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Grant Criteria Public Feedback - Summary

Thank you for providing input on the Draft PCEF Grant Scoring Criteria. Your feedback is important for ensuring that PCEF's grant application process accommodates a variety of project sizes and types, meets legislative intent, and is manageable for applicants.

This survey is divided into seven sections: four address specific grant types and three address additional general organizational background and feedback questions. This includes detailed questions for Planning grants, Small grants, and Large grants, as well as questions about grants specific to Workforce and Contractor Development projects.

You have the option of skipping sections if they do not apply to your organization or you choose not to respond to that section. We anticipate that this survey will take between 10-40 minutes to complete, depending on which sections are skipped. This survey does not have a "save" function and must be completed in one session.



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Planning Grant Feedback

The purpose of PCEF Planning grants is to support eligible applicants to develop high quality projects that are designed to achieve the climate and justice goals of the program. Planning grants can cover a wide range of activities including, but not limited to, time for coordination and collaboration, research and project development, and hiring technical consultants to provide project plan recommendations. Planning grants are intended to be used to develop projects that could be funded by future PCEF grants. However, an award of a planning grant does not ensure future PCEF funding.

Planning grants may be up to \$100,000 per project, have a duration on one year, and have been allocated approximately \$1.5 million in the 2020 round of funding.

Details about the scoring criteria related to Planning grants is available here : [Draft PCEF Planning Grant Scoring Criteria](#)

1. Would you like to provide feedback on PCEF Planning Grants

- Yes
- No (Skip to Small Grant Input)



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Planning Grant Feedback

Questions in this section are organized by application section: **Organizational Capacity, Project Description and Scope, Future Project, Experience and Qualifications of Project Team, and Budget.**

Details about the scoring criteria related to Planning grants is available here: [Draft PCEF Planning Grant Scoring Criteria](#)

If you would like to provide overall feedback about Planning grants, you can skip to the bottom of this page.

1. **Organizational Capacity:** The Organizational Capacity criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. I or my organization would be able to answer the Organizational Capacity questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

3. The Organizational Capacity points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Organizational Capacity criteria or scoring?

5. **Project Description and Scope:** The Project Description and Scope criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

6. I or my organization would be able to answer the Project Description and Scope questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

7. The Project Description and Scope points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

8. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Project Description and Scope criteria or scoring?

9. **Future Project:** The Future Project criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. I or my organization would be able to answer the Future Project questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

11. The Future Project points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

12. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Future Project criteria or scoring?

13. **Experience and Qualifications of Project Team:** Experience and Qualifications criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

14. I or my organization would be able to answer the Experience and Qualifications questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

15. The Experience and Qualifications points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

16. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Experience and Qualifications criteria or scoring?

17. **Budget Criteria:** The Budget criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

18. I or my organization would be able to answer the Budget questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

19. The Budget points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

20. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Budget criteria or scoring?

21. Taken together, the Planning Grants criteria provide the opportunity to adequately describe my project and how it supports PCEF goals.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

22. Overall, the Planning Grants scoring seems fair and is likely to identify projects that advance the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

23. Any additional comments, questions, or suggestions regarding the Planning Grant criteria and scoring?



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PCEF Small Grant Feedback

This section provides an opportunity to provide feedback on the Small Grants scoring criteria. Small grants are up to \$200,000 per project and can last up to 3 years. These grants can fund project activities in all funding categories: clean energy, workforce and contractor development, green infrastructure and regenerative agriculture, and future innovation.

Details about the scoring criteria for Small grants can be found here: [Draft PCEF Small Grant Scoring Criteria](#)

1. Would you like to provide input on the Small grant criteria

- Yes
- No (Skip to Large Grant input section)



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Small Grant Feedback

Questions in this section are organized by application section: Organizational Capacity, Project Description and Scope, Environmental Benefits, Social Benefits, Workforce and Contractor Benefit, and Budget.

Details about the scoring criteria related to Small grants is available ([link](#))

If you would like to provide overall feedback about Small Grants, you can skip to the bottom of this page.

1. **Organizational Capacity** - The Organizational Capacity criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. I or my organization would be able to answer the Organizational Capacity questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

3. The Organizational Capacity scoring points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Organizational Capacity criteria or scoring?

4. **Project Description and Scope:** The Project Description and Scope criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

5. I or my organization would be able to answer the Project Description and Scope questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

6. The Project Description and Scope scoring points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

7. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Project Description and Scope criteria or scoring?

