

ENERGIZED COMMUNITIES INNOVATION FUND ROUND 1 APPLICATION

CPA invites our partner communities, agencies who have voted to be a CPA member, to submit their best decarbonization project plans that promote energy equity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and help reach climate goals. CPA will provide funds in two competitive funding cycles to advance its Board-approved program pillars of: resilience and grid management, building or transportation electrification, and local clean energy procurement efforts in communities served by CPA.

CPA's partner communities may submit one project per funding cycle that covers one or multiple program pillars or program areas of focus. Only one project per agency, with an award amount of up to \$250,000 (funding may not exceed project cost), may be submitted and awarded during each funding cycle. The first funding cycle opens October 1, 2024. The next funding cycle is expected to open in Fall 2025. All CPA's partner communities can apply. This will be a competitive selection process based on the responses to the questions in the Innovation Fund Application. CPA anticipates selecting four (4) projects per funding cycle.

See details at cleanpoweralliance.org/energized-communities.

Completed applications are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Send questions and applications to EnergizedCommunities@cleanpoweralliance.org.

Project Categories	Refer to category descriptions below and sample projects on our website. (Agencies may submit an application that falls within one or multiple program areas. Projects should fall outside of the scope of CPA's Pathways to Electrification programs.)
Resilience and Grid Management	Resilience projects leverage clean energy systems and technologies to provide back-up power during outages or grid emergencies. Grid management projects would reduce or shift energy use from periods of peak demand or high costs.
Electrification	Projects that promote, enable, or provide electrification of buildings or transportation in CPA communities.
Local Procurement	Projects that support community and customer adoption and installation of clean energy.

Recipient Requirements - Innovation Fund award recipients will:	
1.	Approve a funding agreement with CPA detailing the project scope, budget, and expected milestones
2.	Submit invoices and/or other documentation to show expenditure of funds on approved activities
3.	Attend check-ins every other month with CPA staff and participate in a one-year post award interview
4.	Provide status reports every six months and a project completion summary subject to CPA's review

What should my agency keep in mind when applying?

- Projects should be outside the scope of the Pathways to Electrification building and fleet/EV charging projects.
- Applications should focus on project implementation and demonstrate a reasonable ability to complete the proposed project within two years.
- Applicants must consider any requirements to inform or receive approval from City Councils or Governing Boards prior to submitting project applications.
- Projects should focus on implementation in one of CPA’s partner communities, and project sites should be in CPA’s service area.

Tell us about your project:

Agency Name:

Applicant’s Name and Title:

Applicant’s Email:

Project Title:

Funding Amount Requested:

Respond to each section below; combined responses should not exceed five pages

1. Project Summary: Summarize the proposed project and how it will address a decarbonization challenge in your community.

- What is the challenge and how will this project address it?
- Who are the key stakeholders or partners to implement this project?
- Describe how this aligns with your agency’s goals and strategies.
- If a specific site or location is known, please provide those details. Any site must receive CPA service to be eligible.

<Insert response here.>

2. Mission Alignment: Describe how the project is aligned with CPA's mission and at least one of the Board-approved program pillars of resilience and grid management, electrification, and local procurement.

<Insert response here.>

3. Feasibility:

- Provide a project timeline and include key milestones. All projects must be complete within two years of the execution of the funding agreement.
- List any known risks or dependencies that could impact project success.

<Insert response here.>

4. Budget: Provide a quarterly budget and explain why the proposed budget is needed to implement this project. If any additional funding is needed, or expected to complete project, please describe (if applicable).

<Insert response here.>

5. Project Benefits: What are the benefits to the community, the partner community (member agency), and/or CPA if this project is selected?

- Indicate if the project will benefit traditionally marginalized, vulnerable, or underrepresented populations in your community.
- Will the project result in greenhouse gas emissions reductions through energy efficiency, electrification, production of clean energy, or another method?
- Are there anticipated operational cost savings associated with the project after completion?

<Insert response here.>

6. Metrics: How will you measure the success of this project? List any anticipated quantifiable achievements or results.

<Insert response here.>

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