

SUBJECT:	CalIBIS, OPA & CPBS PROGRAM UPDATE FORM
DATE PERIOD:	April 2024

GOBIZ & OTHER AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALOSBA – CAPITAL READINESS PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT	<p>California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) announced participants in their new Technical Assistance for Capital Readiness Program.</p> <p>Funding for this \$25.3 million program comes from the U.S. Treasury's State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), which was created by the U.S. Congress in 2010 and reauthorized through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The SSBCI is designed to spur investment in businesses with 1-9 employees, small manufacturing companies, and businesses operated by owners from underserved communities.</p> <p>This program will help underserved small business owners by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding them through the loan application process, spurring the approval of an estimated 40,000 new business loans over the next five years • Building legal, accounting, and financial management skills to access the capital needed to get started and scale • Increasing awareness of state-backed capital support programs <p>Additionally, it will support the deployment of \$1.1 billion in federal funding separately approved for capital support programs from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) and the California Pollution Control Financing Authority. Lenders across the state are expected to leverage the \$1.1 billion in funding for existing capital support programs into \$18 billion in new loans for small businesses over the next five years.</p> <p>Learn more about the launch of this new program here.</p>
CA DEPT OF TECHNOLOGY - BROADBAND UPDATE	<p>The California Department of Technology's (CDT) Broadband Update provides the latest information on the implementation of the State's Broadband Action Plan, Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI), and other digital equity and inclusion activities collectively known as Broadband for All.</p> <p>The second 2024 California Broadband Council meeting will occur on Tuesday, April 23, from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The CDT, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) will provide updates on the Broadband for All Action Plan implementation, the Middle and Last Mile programs, the Statewide Broadband Adoption and Affordable Connectivity program mobilization effort, and the State Digital Equity Plan and BEAD program</p> <p>The meeting will be in person at California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), Byron Sher Auditorium (1001 I St., Sacramento, CA) and virtually via Zoom. For more information, click here.</p>
PROPOSED BUDGET	<p>Governor Gavin Newsom introduced his 2024-25 state budget proposal. The proposal closes a \$37.86 billion shortfall while protecting key</p>

	<p>investments in education, public safety, addressing homelessness, mental health care reform, and climate action. Historic reserves and responsible budgeting over past budget cycles enable the state to maintain fiscal stability amid fluctuation in revenues.</p> <p>To watch a recording of the Governor's 2024-25 State Budget Proposal press conference please visit the following link.</p> <p>Budget summaries are available at: https://ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2024-25/#/BudgetSummary</p> <p>Announcement link</p> <p>CalBIS/CPBS Budget Summary Highlights</p>
CALCOMPETES TAX CREDIT & GRANT PROGRAMS	<p><u>Cal Competes Tax Credit & Grant Program</u></p> <p>Committee Meetings: The California Competes Tax Credit Committee meetings will be held on the following dates:</p> <p>2. April 25, 2024 (for January round) - agenda</p> <p>3. June 13, 2024 (for March round)</p> <p>California Tax Credit Program (flyer in link)</p> <p>The California Competes Tax Credit is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to locate or stay and grow in California. A total of \$492,129,004 in California Competes Tax Credit is available for allocation in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.</p> <p>California Competes Tax Credit FAQ Recorded Webinar</p>
HVIP (CLEAN TRUCK AND BUS VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROJECT)	<p>HVIP (Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project) has been updated!</p> <p>Small fleets are now defined as public fleets with 20 or fewer medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) vehicles or private fleets with 20 or fewer MHD vehicles and less than \$15 million in annual revenue.</p> <p>Voucher amounts for small fleets are now double what they were previously. HVIP is currently open for all vehicle types. Individual owner-operators, small businesses, corporate leaders, school districts, and municipal fleets are all eligible: https://californiahvip.org/funding/</p> <p>Note: CARB is looking to increase outreach to fleets about incentives and regulations. They're organizing a series of educational events in May. Info is not posted to the site yet, but will be soon! https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/truckstop-resources/zev-truckstop/training-events</p>

STATE BUSINESS & WORKFORCE INCENTIVE UPDATES

CEC - CALSTART POWER FORWARD ZEV BATTERY MFG GRANT - UPDATE

A battery manufacturing grant funding opportunity called PowerForward is under development.

