

Supporting Our Local Communities

Community Benefits Grant

Clean Power Alliance and Calpine Community Energy announced the fourth round of annual Community Benefits Grant funding to support non-profit organizations working in CPA's service territory to advance clean energy, green job training, environmental education and stewardship, and energy equity and diversity efforts.

For the 2023-24 grant cycle, approximately \$325,000 in funds was made available to 14 nonprofits advancing clean energy goals and supporting energy equity and diversity initiatives in the communities that CPA serves. Grant applications for 2024 were

more than double the number of applicants for the previous year.

The Community Benefits Grant program, launched in 2021, is an innovative partnership between CPA and Calpine Energy Solutions, CPA's customer support and billing services provider, in which Calpine invests 3% of the value of our contract with Calpine into our service area to support individual grants range between \$15,000 to \$30,000 for community focused programs.

2024-25 grantees include: Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition, Central Coast Minority Enterprises Resource Affiliates, Center Stage Inc., Community Nature Connection, Film2Future, Food Exploration and Discovery (Food ED), Nyeland Promise, ONEgeneration, People for

Mobility Justice, Reel Guppy Outdoors, Tree People, Urban Teens Exploring Technology, Vision Y Compromiso and Wishtoyo Foundation. ⚡

“ This year's Community Benefits Grant has been instrumental in helping us expand our reach to L.A. students. We have successfully increased access to new school districts by 700%, connecting young Angelenos from across the city to the L.A. River and inspiring action-oriented stewardship. ”

—Erin Viera, Friend of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR), 2023-2024 grantee



Contractor Diversity and Local Businesses

CPA is committed to advancing diversity, equity and sustainability in our purchasing decisions. This focus includes working to build an inclusive clean energy future that ensures local Southern California communities are cleaner, greener and more sustainable. More than 80% of CPA's non-energy spending in 2024 came from suppliers located in Southern California.

We expanded our efforts to attract and encourage diverse businesses to engage in our

contracting opportunities, through increasing key outreach activities and direct communication with small and local business owners. CPA attended events such as the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) Small and Diverse Business Expo in Riverside to foster increased local job creation and expand the pipeline of contractors who we work with. We also launched a solicitation alert email to register as a pre-qualified provider with CPA.

Our outreach resulted in adding 26 new suppliers, 15 of whom are certified by the CPUC supplier clearinghouse as women, minority, LGBT, disabled, and veteran owned business enterprises.

CPA's relationships with local chambers of commerce, community-based organizations, and non-profits such as Veterans in Business Network, helped our solicitation notifications reach a diverse pool of talent. ⚡

