



# EBCE Community Grants

February 2023



# Grants Background

- The Local Development Business Plan identified the opportunity to develop a Community Investment Fund to allow EBCE to invest in local innovation strategies that align with organizational goals for local resilience, economic development, pollution reduction, and other community benefits.
- EBCE has issued a series of grants, including the 2019 Community Innovation Grants, 2020 COVID grants, workforce development grants and community sponsorships
- In June '22 the Board approved a \$4.2M budget for 3 years of Community Grants in the FY'23 budget

# Community Grants Budget approval

- FY'23 budget approval for 3 year, \$4.2M Community Grant fund
- Board directed staff to consider fewer, larger grants that are multi-year, to invest in CBO engagement and capacity building (\$100k/year)
- Budget would allow for 4-5 grants of \$100k/year for 3-years
- Grants will be focused on promoting EBCE Programs and raising awareness

Funding Category	Transportation Electrification	Building Electrification	Community Resilience	Energy Efficiency
Program Enrollment				
Workforce Development				
Education / Awareness				

# Schedule

February Community Advisory Committee – staff provides update/schedule to CAC

March – Staff develops initial framework for grants based on Local Program areas

March/April Community Advisory Committee – work session to develop Community Grant Plan, including identifying grant goals and developing a solicitation plan

May - Present Community Grant Plan to BOD for approval

June - EBCE issues solicitation for first round of grants

# Community Innovation Grants

EBCE's 2019 Community Innovation Grants awarded \$240,000 in funding to 6 non-profit and community-based organizations for projects delivering energy-related social and environmental benefits to residents of Alameda County. Projects were evaluated based on criteria that assess an application's alignment with EBCE's goals and mission.

EBCE issued 6 grants to the following organizations:

- Ecology Action
- People Power Solar Cooperative
- Re-volv
- Community Impact LAB
- Rising Sun Center for Opportunity
- WORP West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project

[Community Innovation Grants Website](#)