**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Local Government Building Decarbonization Challenge**

**GFO-23-403**

**August 9, 2024**

On March 15, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund eligible projects for local governments that include at least one of the following eligible project activities:

* Community building decarbonization planning.
* Municipal building decarbonization planning.
* Advancing municipal operations to support building decarbonization.
* Developing local codes, ordinances, and voluntary decarbonization measures.
* Building decarbonization related workforce development activities.

Up to $4,070,070 in United States Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program funding is available to fund applications for this solicitation. Grant awards will prioritize rural, low-income, and disadvantaged communities.

The CEC received six proposals by the due date, May 20, 2024. The CEC reopened the solicitation on May 22, 2024, and received the same six proposals by the due date, June 12, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. All proposals passed stage one application screening.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $2,800,000.

Funding of proposed projects from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the CEC is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an applicant, the CEC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or otherwise modify the pending award, and award the funds to another applicant.

In addition, the CEC reserves the right to: 1) add to, remove, or shift funding between the different groups if there are insufficient passing proposals in one group; and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-23-403 will be posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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