

Comments and questions to CalRecycle Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program:

Disadvantaged Communities

We agree with several other commenters at the workshop who believed the points proposed to be awarded for a project located within a Disadvantaged Community may be too high relative to points assigned to other categories. If the major goal of the grant program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions it seems to make more sense to award more points based on emission reductions and diversion tonnage as opposed to a project being located within in a Disadvantage Community. Under the proposed point system, it is very possible that a project that would result in a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions may not receive funding and a project that is located within a Disadvantaged Community and would result in significantly less greenhouse gas reduction would be funded.

While we aware of the requirement for a minimum of 10% of the funded projects be located within Disadvantaged Communities or benefit a Disadvantaged Community, we don't think that it should be the potentially major determining factor as to whether a project receives grant funding. It might be more appropriate to keep the points for Disadvantaged Communities at 10 and add the 5 points to the greenhouse gas or diversion tonnage category.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed grant criteria.

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