may be scanned and submitted in PDF format



# Grant Solicitation System (GSS)

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- GSS Help Page-PDF:  
[https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-09/Grant\\_Solicitation\\_System\\_Help.pdf](https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-09/Grant_Solicitation_System_Help.pdf)
- How to Apply (YouTube Video):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxrdS3KHSAA&feature=youtu.be>
- How to Apply (PowerPoint):  
[https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-05/GSS\\_How\\_to\\_Apply.pptx](https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-05/GSS_How_to_Apply.pptx)



# Confidentiality

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- All materials submitted will be treated as confidential until the NOPA is posted
- All materials submitted will be treated as non-confidential after the NOPA is posted
- **Do not submit any confidential information as part of your application**



# Screening Criteria

## ADMINISTRATIVE SCREENING CRITERIA

- 1 Application is received by Contracts, Grants and Loans Office by due date and time.
- 2 Applicant provides the required authorizations and certifications.
- 3 Applicant has not included a statement that is contrary to the required authorizations and certifications.

**Applications must pass all screening criteria to be eligible.**



# Screening Criteria

## TECHNICAL SCREENING CRITERIA

- 1 The Applicant is an Eligible Applicant.
- 2 The project is an Eligible Project.
- 3 The project meets the minimum match share requirement, if any.
- 4 The Applicant passes the past performance screening criteria.

\*Refer to eligibility requirements pages 9-14 of solicitation manual

**Applications must pass all screening criteria to be eligible.**



# Evaluation Criteria

	Criterion	Possible Points
1	Implementation Strategy	50
2	Team Qualifications and Experience	10
3	Project Budget	10
4	Project Community Benefits - Disadvantaged Communities, Low - Income Communities, California Native American Tribes, and Furthering Environmental Justice	20
5	Local Government Participation	10

**Minimum Passing Score: 70% (70 points)**



# EV Ready Communities Phase II- Implementation

Application Submission Due Date  
**October 2, 2020**

Anticipated Posting of Notice of Proposed  
Awards  
**November 2020**

# Questions and Answers

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- Please introduce yourself by stating your name and affiliation
- Note that our official responses will be posted on the GFO website:  
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2020-08/gfo-19-603-electric-vehicle-ready-communities-phase-ii-blueprint>





# Questions?

Please send all solicitation related questions/comments to:

**Brad Worster, Commission  
Agreement Officer**

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Thank You

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