CALSTART team posted the application details for the PowerForward battery manufacturing grant funding opportunity at:

<https://www.powerforwardgrant.org/index.html>. There's a pre-application scheduled on 04/19/24 at 10 AM where prospective applicants can ask questions about the material.

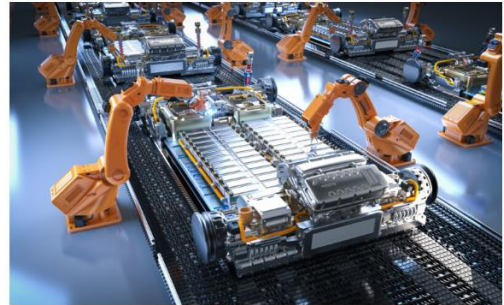
The manual will be posted at <https://calstart.org/powerforward> where you can sign up for e-mail notices for the manual and workshop.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CALSTART, with support from New Energy Nexus (NEX), manages the PowerForward – Battery Manufacturing Grant Program, funded by the California Energy Commission (CEC). PowerForward is California's market-accelerating, \$25 million grant program designed to:

- Attract and retain zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) battery manufacturing in California
- Directly and indirectly create high-quality jobs
- Create positive economic impacts that benefit local communities and priority populations
- Contribute to California's goal of zero-emission transportation

For general program information, please reach out to powerforward@calstart.org.



<https://calstart.org/powerforward/>

CEC - CalSEED

CalSEED supports early-stage entrepreneurs in delivering projects that respond to clean energy, efficiency, or storage needs while considering equity of access and benefit, ensuring these technologies are working to serve California's most vulnerable populations. As the first step in California's innovation pipeline, the program incubates energy concepts and readies them for investment and deployment by providing:

Targeted professional development services including mentorship with seasoned professionals, legal counsel, expert guidance, and training to support technology refinements, market development, and commercialization.

Direct, non-dilutive grant-based funding to advance clean energy innovations to commercialization (\$150K for Concept Awards, and a \$450K Prototype Award to winners of the annual Business Plan Competition).

Access to key accelerator and incubator programs and test facilities. Enhanced access to private capital.

Application Deadline: April 15 – 28, 2024

<https://calseed.fund/the-program/>

CEC GFO-23-607 – TRIBAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING, AND WORKFORCE

The purpose of this solicitation is to provide funding for Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Tribally-owned businesses for: EV Charging Infrastructure, EV Infrastructure Planning, EV Workforce Training and Development.

Project Activity 1 – EV Charging Infrastructure: installing charging infrastructure for passenger and medium- and heavy-duty (MDHD) EV

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	<p>charging equipment, supporting infrastructure, and associated resiliency technologies.</p> <p>Project Activity 2 – EV Infrastructure Planning: activities to support tribal participation in future EV funding opportunities and to enable tribes to plan for EV adoption.</p> <p>Project Activity 3 – EV Workforce Training and Development: activities that support careers in EVs, EV infrastructure, and EV-related technologies.</p> <p>Application Deadline: April 24, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
CEC GFO-23-305 – FOOD PRODUCTION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FPIP) 2024	<p>The program's goals are to accelerate the adoption of advanced energy efficiency, decarbonization, renewable energy technologies, and to support the electrical grid reliability. The technologies to be funded by this Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) will help reduce energy costs, maintain product quantity and quality, and reduce GHG emissions associated with food production.</p> <p>FPIP will assist California food producers in achieving the following:</p> <p>Energy Efficiency: Support the adoption of commercially available ("drop-in ready") and emerging energy-efficient equipment upgrades that are replacements or additions to existing equipment or processes that provide greater GHG emission and energy reductions than current best practices or industry-standard equipment.</p> <p>Grid Reliability: Support the adoption of commercially available and emerging technologies needed to support grid reliability, especially during net peak periods.</p> <p>If an applicant submits multiple applications, each application must be for a distinct project (i.e., no overlap with respect to the tasks described in the Scope of Work).</p> <p>Application Deadline: April 26th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
ENERGIIZE	<p>EnergIIZE provides reimbursement style grants to infrastructure projects in California that deploy ZEV charging/refueling in support of Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty (MDHD) commercial fleets (class 2b-8).</p> <p>There are three solicitations to notate:</p> <p>Drayage and Transit Set-Asides - Opens 9 A.M. PT April 30, 2024. From April 8, 2024, to April 29, 2024, applicants may create a test application at either the Drayage Demo Sandbox or the Transit Demo Sandbox.</p>

