



2026 DAC-GT RFO Webinar

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Agenda

1. Introduction to Ava
2. Overview of DAC-GT Program
3. Solicitation Details
4. Guidelines for Offer Development
5. Next Steps
6. Questions

- *Please also note that this webinar is being recorded. The slides and recording will be uploaded to the RFO webpage.*

Introduction to *Ava*



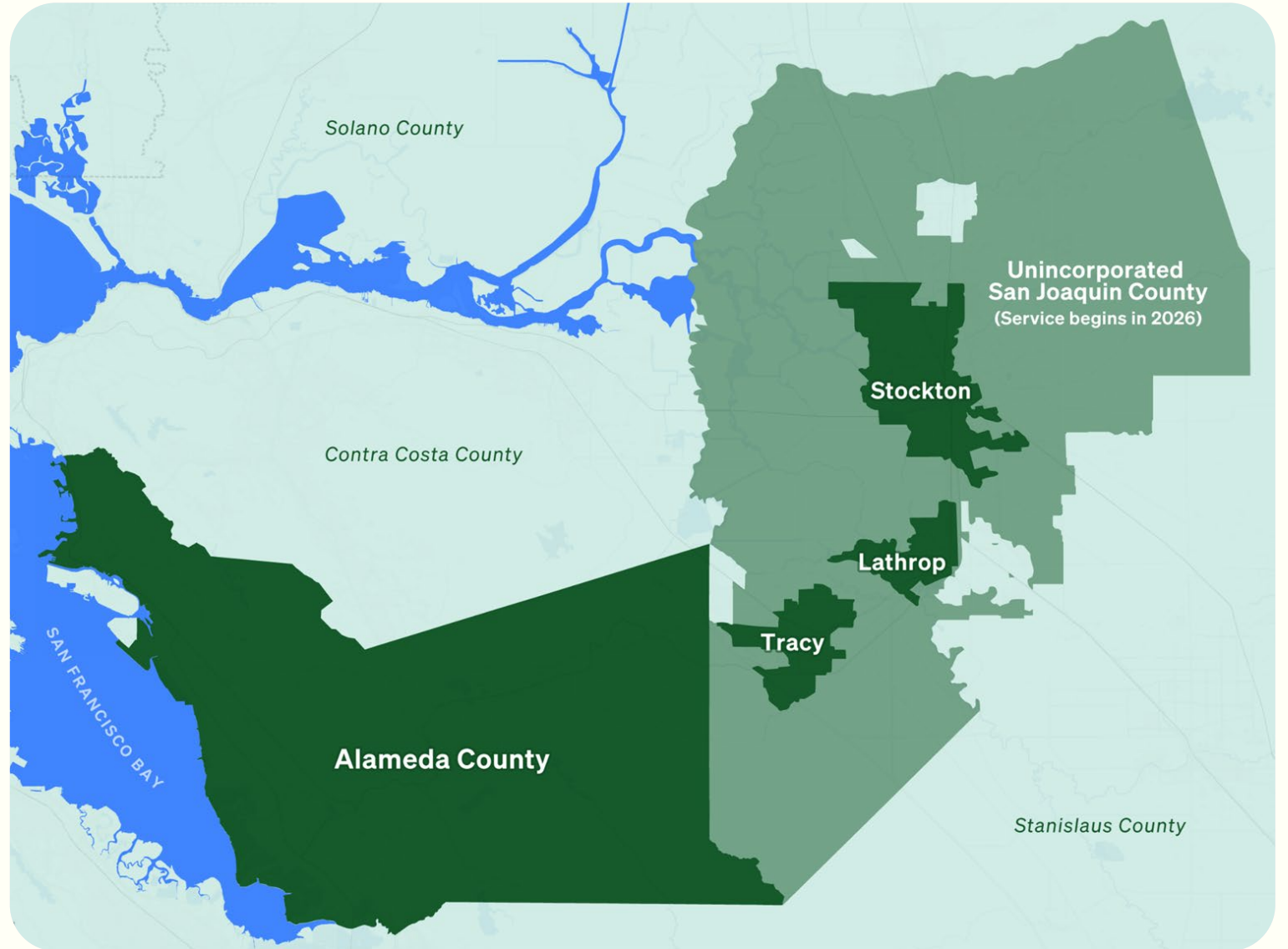
What is Ava Community Energy?



