

2022 Community Benefits Grant Program

The Community Benefits Grant Program is an innovative partnership between **Clean Power Alliance (CPA)** and **Calpine Energy Solutions**. This annual program provides grant funding to organizations working to advance clean energy, green jobs, environmental education and stewardship, and energy equity and diversity in the communities that CPA serves.

Frequently Asked Questions

1 Who is eligible to receive a Community Benefits Grant?

Eligible applicants must be an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the areas where CPA provides electricity. Qualifying projects must fall within the priority focus areas outlined below.

Please note that funding is not permitted for political action committees, trade associations, government entities, or political candidates.

2021 Community Benefits Grant recipients are eligible to apply for the 2022 grants.

2 What are the priority focus areas?

- Renewable Energy Research/Planning
- Clean Energy in Disadvantaged Communities
- Green Workforce Development
- Energy & Environmental Education

3 How much are the grant awards?

Awards will range from **\$5,000** to **\$30,000** for a one-year grant term.

4 What is the application and selection timeline?

- **August 1, 2022** - The application period opens. Interested organizations may apply at www.cleanpoweralliance.org/calpinegrant/
- **August 9, 1-2 p.m.** - Community Benefits Grant Program webinar. Learn more about the process to apply and grant requirements. Sign up for the webinar at www.cleanpoweralliance.org/calpinegrant/. A link to the webinar recording will be made available on CPA's website.
- **September 16** – The application period closes. All applications and relevant attachments must be submitted by September 16 at 5 pm.
- **September 16 – October 7** – Application evaluation period
- **October 14** – Grant awardees notified
- **November 24** - Grant funds disbursed by this date

5 Where can I apply?

Interested nonprofit and community-based organizations can download an application at <https://cleanpoweralliance.org/calpinegrant/>

Applications and all relevant supporting documents are due by 5 pm on September 16, 2022, to communitybenefits@calpinesolutions.com

6 What supporting documents will I be required to submit with my application?

In addition to completing the Community Benefits Grant application, applicants must submit a projected budget, (as Attachment 1), to assist the selection committee in understanding the proposed use of requested funding.

If your organization is working with a fiscal sponsor, please provide:

- A fiscal sponsorship letter taking responsibility for your organization’s fiscal administration.
- A letter of request authorizing your organization to apply for the community benefits grant for the amount requested.

7 Are there any reporting requirements for grant recipients?

Awardees of the Community Benefits Grant must agree to the following reporting requirements:

1. Six-month post-award status report, including pictures and videos, a statement of expenditures to date, and a description of the progress of the project, as applicable.
2. One-year post-award interview, including pictures and videos, a statement of expenditures, and a project wrap-up summary. Note: During this interview, CPA, Calpine Energy Solutions, and the grant recipient’s staff will discuss the status of the granted project and its local impact.

8 What if I missed the application deadline? Will there be additional opportunities to apply for a grant?

The Community Benefits Grant Program is an ongoing program. There will be another call for grant applicants in the third quarter of 2023. Sign up for CPA’s monthly newsletter to be informed of when additional grant funds will be available. Visit www.cleanpoweralliance.org/#newsletter to join the mailing list.

9 Which communities does CPA serve?

Agoura Hills	Hawthorne	Simi Valley
Alhambra	Malibu	South Pasadena
Arcadia	Manhattan Beach	Temple City
Beverly Hills	Moorpark	Thousand Oaks
Calabasas	Ojai	Unincorporated Los Angeles County
Camarillo	Oxnard	Unincorporated Ventura County
Claremont	Paramount	Ventura
Carson	Redondo Beach	West Hollywood
Culver City	Rolling Hills Estates	Westlake Village
Downey	Santa Monica	Whittier
Hawaiian Gardens	Sierra Madre	

10 How is the Grant Program Managed?

Calpine Energy Solutions awards the program funding, while Clean Power Alliance determines the grant guidelines and project criteria and helps recruit nonprofit organizations to apply for funding. Both entities work together to assess grant applications.