	<p>Public School Bus Set-Aside (infrastructure) - Open 9:00 a.m. PT November 29, 2023 – March 28, 2024</p> <p>Hydrogen - Open 9:00 a.m. PT April 17, 2024 - 5 p.m. PT May 1, 2024. Solicitation is for commercial fleet users or station owners who seek to deploy hydrogen refueling infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty (MD/HD) hydrogen fuel cell vehicles may be eligible.</p> <p>See link here: https://calstart3.my.site.com/apply/s/ Energiize website: https://energiize.org/</p>
CEC GFO-23-311 – ADVANCING PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT IN CALIFORNIA	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to fund applied research to increase California's hydropower generation through precipitation enhancement (cloud seeding). Research funded by this solicitation will foster cost-effective, robust approaches to manage anticipated needs for zero-carbon, fast-ramping resources in the context of a rapidly evolving energy system and climate change.</p> <p>Application Deadline: May 3rd, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
CEC GFO-23-402 – GEOTHERMAL GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to award grants to fund projects focused on geothermal energy and lithium recovery from geothermal brine that support local jurisdictions and private entities to advance the geothermal sector and related activities per Public Resource Code (PRC) Sections 3800-3827 and California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 1660-1665.</p> <p>This solicitation will be conducted as a two-phase process. Phase one is for local jurisdictions that want to compete for technical assistance funds to develop and prepare the full proposal for this solicitation. Phase one applicants need to complete a 1) Technical Assistance Application Form, 2) Technical Assistance Project Summary, and 3) Technical Assistance Scope of Work. Phase two is for local jurisdictions and private entities to submit the full proposal, as indicated in Section I E. (Key Activities Schedule) of this solicitation.</p> <p>Application Deadline: May 3rd, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
CEC GFO-23-308 – DC HVAC NANOGRID MODULE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to develop and demonstrate the impact of a DC-powered HVAC heat pump in a self-contained module that includes solar PV and energy storage, also known as a DC HVAC nanogrid module, in residential and commercial settings.</p> <p>This solicitation aims to reduce building dependency on grid electricity, increase energy efficiency of HVAC equipment operating on DC power, decrease burdens – and enhance access – to solar and heat pump</p>

	<p>adoption, and create business and manufacturing opportunities for those who develop DC HVAC nanogrid modules.</p> <p>Application Deadline: May 15th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant guidelines • Online application
CEC - GFO-23-310 – NON-ENERGY IMPACTS AND PROCESS EVALUATION OF INTEGRATED ENERGY RETROFIT PACKAGES IN CALIFORNIA'S RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to fund an applied research and development project that will support research to assess the impact of consolidated packages of electrified retrofit measures on air quality and other related impact categories, including resilience to extreme heat, indoor comfort, and energy and cost savings in California homes.</p> <p>Application Deadline: May 31st, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
CEC GFO-23-313 – DEPLOYMENT OF DECARBONIZATION TECHNOLOGIES AND STRATEGIES FOR CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES (INDIGO PROGRAM)	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to deploy advanced decarbonization and/or grid support technologies at California industrial facilities to promote electrification and reduce GHG emissions produced from the industrial sector.</p> <p>Applications are open to existing industrial facilities located in California and to utilities, equipment manufacturers, energy service providers, aggregators, and developers who are implementing cutting-edge, emerging technologies in California industries. The applicant may include multiple industrial facilities located in California in one application.</p> <p>Food and beverage industries and related support facilities that are receiving funding for the same project, or portions of the same project, from the CEC's Food Production Investment Program (FPIP) are ineligible for funding from the INDIGO Program or to use funds received from FPIP as match funds</p> <p>Application Deadline: June 3rd, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
CEC - GFO-23-307 – LARGE-SCALE CENTRALIZED CLEAN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION (H2CENTRAL)	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to fund projects that advance the demonstration and deployment of clean hydrogen production, storage, delivery, and end use in California.</p> <p>Hydrogen can serve as a zero-carbon energy carrier and act as a potential replacement for fossil fuels in hard-to-electrify applications, particularly for the transportation, industrial, and electricity generation sectors. For the purposes of this solicitation, clean hydrogen is defined as hydrogen produced from water using eligible renewable energy resources, as defined in Public Utilities Code 399.12, or produced from these eligible renewable energy resources.</p>

