

COMMUNITY IS KEY



# PCEF Grant Committee Meeting

July 21, 2021, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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# Virtual Participation Check

## Guidelines for public participation

- Committee meetings open to the public
- Public invited to comment at around 6:05 p.m.
- Public invited to participate in conversation during break at 7:00 p.m. Must join via Zoom to participate.
- Opportunities for public engagement in other forums/meetings

### ➔ Guidelines applied to virtual meeting:



**Chatbox:** open for introductions and public comment. All other times, host-only chats (PCEF Staff).



**Raise Hand:** used by Committee only.



**Video:** on for Committee only.



**Microphone:** public members muted unless giving public comment or for introductions.



**Recording:** this meeting is being recorded.



**Captioning:** this meeting is being captioned; settings > show subtitles.

# Introductions & opening

# Agenda

- 6:00 Open
- 6:05 Public comment
- 6:15 Timeline/program updates
- 6:20 Discuss June 2021 heat emergency and potential PCEF response
- 6:55 Break
- 7:00 Open Committee and community conversation in breakout rooms
- 7:15 Discuss evaluation findings and staff recommendations
- 8:20 Committee member comments
- 8:30 Meeting close

# Public comment

# Timeline

Date	Topics	Notes
June 2	Minimum scores, threshold review, innovation/other	
June 16	Anti-displacement, threshold review, audit response	
July 7	Land/building acquisition, workforce development and contractor support grants, return to grant caps	
July 21	Evaluation findings, recommended improvements, review first draft RFP	
August 4	Release draft RFP for public comment	Committee decision point
August 18	Potential Committee public comment listening session	
September 1	Review public comment and recommended changes to final RFP	Committee decision point
<b>September 22</b>	<b>Target goal for release of RFP #2</b>	

**Discuss June 2021 heat emergency  
and potential PCEF response**

# Break (20 minutes)

Members of the public joining via Zoom can participate in conversation with Committee members and each other in breakout rooms.

# Evaluation findings and staff recommendations

# RFP #1 Evaluation Elements

- **Debriefs**

- Review panels
- Eligibility screen
- Technical review
- Greenhouse gas emissions scoring

- **Interviews**

- Applicants
- Committee members

- **Analysis of Application Data**



# Key Themes: Things Folks Appreciated

- Community engagement in building RFP
- Resources to support folks to apply (webinars, grants)
- Centering of equity and BIPOC
- Mix allowed different projects and organizations
- Feedback step
- Responsive staff
- Transparency and integrity

# Key Themes: Areas for Improvement

- Application questions to clarify
- Application questions to drop or score differently
- Streamline the application
- Additional ways to connect and tell story
- Additional application supports

# Specific findings and recommendations

## Deeper dive areas noted in Committee memo:

1. Financial review
2. GHG emissions impact
3. Employee benefits
4. Organization is reflective of community served and project benefits priority population
5. **Workforce and contractor utilization questions**
6. **Workforce and contractor development proposals**
7. **Holistic approach to the assessment of the project story**
8. Application support resources

## Potential improvements discussed in 6/22 community workshop:

1. Non-written application material
2. Applicant support
3. Shifting to planning grants

# Committee member comments

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# Guiding Principles



# Modified consensus decision making process

- **Proposal** – put forth for consideration by Committee member
- **Temperature check** – each Committee member indicates how comfortable they are with making an affirmative decision
- **Discussion** – additional discussion if needed
- **Amendments** – Committee members can offer amendments to the original proposal
- **Decision** – each Committee member can 1) affirm the proposal, 2) stand aside, or 3) indicate that “no” they do not support the proposal. Note that standing aside is counted as a decision to affirm for the purposes of approving a proposal.

The following minimum number of affirmative decisions is required for a decision to represent the position of the PCEF Committee.

- When 6 or 7 Committee members are present : 5 Affirmative decisions
- When 8 or 9 Committee members are present : 6 Affirmative decisions