



Community Benefits Grant: Informational Webinar

October 16,
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Agenda

- OCPA and Calpine Community Energy Introduction
- Community Benefits Program Overview
- Grant Reporting Requirements
- Q & A

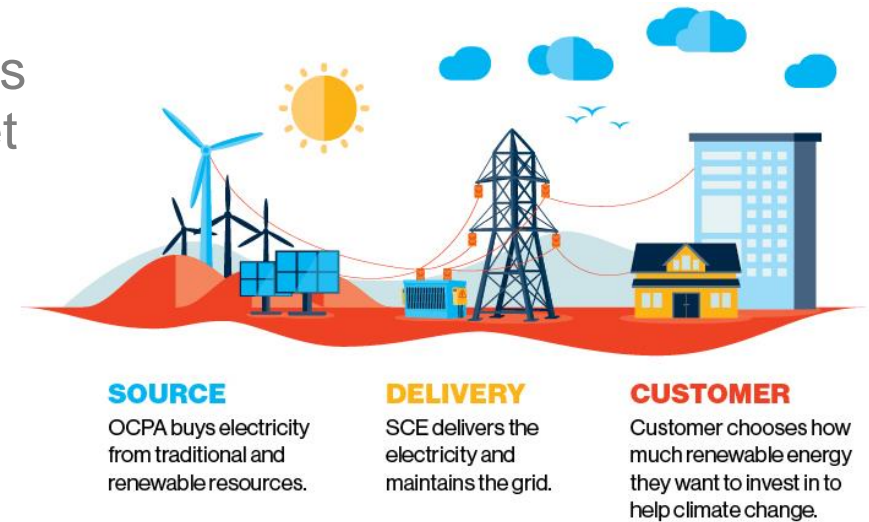
Who is Calpine Community Energy?

- Calpine Community Energy is a San Diego-based organization founded to support customer choice in energy
- Helped launch California's first Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program in 2010.
- Committed to re-investing into the communities and partners that we support



About Orange County Power Authority

- Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) is part of a growing movement in California; **one of 25 Community Choice Aggregation** (CCA) programs.
- CCAs enable local control over how and where electricity is purchased, bringing **choice and competition** to the market where there was none before.
- A CCA's core function is to **source renewable energy** on behalf of its customers and provide it at competitive rates.
- OCPA's mission is to **lead the transition to clean power for Orange County**.
- As a **not-for-profit organization**, OCPA reinvests revenue back into the communities it serves through energy efficiency programs, community-based organization support, and grant funding.



Calpine Community Benefits Grant

- The Community Benefits Grant provides funding to organizations that help advance clean energy, sustainability, and resiliency
- Eligible organizations must be IRS-designated 501(c)3 nonprofit(s)
- Funding can be used for a specific project, program, or general operations
- Calpine Community Energy awards funds and collaborates with OCPA on the grant guidelines and to promote the program
- Both organizations work together on application assessment

Criteria

Impact and visibility within OCPA's territory and advancement of clean energy, sustainability, and resiliency

Alignment with 1 or more priority focus areas:

- Research
- Environmental and Social Justice Communities*
- Workforce Development
- Education
- Other



Community Benefits Grant Application

Only 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible. Funding for political action committees, trade associations, government entities, and political candidates is prohibited.

All applications must include the following:

- Organization's Description and Mission (500-word max)
- Cities/Counties the proposed project/funding will support
- Funding Level requested
- Funding Category(s)
- Proposal (1000-word maximum)
- Budget

Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for a one-year grant term (final award amounts will be made by the review committee).

Application Evaluation

The Community Benefits Grant provides funding to organizations that help advance clean energy, sustainability, and resiliency.

Competitive applications should include the following:

- Overall proposal is clearly stated and the evaluation for success within the application is clear and includes metrics
- Application clearly connects to the funding goals and highlights the community impact and communities served
- Application highlights how the organization or project provides a positive impact on a customer segment

Reporting Requirements

Awardees of the Community Benefits Grant must agree to provide the following reports:

- 1) Six-month post award status report, including pictures/videos, a statement of expenditures to date, and a description of project progress
- 2) One-year post award interview*, including pictures and videos, statement of expenditures, and a project wrap-up summary.
 - Interview will consist of Calpine Community Energy, OCPA, and grant recipient's staff discussing project/program status and local impact

Budget

Awardees of the Community Benefits Grant must also agree to provide a budget in the following format:

<i>ITEM(S)</i>	<i>BUDGETED (\$)</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i> <i>(TO BE COMPLETED ONE- YEAR POST AWARD)</i>
<i>DIRECT COSTS</i> (HARD COSTS SUCH AS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, PRINTING, ETC.)		
<i>STAFF LABOR COSTS</i> (NUMBER OF HOURS, JOB TITLES, AND HOURLY RATE OF ALL STAFF THAT WILL WORK ON THE PROJECT)		
<i>OTHER</i> (ANY COSTS THAT DO NOT FIT INTO THE ABOVE CATEGORIES)		

Timeline

- October 1, 2024 - The application period opens. Interested organizations may apply at <https://www.ocpower.org/energy-programs/community-grants/>
- October 16, 2024, 11am -12pm - Community Benefits Grant Program webinar to learn more about the process to apply and grant requirements
- November 15, 2024 – Application period closes. All applications and relevant attachments must be submitted by 5pm to communitybenefits@calpineenergysolutions.com for consideration
- November through December – Application evaluation period
- January – Grant awardees contacted by Calpine
- February/March 2024- Grant funds disbursed

Questions?



Thank You

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