RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AMENDING THE COMMUNITY CLEAN ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM POLICY TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDS AND RENAME THE POLICY TO "COMMUNITY CLEAN ENERGY BENEFITS AND GRANTS POLICY."

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER DOES HEREBY FIND, RESOLVE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

A. San Diego Community Power ("Community Power") is a joint powers agency formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 6500 *et seq.*), California Public Utilities Code § 366.2, and a Joint Powers Agreement effective on October 1, 2019, and amended and restated December 16, 2021 ("JPA Agreement").

B. Section 3.2.12 of the JPA Agreement authorizes Community Power to adopt rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and procedures governing the operation of Community Power and Section 4.5.5 identifies setting policy as a duty of the Board.

C. The Community Power Board of Directors first adopted the Community Clean Energy Innovation Grants Policy on December 15, 2022. On February 22, 2024, the Board subsequently amended the policy and renamed it Community Clean Energy Grant Program Policy.

D. The Community Clean Energy Grant Program Policy aims to support local clean energy projects and programs that provide economic, environmental and health benefits to the communities it serves.

E. The Board of Directors now desires to amend the Community Clean Energy Grant Program Policy previously approved on February 22, 2024, to include the framework for administering Community Benefits funds and rename it to "Community Clean Energy Benefits and Grants Policy."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of San Diego Community Power as follows:

1. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts a Community Clean Energy Benefits and Grant Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

2. If any provision of this resolution, the attached policy, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of the resolution or policy which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution and the policy are severable. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have adopted this

resolution and the attached policy irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect except as amended or until repealed by the Board of Directors.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of San Diego Community Power held on October 22, 2026.

AYES: **CHAIR LAWSON-REMER, VICE CHAIR YAMANE, DIRECTORS ELO-RIVERA, FISHER, INZUNZA, PURVIS AND SUZUKI**
NOES: **NONE**
ABSTAIN: **NONE**
ABSENT: **DIRECTOR SAN ANTONIO**

Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair
Board of Directors
San Diego Community Power

ATTEST:

Maricela Hernandez
Maricela Hernandez (Oct 26, 2026 15:11:13 PDT)

Maricela Hernandez, MMC, CPMC
Clerk of the Board/Board Secretary
San Diego Community Power

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Veera Tyagi

Veera Tyagi, General Counsel
San Diego Community Power

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER

BOARD POLICY

POLICY	COMMUNITY CLEAN ENERGY BENEFITS AND GRANTS POLICY	ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE	DECEMBER 15, 2022
APPROVAL DATE	OCTOBER 22, 2026	RESOLUTION NO.	2026-17

PURPOSE, SCOPE AND GOALS

The purpose of this Community Clean Energy Benefits and Grants Policy ("Policy") is to provide authority to the San Diego Community Power ("Community Power") Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), or designee, to design and approve the Community Clean Energy Grants ("Program") guidelines, implement the Program, develop and execute required contracts and grant agreements, and make minor modifications to the guidelines, where necessary.

The Program aims to support local clean energy projects and programs that provide economic, environmental, and health benefits to Community Power's communities. Program funded activities are expected to advance one or more of the following focus areas:

- Improved energy infrastructure, housing and resilience to ensure communities can avoid, prepare for, minimize, adapt to, and recover from energy disruptions.
- Workforce training and development opportunities that support careers in the clean energy industry and advance local economic development.
- Enhancing overall energy literacy among Community Power customers through educational programming that promotes clean energy use and carbon emissions reduction, with a particular focus on youth.
- Demonstrated environmental benefits, including improvements to indoor and/or outdoor air quality through electrification, as well as environmental stewardship, climate equity and habitat improvement and preservation.

GRANT PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND PROCESS

The following sections outline the overall Program structure and process. Community Power staff will inform the Community Power Board of Directors ("Board") upon finalization of the detailed structure and process in a final Program guidelines document.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status, a current Community Power member agency, or a public agency serving Community Power customers. A nonprofit may serve as a fiscal sponsor for another applicant to administer the grant and provide required grant reporting. All eligibility criteria will be stated in the Program Guidelines.

Evaluation Committee

The CEO, or designee, will establish a committee to review and score grant applications based on the evaluation criteria outlined below. The committee will include Community Power staff and may include staff from a program administrator, should one be hired to support Community Power staff in the administration of the Program, and Program partners.

