

PROGRAMS FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

Peninsula Clean Energy deploys programs to meet the needs of the most vulnerable groups within our community in addition to programs aimed at reducing carbon emissions and providing savings on electric vehicles and home upgrades. In light of public safety power shutoffs and the pandemic-induced economic hardship, these programs have been especially important in our community.

Portable backup batteries for medical devices

The Power On Peninsula program provides free Yeti 3000X portable batteries to residents with medical devices who live in areas vulnerable to power shutoffs or high fire threat districts in San Mateo County. Compatible portable solar panels were provided for some residents to recharge their battery in the case of multi-day outages. Our program partners helped eligible residents to enroll in the medical baseline rate program.

"I rely on my CPAP machine to, quite literally, keep me alive. I had been very fearful of power outages, especially since I did not have the funds or knowledge to purchase a backup generator. The battery you provided was such a gift! Thank you so very, very much!"

Susan L. Blackman, Half Moon Bay

Low-income bill credit

To provide bill relief to low-income customers who struggled during the pandemic and shelter-in-place, Peninsula Clean Energy quickly implemented this \$3.6M program in April 2020 to provide an automatic \$100 bill credit to the 36,000 customers on CARE and FERA rate plans.

"You will never know how much I appreciate and welcome your generosity. This virus has caused so much heartache, chaos and unemployment including my own. One less bill to worry about makes a tremendous difference."

Linda White, San Bruno

Small business bill credit

To help small businesses impacted by the economic downturn during the pandemic, this \$1.55M program provided \$250 bill credits for up to 6,000 qualifying small businesses and a \$50,000 donation for small business support by the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center.

"Thank you...We really appreciate the assistance and support...We are grateful to be a part of the Peninsula community."

Kathleen Wong, Bay Watch

Used EV rebates

The Drive Forward Electric program offers up to \$4,000 in rebates for income-qualifying San Mateo County residents to purchase a used electric vehicle. Rebates can be stacked with regional and state programs.

"I am really grateful for the program because without the program I honestly wouldn't be able to purchase this wonderful vehicle that I now have."

Ana Barajas Santiago, San Mateo

Low-income home upgrades

The low-income home upgrade and electrification program offers up to \$8,000 for home repairs, energy efficiency, and electrification measures.

"I'm very appreciative, you don't know how much. I talked with the workers and they seemed to like what they do - helping people."

Florence Jordan, East Palo Alto

Outreach grants

Our 2021 outreach grant program provides over \$316K in grants to San Mateo County community organizations to increase outreach, particularly to low-income and other disadvantaged communities, regarding bill savings and other benefits of clean power programs, with an emphasis on outreach in Spanish.

"We really enjoy working with your team and are grateful to have this financial support for outreach and education to the Coastsiders community."

Sandra Winters, Senior Coastsiders