8. **Environmental Benefits:** The Environmental Benefits criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

9. I or my organization would be able to answer the Environmental Benefits questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. The Environmental Benefits scoring points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

11. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Environmental Benefits criteria or scoring?

12. **Social Benefits:** The Social Benefits criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

13. I or my organization would be able to answer the Social Benefits questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

14. The Social Benefits scoring points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

15. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Social Benefits criteria or scoring?

16. **Workforce and Contractor Benefit:** The Workforce and Contractor Benefit criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

17. I or my organization would be able to answer the Workforce and Contractor Benefit questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

18. The Workforce and Contractor Benefit scoring points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

19. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Workforce and Contractor Benefit criteria or scoring?

20. **Budget Criteria:** The Budget criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

21. I or my organization would be able to answer the Budget questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

22. The Budget scoring points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

23. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Budget criteria or scoring?

24. Taken together, the Small Grants criteria provide the opportunity to adequately describe my project and how it supports PCEF goals.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

25. Overall, the Small Grants scoring seems fair and is likely to identify projects that advance the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

26. Any additional comments, questions, or suggestions regarding the Small Grants criteria and scoring?



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Large Grant Feedback

This section provides an opportunity to provide feedback on the Large Grants scoring criteria. Large grants are greater than \$200,000 and up to \$1,000,000 per project and may last up to 5 years. Large grants can fund project activities in all funding categories. The application is more rigorous given the size of the grant investment.

Details about the scoring criteria for Large grants is available here: [Draft PCEF Large Grant Scoring Criteria](#)

1. Would you like to provide input on the Large Grant Section?

- Yes
- No (Skip to Workforce and Contractor Development Grant Questions)



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Large Grant Feedback

Questions in this section are organized by application section: Organizational Capacity, Project Description and Scope, Environmental Benefits, Social Benefits, Workforce and Contractor Benefit, and Budget.

Details about the scoring criteria related to Large Grants is available here: [Draft PCEF Large Grant Scoring Criteria](#)

If you would like to provide overall feedback about Large Grants, you can skip to the bottom of this page.

1. **Organizational Capacity:** The Organizational Capacity criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. I or my organization would be able to answer the Organizational Capacity questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

3. The Organizational Capacity points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Organizational Capacity criteria or scoring?

5. **Project Description and Scope** - The Project Description and Scope criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

6. I or my organization would be able to answer the Project Description and Scope questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

7. The Project Description and Scope points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

8. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Project Description and Scope criteria or scoring?

9. **Environmental Benefits:** The Environmental Benefits criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. I or my organization would be able to answer the Environmental Benefits questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

11. The Environmental Benefits points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

12. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Environmental Benefits criteria or scoring?

13. **Social Benefits:** The Social Benefits criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

14. I or my organization would be able to answer the Social Benefits questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

15. The Social Benefits points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

16. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Social Benefits criteria or scoring?

17. **Workforce and Contractor Benefit:** The Workforce and Contractor Benefit criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

18. I or my organization would be able to answer the Workforce and Contractor Benefit questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

19. The Workforce and Contractor Benefit points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

20. In what ways, if any, might this workforce and contractor equity section be modified to ensure that goals for the proposed project can be adequately assessed while ensuring the application process is as user-friendly as possible?

21. Any additional questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Workforce and Contractor Benefit criteria or scoring?

22. **Budget Criteria:** The Budget criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

23. I or my organization would be able to answer the Budget questions.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

24. The Budget points are allocated fairly and support the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

25. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Budget criteria or scoring?

26. Taken together, the Large Grants criteria provide the opportunity to adequately describe my project and how it supports PCEF goals.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

27. Overall, the Large Grants scoring seems fair and is likely to identify projects that advance the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

28. Any additional comments, questions, or suggestions regarding the Large Grant criteria and scoring?



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Workforce and Contractor Development Grant Feedback

Funding requests for workforce and contractor development are submitted as part of a small grant or large grant application; however, they are scored differently and have a different allocation of points across the scoring categories. For example, because there is only one question in the environment category the overall weight of this category is lower.

Information about the Workforce and Contractor Development grants can be found here: [Draft PCEF Workforce-Contractor Grant Scoring Criteria](#)

For Workforce and Contractor Development grant applications, please answer the following:

1. Overall, the scoring for Workforce and Contractor Development seems fair and is likely to identify projects that advance the goals of PCEF.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. Any additional comments, questions or suggestions regarding criteria and scoring for Workforce and Contractor Development grant applications?