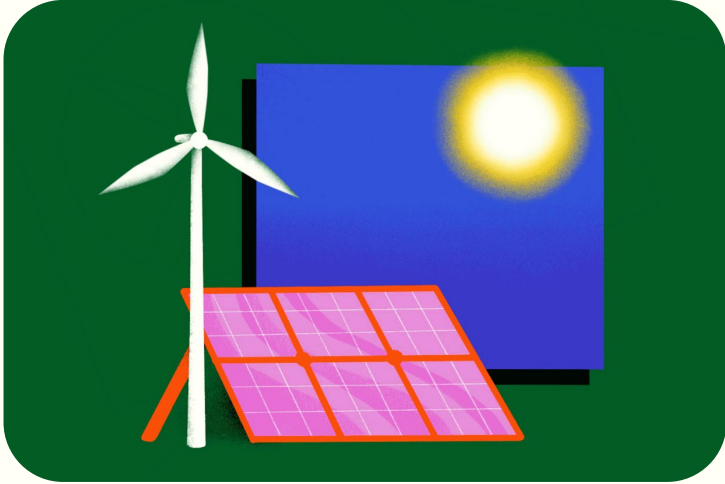
Ava Community Energy (Ava) is a not-for-profit local community choice power supplier. We provide electric generation services to Alameda County and the cities of Lathrop, Stockton, and Tracy. In May 2026, Ava will also provide electric generation services to most of unincorporated San Joaquin County.

What is Ava Community Energy?

Ava is the default provider of electricity generation service for our service area. Customers are automatically enrolled in our service and billed by PG&E. We currently service more than 750,000 residential and commercial customers.

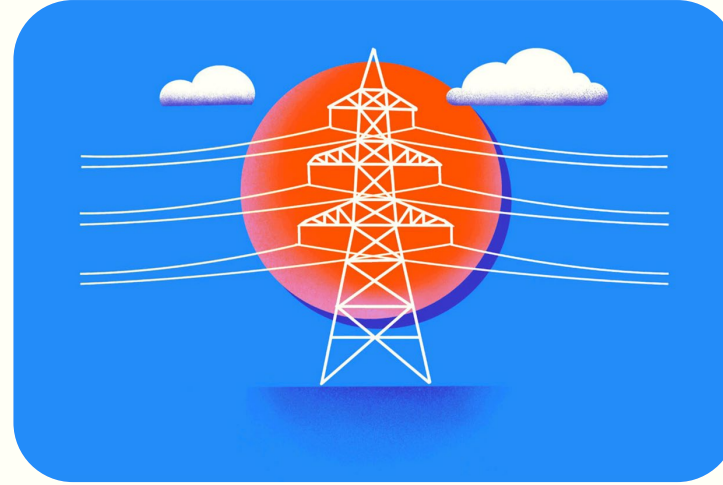


How It Works



1. Ava buys and generates clean power

Ava buys and/or generates electricity from alternative resources and sells the power to customers at lower rates.



2. PG&E delivers the power to homes and businesses

Ava's power is delivered to customers by PG&E. Customers pay PG&E for delivery (i.e., transmission and distribution services) as they always have.



3. Customers get the power and local benefits

Customers benefit from lower rates, local governance, innovative programs, and access to more renewable energy.

Overview of DAC-GT Program



DAC-GT Background

- In 2018, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted Decision 18-06-027 which created the DAC-GT program. The program promotes the development of renewable generation in underserved communities.
- The program allows income-qualifying customers (defined as customers enrolled in CARE or FERA) living in a disadvantaged community ("DAC") census tract to receive 100% renewable energy and a 20% discount on their total electricity bill.
- Renewable energy projects must be sited within 5 miles of a DAC.



Disadvantaged Communities (“DACs”)

What is a “DAC”?

Ava’s RFO defines a DAC as a census tract that is:

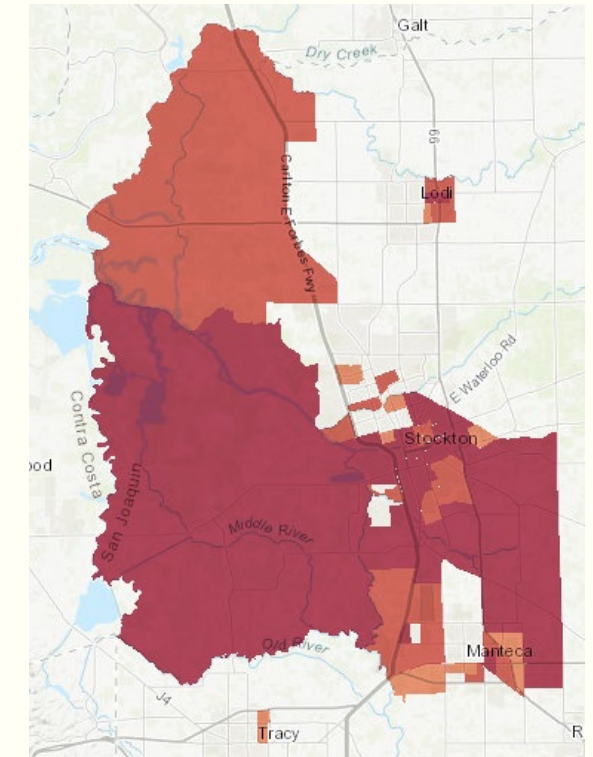
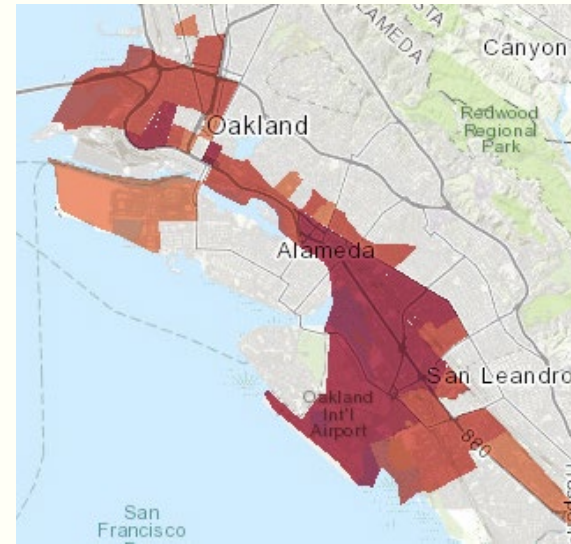
- Among the top 25% of census tracts statewide as identified by CalEnviroScreen 4.0,
- One of the 22 census tracts that is in the top 5% of CalEnviroScreen 4.0’s Pollution Burden but does not have an overall CalEnviroScreen score due to unreliable socioeconomic or health data, or
- Located in CA Indian Country as defined in 18 United States Code Section 1151, with the exception of privately held in-holdings, which are defined as non-Indian owned fee land located within the exterior boundaries of CA Indian Country.
- See <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>.

Can I find a map of DACs?

Yes! **CalEPA maintains a map at this website:**

<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/sb535>

Snapshot of CalEnviroScreen 4.0 DACs in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties (*illustrative only*)



Ava's DAC-GT Program and RFO Overview

Ava's DAC-GT Program ("Solar Discount")	
Program Size:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 11.25 MWac (serves ~4,700 customers)
Contract Term:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">15 or 20 years
Project Location requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Located no more than 5 miles from a DAC census tract in Ava's current or future service area, orLocated both in Ava's current or future service area and no more than 5 miles from a DAC census tract in PG&E territory
Customer Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Residential customers who are enrolled in CARE or FERA and live in a DAC

Full solicitation materials are posted at avaenergy.org/solicitation/2026-dac-rfo/

Solicitation Details



Schedule

Date	Event
Ongoing	Respondents may register online to receive notices regarding the RFO.
April 9, 2026	Issuance. Ava issues RFO.
April 27, 2026	Webinar.
May 14, 2026	Final Questions due by 5:00 p.m. PPT. Final deadline to submit questions.
May 21, 2026	Final Q&A Posted. Ava to post Q&A document.
June 1, 2026	Notice of Intent (NOI) to Offer due by 5:00 p.m. PPT. Final deadline to submit NOI.
June 10, 2026	Offers due by 5:00 p.m. PPT. Offers, including all required files and related information, must be submitted via Dropbox.
July 1, 2026	Selection. Anticipated date Ava will notify Sellers via email of selection or shortlist status.
July 15, 2026	Presentation to Ava Board. Target date for approval of DAC-GT Offers by Ava Board of Directors.
July 22, 2026	Contract Execution. Anticipated date Ava will send standard contract for execution to all Sellers.
August 12, 2026	Advice Letter Filing of Executed PPAs. Anticipated date Ava will submit DAC-GT PPAs for CPUC Approval via Tier 2 advice letter.
September 16, 2026	CPUC Approval. Effective date will be contingent upon CPUC Approval.

Eligibility: Project Design Requirement

	2026 DAC-GT RFO Requirements
Project Location	<p>The Project must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Located no more than 5 miles from a DAC census tract in Ava’s current or future service area, orii) Located both within Ava’s current or future service area and no more than 5 miles from a DAC census tract in PG&E territory.
Eligible Resources	<p>The Project must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) A new Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”)-eligible, front-of-the-meter generating facility, orii) A new RPS-eligible, front-of-the-meter generating facility paired with energy storage. <p>Behind-the-meter projects and nonrenewable technologies are not eligible. Resource Adequacy only Offers will not be accepted.</p>
Project Size	<p>The project’s renewable nameplate capacity must be no less than 500 kWac and no greater than 20 MWac, inclusive.</p> <p>The Offer’s Contract Capacity must be no less than 500 kWac and no greater than 11.25 MWac, inclusive.</p> <p>If applicable, the storage nameplate must be no less than 500 kWac and no greater than 20 MWac, inclusive. If applicable, the storage Offer must be no less than 500 kWac and no greater than 20 MWac, inclusive.</p>
Workforce	Detailed Workforce Development Plan must be included.
Pro Forma PPA	If selected, Seller must be willing to execute the Pro Forma PPA without negotiation or modification, apart from population of Project-specific information.