	<p>Expected outcomes include the development and deployment of low-carbon, cost-competitive hydrogen production from renewable energy sources and reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in hard-to-electrify sectors.</p> <p>Application Deadline: June 3rd, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
<p>CEC - GFO-23-503 – FEASIBILITY OF UNDERGROUND HYDROGEN STORAGE IN CALIFORNIA</p>	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to fund a project that will evaluate the feasibility of using existing underground gas storage facilities to store clean renewable hydrogen in California.</p> <p>This project will develop technical and economic assessments of storing and retrieving hydrogen blends and/or pure hydrogen as well as California-specific decision-making tools, risk mitigation strategies, market and policy recommendations, and community engagement approaches related to those facilities.</p> <p>Application Deadline: June 28th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
<p>CEC GFO-23-309 – VIRTUAL POWER PLANT APPROACHES FOR DEMAND FLEXIBILITY (VPP-FLEX)</p>	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to fund demonstrations of community-based virtual power plant (VPP) approaches and demonstrations of innovative energy management systems (EMS) in commercial buildings with the goal of increasing demand flexibility.</p> <p>Projects will be funded in two groups.</p> <p>Group 1: Virtual Power Plants: Demonstrations that showcase community-based demand flexibility programs as a long-term (10 or more years) grid resource. Project teams must partner with local governments or non-profits to facilitate customer participation and smart device installations. Projects must evaluate the benefits and cost-effectiveness of community-based VPP approaches that use state-of-the-art DER management software (DERMS).</p> <p>Group 2: Commercial Building Energy Management in Low-Income or Disadvantaged Communities: Demonstrations of innovative EMS in commercial buildings focused on specific characteristics such as interoperability and adherence to open-source standards. Demonstrations require participation in electric investor-owned utility (IOU) or third-party DR programs and partnerships with device and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). These projects must showcase the latest advancements in energy management in the commercial sector and ensure technology adaptability, efficiency, and collaboration within the broader energy landscape.</p>

	<p>Application Deadline: July 1st, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
<p>CEC GFO-23-502 – INDUSTRIAL CARBON DIOXIDE UTILIZATION FOR VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS</p>	<p>Current CO2 utilization technologies are at an early stage of development and bear technical, economic, and market uncertainty. The carbon footprint associated with the energy consumption required to convert CO2 into value-added products prevents large-scale deployment of these technologies. The purpose of this solicitation is to improve the energy efficiency of innovative approaches and processes for manufacturing commodities using CO2 captured from industrial operations burning fossil gas. The goal is to decarbonize difficult-to-abate industrial fossil gas use via carbon dioxide utilization to create value-added products.</p> <p>Application Deadline: August 7th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
<p>CARB - VW COMBUSTION FREIGHT AND MARINE PROGRAM</p>	<p>Funding is now available statewide from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Program (VW Program) for the Combustion Freight and Marine Projects (Combustion Freight and Marine) and ZeroEmission Class 8 Freight and Port Drayage Trucks (Zero-Emission Class 8 Trucks) categories.</p> <p>The VW Program provides incentive funds on a first-come, first-served basis to vehicle/equipment owners operating in California to replace or repower their vehicle/equipment with the cleanest commercially available combustion or zero-emission technologies. This solicitation will prioritize funding for marine and rail projects for the Combustion Freight and Marine category.</p> <p>The program remain open until funding is exhausted. It is first-come, first-serve. Both public and private entities that own and operate eligible equipment anywhere in California may apply. Equipment includes switcher locomotives, class 7-8 trucks, ferries, and more.</p> <p>https://xappprod.aqmd.gov/vw/combustion.html</p>
<p>CDLAC – 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE & APPLICATION DUE DATES</p>	<p>The California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) has allocated \$60 million for Industrial Development Bonds (IDBs). They have posted an initial calendar on their website. See link here: https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cdlac/meeting/2024/2024-schedule.pdf</p> <p>Applicants will have the opportunity to submit their CDLAC application based on their calendar and set deadlines. Applicants need their finance team (bond counsel, lender) confirmed prior to submitting application to CDLAC and IBank.</p>

