

Innovation Fund - Round 1 Projects

CPA's inaugural Innovation Fund program launched in March 2025. Four partner communities are participating in Round 1 of the Innovation Fund. The cities of Santa Monica, Culver City, West Hollywood, and Carson will collaborate with CPA over the next two years to implement creative decarbonization projects in their communities.

The selected Innovation Fund projects align with CPA's mission and its program pillars of: 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> <p>Local Clean Energy Procurement</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. 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:		\$750,000	