Eligibility: Project Viability

	2026 DAC-GT RFO Requirements
Interconnection	<p>For Projects that have not yet applied or have not yet been tendered an Interconnection Study as of the RFO launch date, Respondent shall i) request a Pre-Application Report and ii) enter into an interconnection process. Respondent must provide both the Pre-Application Report and evidence that the interconnection application is deemed complete by the distribution provider, PG&E.</p> <p>DAC-GT projects will need to ensure they can participate in CAISO markets prior to contract start under any agreement executed with Ava.</p>
Deliverability	<p>Offers for energy-only products are not required to demonstrate deliverability.</p> <p>Offers that include Resource Adequacy (“RA”) must demonstrate deliverability.</p>
Site Control	<p>Respondents attest they have secured site control for the entire delivery term of their Offer(s) to Ava.</p> <p>Respondents must complete required fields in the Facility Info tab of the Offer Form, and provide detail in the Project Narrative.</p>
Commencement of COD	<p>COD must be no later than April 1, 2030.</p> <p>Ava has a preference for projects beginning deliveries as soon as possible.</p>

Evaluation Methodology Overview

- When Respondents have met the eligibility requirements, Ava will employ the evaluation criteria to select or shortlist Offers, using quantitative and qualitative evaluation criteria to score projects.
- Eligible offers will be ranked in order of total score.
- Ava will award PPAs to the highest-scoring projects in rank order, up to its available program capacity of 11.25 MWac.

Evaluation Criteria

Category	Details	Weight
Quantitative Criteria		
Offer Competitiveness	Project economic valuation, Expected COD, Contract Capacity, capacity factor, emissions, and labor and workforce development	55%
Qualitative Criteria		
Counterparty Execution Risk	Development experience, CCA experience	20%
Development Status Risk	Interconnection study process, interconnection status, permitting, and environment risks	20%
Local Business Enterprise	Fixed office with a street address in Ava's service territory and valid business license issued by a jurisdiction within Ava's territory for at least 6 months	4%
Small Business Enterprise	Registered as a small business with a state or federal agency	1%

Guidelines for Offer Development



Compliant Submission Specifications (1 of 2)

Products	Energy, Green Attributes, Energy Storage (if applicable), Resource Adequacy (if applicable)
Term	Terms must be offered for 15 or 20 years.
Price	<p>Respondents must submit Offers with their best and final price using the respective product tabs in the Offer Form contained in Attachment D. Ava will not consider updated or “refreshed” price offers submitted after the Offer submittal deadline.</p> <p>Prices must be offered at the project Pnode with a 0% annual escalator, and must be stated in annual \$/MWh (generation) and, if applicable, \$/kW-month (storage).</p> <p>The price submitted for an Offer must include (1) all awards, subsidies, tax credits applicable to the Project; (2) any costs incurred by the Respondent including any interconnection costs; (3) the acceptance of the non-price terms and conditions of the PPA; and (4) all other benefits the Respondent expects to apply.</p>

Note: The webinar provides an overview of select elements of Compliant Offers. Please refer to the Solicitation Protocol for a comprehensive list of Compliant Offer Specifications.

Compliant Submission Specifications (2 of 2)

Ownership	All projects will be owned by Respondent, with Ava contracting the output of the resource for the duration of the term.
Site Control	Respondents attest they have secured site control for the entire delivery term of their Offer(s) to Ava.
Workforce Development	Respondents must submit a Workforce Development Plan.

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Offer Form (Attachment D)

- An “Offer” refers to the submission of all required information and details of any additional variations for one product from one site. Respondents may submit alternative configurations, durations, or pricing schemes.
- Respondents are not limited in either the number of Offers they may submit, or the number of variations they may submit for any one Offer.
- All Offer variants must be described in the Project Narrative (Attachment C).
- Please follow Offer Form instructions closely!

NOI + Offer Submittal Process

- To receive a Dropbox folder to respond to this RFO, Respondents must submit a Notice of Intent to Offer (Attachment A).
- All information submittals related to this RFO must be made via the Respondent's unique Dropbox submission folder.

Required Forms

- Submissions must include the following attachments, as detailed in the Solicitation Protocol.
- All forms and templates listed below are available for download on Ava's solicitation page.
 - i. Notice of Intent to Offer (Attachment A)
 - ii. Disadvantaged Community Census Tracts (Attachment B)
 - iii. Project Narrative, including Workforce Development Plan (Attachment C)
 - iv. Completed Offer Form (Attachment D)
 - v. Completed PPA (Attachment E.1 and/or E.2)
 - vi. Interconnection Studies or Applications
 - vii. Site Map

Next Steps



Next Steps & Important Upcoming Events

- Submit Questions to 2026DACrfo@avaenergy.org
- Check RFO site regularly for updates

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