

Innovation Fund - Round 1 Projects

At its meeting on March 6, 2025, CPA's Board of Directors approved five projects to participate in Round 1 of its inaugural Innovation Fund program. The cities of Santa Monica, Culver City, Oxnard, West Hollywood, and Carson were selected to implement creative decarbonization projects in their communities.

The selected Innovation Fund projects align with CPA's mission and its program pillars: Resilience and Grid Management, Transportation and Building Electrification, and Local Clean Energy Procurement. The project descriptions and proposed budgets are presented below.

Member Agency	Proposal Description	CPA Program Pillars	Budget
1. Santa Monica	<p>Title: Renters' Energy and Cooling/Heating (REACH) Program</p> <p>Overview: Develop an incentive program offering efficient electric appliances (heat pumps, portable batteries, other equipment) to income-qualified renters.</p>	<p>Resilience and Grid Management</p> <p>Transportation and Building Electrification</p>	\$249,100
2. Culver City	<p>Title: Portable Battery Fleet Program to Replace Gas Generators</p> <p>Overview: Lease/purchase and operate a fleet of batteries that will be provided to community vendors and event organizers to replace use of gas-powered generators.</p>	<p>Resilience and Grid Management</p> <p>Transportation and Building Electrification</p> <p>Local Clean Energy Procurement</p>	\$164,000

3. West Hollywood	<p>Title: Equitable Building Performance Standards (EBPS) and Benchmarking Support</p> <p>Overview: Provide support to meet energy performance targets and move the building stock toward electrification, through direct funding for energy audits and upgrades, prioritizing rent-stabilized and affordable housing buildings.</p>	Transportation and Building Electrification	\$250,000
4. Oxnard	<p>Title: Lamppost Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Project</p> <p>Overview: Install EV charging stations on lampposts in Downtown Oxnard strategically located near multi-family residences and areas targeted for development and growth to enhance both EV accessibility and economic development in the area.</p>	Transportation and Building Electrification	\$250,000
5. Carson	<p>Title: EV Charging Wallet Pilot Program</p> <p>Overview: Provide discounted charging at the City's EV charging stations focused on supporting residents with limited EV charging access.</p>	Transportation and Building Electrification	\$86,900
Total Budget for Round 1:		\$1,000,000	