

Staff Report

for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, October 28, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Greg Jones, Interim General Manager

DATE: October 21, 2020

SUBJECT: **Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Grant Program Request for Proposal**

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION ACTION:

Direct staff to prepare and submit a proposal for the Cal OES Community Power Resiliency Grant Program and authorize the Interim General Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program is to support California Special Districts with additional preparedness measures in response to power outage events.

California Special Districts that have an identified critical facility or facilities or provide critical infrastructure pursuant to the de-energization guidelines adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission are the only eligible Applicants.

Funds may be used for the procurement of:

- Generators and generator connections for essential facilities, with an emphasis on clean energy and green solutions, where possible, or other alternative backup sources
- Generator fuel and fuel storage
- Redundant emergency communications (e.g., battery-powered radios)
- Portable vehicle-mounted charging stations. • Portable battery-powered and rechargeable radio repeater and transmission equipment

Priority funding is available if the program shows either a benefit to disadvantaged communities or the use of/acquisition of low/no emissions power solutions.

“Disadvantaged communities” includes, but is not limited to:

- Areas with concentrations of people that are of low-income, high unemployment, low levels of homeownership, high rent burden, sensitive populations, or low levels of educational attainment

The performance period for the grant is from July 1, 2021, thru October 31, 2022, with requests not to exceed \$300,000. The proposal submission deadline is Friday, October 31, 2020.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

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