



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

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