Proposed Funding Guidelines for Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments
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California Climate Investments

- Further State’s climate and public health objectives
- $2 billion for 275,000+ projects
- Over half benefiting disadvantaged communities
- 23.3 MMTCO$_2$e reductions
Program Growth

- Since 2014, the number of programs has grown from 15 to 40.
- New appropriations include:
  - Community air protection (Assembly Bill 617)
  - Training and workforce development
  - Wildfire response and readiness
  - Wildfire prevention
  - Adaptation planning
  - Coastal resiliency
  - Climate research
Funding Guidelines

- Set guiding principles and investment requirements
  - Facilitate GHG emission reductions
  - Benefit priority populations
- Used by agencies as they design programs and select projects
- Support accountability and transparency
  - Annual Report on outcomes
  - Interactive project map and downloadable database
Outreach and Access

- Agencies are expanding their outreach

- CARB’s outreach contract raises awareness through a bilingual hotline and dedicated email address: info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov
Legislative Changes

- Added new priority populations – Assembly Bill 1550
- Increased investment priorities – Assembly Bill 398
- Expanded eligible project types
Community Feedback

- Provide jobs and jobs training, and track outcomes
- Increase technical assistance
- Support capacity building
- Encourage community engagement and partnerships
- Avoid substantial burdens
Proposed Updates

Prioritize Benefits
• Achieve co-benefits beyond GHG emission reductions
• Foster job creation and job training
• Provide outreach and technical assistance

Protect Communities
• Provide benefits to priority populations
• Identify community needs
• Enhance community engagement
• Avoid substantial burdens
GHG Emission Reductions & Co-benefits

- Programs must continue to facilitate GHG emission reductions, and can also:
  - Fund projects that support program goals (job training, outreach, technical assistance)
  - Support complementary priorities (air quality, cost savings)

- CARB is developing methods to estimate co-benefits

- Agencies can use methods to select projects, report outcomes, and substantiate benefits to priority populations
Promote Jobs

- Require programs to foster job creation and job training
- Encourage targeted hiring
- Require programs to report employment data
Focus on Priority Populations

- **Assembly Bill 1550**
  - Disadvantaged communities (25%)
  - Low-income communities and households (5%)
  - Low-income communities and households within ½ mile of disadvantaged communities (5%)

- Require agencies to evaluate project benefits
- Connect direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to an important community need
Protect Communities

- Added avoiding burdens as a guiding principle for all programs
- Promote consideration early in program design, not just at project selection
- Agencies are responsible for identifying potential substantial burdens (e.g., displacement; local air toxic exposure)
Public Process

- Developed 3 versions for public input from 2017 - 2018
- Held 13 public events in 8 cities across the State
- Partnered with community-based organizations
- Engaged over 500 people, received 51 comment letters
- Responded to feedback with revisions
Next Steps

- Staff recommends Board approval of Resolution 18-27
- CARB staff will:
  - Finalize and publish Funding Guidelines
  - Continue to develop quantification methodologies and guidance materials for agencies
  - Continue to work with communities to increase program awareness and improve funding access
- Agencies will incorporate into program design to provide multiple benefits and protect communities