Qualified Residential Rental Projects (QRRP) Application Deadline	Exempt Facility (EXF) & Industrial Development Bond (IDB) Application Deadline	2024 Committee Meeting Dates/Times*	Proposed Rounds and Topics**
		January 17, 2024 1 p.m.	Agenda Items
	April 2, 2024	May 15, 2024 1 p.m.	EXF/IDB Round 1
April 23, 2024	June 25, 2024	August 7, 2024 9 a.m.	QRRP Round 1 EXF/IDB Round 2
	August 20, 2024	October 2, 2024 9 a.m.	EXF/IDB Round 3
August 27, 2024		December 11, 2024	QRRP Round 2

**Meeting dates and times are subject to change with public notice. Topics listed are not necessarily the only topics to be discussed at the meetings. Topics will be posted in the agenda found on the [CDLAC Website Meeting Page](#) 10 days prior to the meeting date.

STATE COMMUNITY PROGRAM UPDATES

CEC - COMMUNITIES IN CHARGE PROGRAM	<p>Communities in Charge is California's market-accelerating, light-duty electric vehicle (EV) charging incentive project funded by the California Energy Commission's Clean Transportation Program, implemented by CALSTART, and supported in partnership with GRID Alternatives and Tetra Tech. Communities in Charge is designed to transform EV accessibility, rapidly catalyze new markets, and swiftly deploy Level 2 EV charging stations.</p> <p>The Communities in Charge Program will re-open in Q2 2024 with Funding Wave 3. This program funds level 2 EV charging with an emphasis on community locations like schools, healthcare facilities, multifamily housing, nonprofits, workplace charging, Tribally owned property, and more.</p> <p>The pre-application webinar is April 24, 10:00 – 12:00.</p>
CPUC - CLEAN ENERGY ACCESS GRANT ACCOUNT	<p>The Clean Energy Access Grant Account will award grants to CBOs & Tribal organizations to help facilitate access to & the adoption of clean energy programs in their respective communities. The CEA Grant Account will provide funding to develop equity initiatives & clean energy access opportunities that complement other CPUC programs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microgrid Incentive Program (MIP)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) • Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) Initiative <p>Application Deadline: April 30th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
HCD - HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) – TRIBAL APPLICANTS	<p>The HOME program provides loans for multi-family rental new construction and rehabilitation projects with or without acquisition, first time home buyer projects (newly constructed homes sold to income eligible families) and grants to state recipients (cities, counties, and federally recognized tribes to operate first-time home buyer down payment assistance, owner-occupied rehabilitation, and/ or tenant-based rental assistance programs.</p> <p>Application Deadline: May 9th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
GFO-23-702 – CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY PLANNING PROGRAM (FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED)	<p>The California Energy Commission's Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division announces California Clean Energy Planning Program (CCEPP) and the availability of up to \$1,550,000 in grant funds for this first-come, first-served grant solicitation.</p> <p>This solicitation has two purposes:</p> <p>1) make \$1,050,000 available to California Native American tribes for clean energy future planning as well as to better enable their participation in statewide clean energy and energy infrastructure planning activities and</p> <p>2) make \$500,000 available to local government entities to develop new or updated land use planning documents that support and advance the development of clean energy in their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Application Deadline: June 3rd, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
CPUC - CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND: BROADBAND PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOUNT – JULY 2024 CYCLE	<p>The basis of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Public Housing Account is to provide grants and loans to finance projects to build broadband networks offering free broadband service for residents of low-income communities.</p> <p>Application Deadline: July 1st, 2024</p>

