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San Diego Community Power, San Diego Foundation Partner to Offer \$1M in Grants to Climate-Focused Nonprofits

SAN DIEGO (Feb. 26, 2024) – San Diego Foundation (SDF) and San Diego Community Power (SDCP), California’s second largest Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) serving nearly 1 million customers, announced today that the two organizations anticipate awarding upwards of \$1 million in grants to nonprofits proposing projects or programs that move communities towards a healthier, more sustainable, clean energy future.

“The Community Clean Energy Grant Program empowers local nonprofits to advance their work within energy education, electrification, and energy resilience,” said San Diego City Council President Pro Tem and San Diego Community Power Board Chair Joe LaCava. “The successful launch of this program in 2023 has allowed San Diego Community Power to bring in new community partners and broaden the impact of this program on our region.”

Launched in 2023, the second round of the Community Clean Energy Grant Program is expected to award upwards of \$1 million in grants, doubling the total awards available through the program, with grant sizes ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Funding is made possible by SDCP with additional support from Calpine Energy Solutions, SDCP’s back-office provider that supports SDCP’s billing mechanics and program implementation. Proposed projects can include climate literacy, green jobs training, home energy improvements and solar panel installation.

“Since 2006, the San Diego Foundation Climate Initiative has invested more than \$12 million to fund over 150 climate projects throughout our region,” said Christiana DeBenedict, Director of Environmental Initiatives at SDF. “Our innovative partnership with San Diego Community Power will help our region’s communities experiencing economic and social vulnerabilities exacerbated by climate change to transition towards a greener economy.”

The Community Clean Energy Grant Program was developed as a part of SDCP’s Community Power Plan, a five-year strategic plan informed by extensive community outreach that guides the selection and development of local energy programs targeted to meet community needs.

Prospective applicants can review the 2024 Community Clean Energy Grant Program [webpage](#) and [pre-recorded webinar](#) with more information about the funding opportunity. SDF staff will also provide ongoing technical assistance throughout the grant application period. Email environment@sdfoundation.org to schedule a meeting. Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 5, 2024. To apply, visit SDFoundation.org/apply.

About San Diego Community Power

San Diego Community Power is a community-driven, not-for-profit public agency providing cleaner energy to the San Diego region. We serve nearly 1 million customer accounts in the

cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa and National City, as well as the unincorporated communities of San Diego County. Learn more at SDCommunitypower.org.

About San Diego Foundation

San Diego Foundation inspires enduring philanthropy and enables community solutions to improve the quality of life in our region. Our strategic priorities include advancing racial and social justice, fostering equity of opportunity, building resilient communities, and delivering world-class philanthropy to realize our vision of just, equitable and resilient communities. The Environmental Initiative seeks to preserve and protect our resources, build a more sustainable path of economic growth and ensure a higher quality of life for those who call San Diego home. For more than 48 years, SDF and its donors have granted \$1.7 billion to support nonprofit organizations strengthening our community. Learn more at SDFoundation.org.

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