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Organizational Interest Questions

These questions are intended to get input on the proposed application processes, and to better understand the types of projects that organizations are interested in.

PCEF grant applications can only be submitted by non-profit organizations, however, they may do so in partnership with other non-profit entities, government entities or for-profit businesses.

1. Do you think you (or your organization) will submit an application for year one or partner on an application with a non-profit in year one?

- Yes – plan to submit a grant application as the lead non-profit organization
- Yes – plan to partner with a non-profit organization to submit a grant application
- Undecided
- No plans to submit a grant application as a lead or partner organization



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Organizational Questions (continued)

1. What are the reason(s) you will not be applying for a PCEF grant in year one? (check all that apply)

- Our organization is not eligible to apply
- The project my organization has in mind is not eligible
- Not ready to apply at this time, but plan to apply in the future
- Application seems too difficult
- Grant would require too much work for the amount of funding sought (e.g., time to complete application, reporting, evaluation)
- Timing of grant doesn't fit our organizational needs
- Think there won't be enough funds for year one
- Want to see how this round goes before applying
- Other (please describe):



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Organizational Questions (continued)

1. Which of the following types of grants are you considering applying for? Application Support Grants are anticipated to be released July 2020. The full RFP for Planning, Small and Large grants will be released in August 2020 , and proposals will be due in October 2020. Mini-grants are anticipated to be released in 2021. Check all that apply, and note that this survey only addresses Planning, Small, and Large grants.

- Application Support Grant (up to \$5,000)
- Mini-grant (up to \$5,000)
- Planning Grant (up to \$100,000)
- Small Grant (less than \$200,000)
- Large Grant (\$200,000 to \$1 million).

2. Which of the following funding types are you considering applying for? (Check all that apply)

- Energy Efficiency or Renewable Energy
- Workforce or Contractor Development
- Green Infrastructure or Regenerative Agriculture
- Innovation

3. 2.4. Which of the following methods are you most likely to use to submit an application for a PCEF grant (this year or in future years)?

- Complete an online application
- Email a word document or PDF
- Mail a hard copy of the application.



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Public Comment Process Questions

1. How did you hear about this public comment period?

- PCEF listserv
- Other (please describe

2. Did you feel comfortable giving this public comment?

- Yes
- No : If no, we'd love your feedback on how we can make this better.

3. How could we have made the public comment process more open and inclusive for you and your community?



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Organizational or Individual Representation

The following information helps us understand whether we are effectively reaching the diversity of our community and PCEF's priority populations.

1. Are you commenting as: (check one)

- An individual community member, representing yourself
- On behalf of a organization (nonprofit, business, government entity).



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Organizational Representation

1. Which of the following best describes your organization? Select all that apply:

- Registered nonprofit
- Business
- Government
- Community group not registered as a nonprofit
- Other (please describe)

2. Does the group your are commenting for serve any of the priority population(s) identified in the ballot measure? Check all that apply.

- Low-income community
- People of color
- Women
- People experiencing chronic underemployment
- People with disabilities

3. Are there any additional communities that your group serves? (please list)

4. Would your organization need application materials translated?

No

Yes (if so, in what languages)



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Individual Representation

The following information is optional. This information helps us understand whether we are effectively reaching the diversity of our community and PCEF's priority populations.

1. Which of the following represent your identity? Please select all that apply (optional):

American Indian or Alaska Native

Latinx or Hispanic

Arab or Middle Eastern

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Asian

Immigrant

Black or African American

White

Prefer to describe

2. What is your home zip code? (optional)

3. What is your gender identity? (optional)

Woman

Man

Prefer to describe

4. What is your age?

- <18 years
- 18-29 years
- 30-49 years
- 50-64 years
- 65+ years

5. Do you identify as someone who experiences chronic underemployment (optional)

- Yes
- No

6. Do you identify as a person with disabilities?

- Yes
- No



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Final Stretch - Summary and Contact Options

1. May we include your response in a summary section of feedback findings from PCEF priority populations? The summary will not include information about your name or organization.

- Yes
- No

2. Optional: Comments and responses are not attributed to specific individuals or organizations. Providing your name and/or the name of the group you represent helps us understand who we have reached during the public comment period and allows us to follow-up with any questions.

Name:

Business/Organization:

Email/phone:

3. Do you want to sign up for the PCEF news and program updates?

- Yes
- No

4. Thank you so much for providing input to the PCEF Grant Criteria! Is there anything else you would like to tell us?