Community Grants

July 9, 2020
Agenda

1. 2018 context & recap
2. New 2020 round considerations
3. Brainstorm & feedback
4. Next steps
2018 Community Pilots

Recap
• Solicitation for projects to reduce GHGs and provide community benefits
• 37 applications, 6 projects selected for $75k each ($450k total)

Approach & rationale
• Broad and open-ended solicitation aimed to surface opportunity for program design, partnerships and community needs
• Potential seeding of future programs
• Selected mix of sector focus (EV, building, resiliency)

Outcomes
• Identified 2 pilots to scale into continue as programs: ARCA refrigerator program & Build it Green “Healthy Homes” low income program
• Learned a lot on retrofitting buildings (Ardenna, BIG) and resiliency planning (Interfaith Power & Light)
Current Context & Considerations

• Have more programs now
• Still an opportunity to learn more – surface new ideas
• Could make the solicitation more focused
• Innovation Program planned as separate
• COVID/recession has created enormous community needs
2020 Potential Approach

• Considered few focal options:
  a) Community needs as response to COVID/recession
  b) Load shaping strategies
  c) Low income resident benefits
  d) Building innovation solutions

• Recommend: Community needs as response to COVID/recession

• Still require energy tie in

• Develop an evaluation criteria that is weighted

• Possible budget: $450k or more
Possible Eligible Concepts & Feedback

Possible eligible concepts

• Food bank refrigeration upgrades
• Electrified mobility options for service workers
• Cooling for low-income seniors
• Farmworker barrack electrical upgrades

Brainstorm/feedback

• What needs in the community might we be able to help address?
• What kind of things should we be looking for?
• Any thoughts or feedback?
Rough timeline

1. CAC feedback - July 18
2. Plan refinement
3. **Board update & approval** – August 27
4. Release RFP – September
5. Close RFP – October
6. Evaluation committee* select awardees – October/November
7. Selected projects begin – November

*Evaluation committee to include 6-8 PCE staff plus 2 CAC members
Next steps

- Select 2-3 CAC members to participate in evaluation team