Evaluation Criteria

The application evaluation criteria will be structured based on the categories outlined below. Application of the criteria will be articulated in the final Program guidelines. In the circumstance where applications have an equal evaluation score, the evaluation committee will prioritize selection of projects across a diversity of the Program's focus areas.

Criteria	Description
Funding Priority Alignment and ~~Project~~ Program Design	Program/project is designed to meet community needs while advancing one or more of the following focus areas: • Improved energy infrastructure, housing and resilience to ensure communities can avoid, prepare for, minimize, adapt to, and recover from energy disruptions. • Workforce training and development opportunities that support careers in the clean energy industry and advance local economic development. • Enhancing overall energy literacy among Community Power customers through educational programming that promotes clean energy use and carbon emissions reduction, with a particular focus on youth. • Demonstrated environmental benefits, including improvements to indoor and/or outdoor air quality through electrification, as well as environmental stewardship, climate equity and habitat improvement and preservation.
Strategic Alignment and Regional Environmental Impact	San Diego Community Power is committed to entirely clean and renewable electricity by 2035 or sooner.

Criteria	Description
	Program/project contributes to regional clean energy goals such as: - Reduced carbon emissions - Improved energy usage - Increased energy literacy among participants - Increased energy infrastructure and resiliency among communities served Program/project promotes the awareness and adoption of quantifiable clean energy solutions, creates energy cost reductions for customers, and/or contributes to strategic goals that advance Distributed Energy Resources (DER).
Feasibility and Readiness	Program/project outlines well-defined goals and demonstrates having the staffing capability, timing, partnerships, and applicable skills to successfully implement the program/project. Applicants sought guidance from staff on Virtual Power Plant (VPP) enrollment during available technical assistance periods and incorporated VPP elements to their project/plan where applicable and feasible. Application includes realistic timelines, and an implementation plan that accounts for all necessary permits, approvals, project requirements, as well as plans for addressing potential permitting or regulatory challenges (if applicable). Budget is within the allowable grant range and is reasonable for the project/program's scope.
Communities Served	Project/program demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the population to be served and focuses on Communities of Concern in Community Power's service territory.

Criteria	Description
	Program/project addresses potential barriers to participation and outlines outreach strategies to engage its target audience (if applicable). Program/project demonstrates how any partnerships and roles will be complementary and additive.

Reporting Requirements

Grantees will provide reports to Community Power summarizing project outcomes and other project metrics as defined in an executed grant agreement with Community Power or the program administrator.

Timeline

Awarded funds will be expended by grantees no later than 24 months from award date, or as agreed upon the executed grant agreement, unless written authorization is provided by the CEO or designee to extend the deadline.

Outreach

Community Power staff will conduct year-round, in-person and virtual outreach that is consistent with Community Power policies, present the Program Guidelines to the Community Advisory Committee and Board, and conduct any additional engagement directed by the Board.

Compliance with Applicable Laws

Contractors and grantees will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, which may include provisions of the California Labor Code relating to the payment of prevailing wages and the performance of other requirements on certain public works and maintenance projects.

GRANT FUNDING

This Policy does not explicitly authorize procurement by Community Power as the related Program does not purchase a good or service, with the exception of a potential program administrator to support the distribution of grant funds. All Program-related expenditures will comply with the Community Power Board-approved procurement policy.

Individual grant or contract awards shall not exceed 15% of the total Program budget, including the annual approved Program budget, one-time Community Benefits allocations and any leveraged external funds. Staff will inform the Board of all Program disbursements.

TERRITORY

Community Power's service area, and, where funding is governed by a legally binding Community Benefits provision in a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), the applicable beneficiary community as determined by program guidelines.

AUTHORITY DELEGATION

This Policy authorizes the CEO, or designee, to design and approve the Program guidelines, implement the Program, develop and execute required contracts and grant agreements (in consultation with General Counsel), and make minor modifications to the guidelines, where necessary.

PRIOR VERSIONS

DATE	ACTION	RESOLUTION NO.	POLICY NO.
DECEMBER 15, 2022	ADOPTION	N/A	2022-13
FEBRUARY 22, 2024	REVISION	N/A	

RELATED POLICIES

Energy Proposal Evaluation Criteria