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CPUC - CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND: BROADBAND ADOPTION ACCOUNT – JULY 2024 CYCLE	<p>The California Advanced Services Fund Broadband Adoption Account provides grants that will increase publicly available or after-school broadband access and digital inclusion, such as grants for digital literacy training programs and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption.</p> <p>Application Deadline: July 1st, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines
GFO-23-312 – COMMUNITY ENERGY RELIABILITY AND RESILIENCE INVESTMENT (CERRI) PROGRAM	<p>California has experienced increased electrical system outages caused by climate-related events such as increased wildfires, heat waves, and storms, or through public safety power shutoffs (PSPS). These events, as well as aging infrastructure, threaten grid reliability, public health and safety, economic prosperity, communities, and ecosystems. They also pose disproportionate consequences for the most vulnerable populations in both rural and urban areas.</p> <p>The intent of this solicitation is to invest in projects that increase the electric reliability and resiliency of communities in California by reducing outage frequency, duration, magnitude, and associated community impacts, while bolstering California's workforce and promoting equity.</p> <p>The CERRI Program is designed to prioritize projects that will generate the greatest community benefit by reducing the likelihood and consequences of electrical system outages. As such, projects that are close to shovel-ready, have initiated the environmental review process, or leverage otherwise stranded assets or existing infrastructure will be scored favorably based on criteria listed in Section IV.F. The objectives are oriented around four main themes outlined below. These themes are not listed in rank order.</p> <p>Application Deadline: July 12th, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Grants Portal • Grant guidelines • Online application
CEC - CALIFORNIA AUTOMATED PERMIT PROCESSING PROGRAM	<p>The purpose of this solicitation is to provide funding for California cities, counties, or cities and counties, to establish online, automated solar permitting.</p> <p>Funding through CalAPP is available to all incorporated cities, counties, or cities and counties to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits in real time for a solar energy system.</p>

	<p>To meet its clean energy goals, California needs new renewable and storage resources, including rooftop solar and storage projects. Per the 2021 Senate Bill 100 Joint Agency Report, achieving 100% clean electricity in California requires an acceleration of the development of rooftop solar projects. CalAPP funding is intended to encourage cities and counties to further enhance permitting processes and accelerate processing and turnaround time, particularly regarding plan review. Overall, funding is intended to promote the development of residential solar and solar-plus-storage systems, greatly decreasing approval times, cutting permitting costs for local governments and homeowners, and helping California meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals through an easier installation process.</p> <p>Total Funding: \$19,000,000</p> <p>Deadline: Ongoing</p> <p>Link to program</p>
CA COASTAL CONSERVANCY – EXPLORE THE COAST OVERNIGHT	<p>The Explore the Coast Overnight Program aims to create more opportunities for all Californians to stay overnight at the coast through the expansion or construction of hotels, motels, hostels, campgrounds, RV campgrounds, cabins, yurts, dorm rooms, and others.</p> <p>The goals of the Explore the Coast Overnight Program include:</p> <p>Helping improve existing and develop new lower-cost coastal accommodations; Ensuring that new or renovated coastal accommodation projects are available to all Californians, in particular low and middle-income Californians and organizations that serve under-resourced communities; Supporting innovative pilot projects; Creating and preserving a variety of lower-cost coastal accommodations; and Maintaining and increasing the stock of lower-cost coastal accommodations along the California coast.</p> <p>Deadline: Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Guidelines • State Grants Portal
CALFIRE - CALIFORNIA FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	<p>The purpose of the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) is to encourage private and public investment in, and improved management of, California forest lands and resources, to ensure adequate high quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits, and the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest resource system for the benefit of present and future generations.</p> <p>The program scope includes the improvement of all forest resources including fish and wildlife habitat, and soil and water quality. Cost-share assistance is provided to private and public ownerships containing 20 to 5,000 acres of forest land.</p> <p>Deadline: Ongoing</p>

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FEDERAL PROGRAM UPDATES

USDOT – MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	<p>U.S. Department of Transportation has a \$5 billion grant opportunity available for large-scale surface transportation projects (i.e., highways, bridges, rail, public transport, freight projects, etc.) They're accepting applications now until May 6th. This may be a good opportunity to share with local municipalities in your region, especially transportation planning organizations</p> <p>USDOT opens \$5B in funding for Multimodal Project Discretionary Grants (Mega, INFRA, and Rural) (substack.com)</p>
NSF – REGIONAL INNOVATION ENGINES	<p>Pending congressional appropriations, The U.S. National Science Foundation announced a funding opportunity to invest in a new set of NSF Regional Innovation Engines (NSF Engines) across the U.S. In January, NSF announced the 10 inaugural NSF Engines, and the latest opportunity looks to build upon that investment, pending congressional appropriations.</p> <p>This latest funding opportunity advances the bipartisan priorities outlined in the "CHIPS and Science Act of 2022," which authorized the NSF Engines program.</p> <p>More information can be found here: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNSF/bulletins/3969520</p>