



## **2021 Community Outreach Grant Call for Applications**

### **Q&A Responses**

*Peninsula Clean Energy is the community-led electricity provider for San Mateo County and, beginning in 2022, the City of Los Banos.*

**Applications are due October 15, 2021**

Question	Answer
<p>Can you please explain “Goal 11. Climate Action Planning”?</p>	<p>Page 2 of the Call for Applications states that the goal of climate action planning is to “actively engage community members in climate change planning and empowering them to take action.”</p> <p>Organizations who meet this goal will advance public education around local climate action goals in San Mateo County or in the City of Los Banos. Another desired outcome is that community members are empowered to take actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or prepare for the impacts of climate change, especially in vulnerable communities. Relevant actions may include participation in Peninsula Clean Energy’s programs.</p>
<p>Do you know if the County of San Mateo or specific cities will undertake climate action planning in 2022? Or is Peninsula Clean Energy initiating a planning process next year which grantees will promote?</p>	<p>One of Peninsula Clean Energy’s organizational priorities is to contribute to San Mateo County reaching the state’s goal to be 100% greenhouse gas-free by 2045. Peninsula Clean Energy supports local jurisdictions with achieving their climate action goals. Please check with local jurisdictions on their timelines for climate action planning.</p>
<p>If we plan to apply for grants for multiple projects, what kind of projects can we apply for?</p>	<p>Rather than defining specific projects and activities, Peninsula Clean Energy has developed goals for outreach grants, which are outlined on pages 2-3 of the Call for Applications.</p> <p>Applications will be evaluated based on how well the projects address the grant program goals. See page 4 for Grant Selection Criteria. All projects should advance general outreach and education about Peninsula Clean Energy (goals 1 and 2). Applicants can pick which additional goals best align with their organization’s services.</p>

<p>Would outreach in San Mateo County and the City of Los Banos count as two separate projects?</p>	<p>Page 2 of the Call for Applications states, “Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$40,000 per outreach project for work to be completed within one year. Organizations may apply for funding for more than one project.”</p> <p>Organizations who are interested in conducting outreach in both San Mateo County and the City of Los Banos may choose to apply for a single project or more than one project. Peninsula Clean Energy invites organizations to apply for multiple projects if each individual project can effectively address the Grant Selection Criteria outlined on page 4. Otherwise, we recommend combining outreach to audiences in San Mateo County and the City of Los Banos under a single project and grant application.</p>
<p>Can you provide more information on Peninsula Clean Energy’s expansion to the City of Los Banos?</p>	<p>Basic information about the Los Banos enrollment can be found on our website at <a href="https://PenCleanEnergy.com/los-banos">PenCleanEnergy.com/los-banos</a>. Peninsula Clean Energy will invite residents of Los Banos to participate in our programs—the same program offers currently available to San Mateo County residents—once they are formally enrolled as customers in the spring of 2022.</p>
<p>Are organizations that are current or past recipients of Peninsula Clean Energy grants eligible to apply for this round of outreach grants?</p>	<p>Yes, Peninsula Clean Energy invites current or past grant recipients to apply for the 2021-22 cycle if they also meet the Eligibility Criteria on Page 1 of the Call for Applications.</p>