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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Community Energy Reliability and
Resilience Investment (CERRI) “How-
To” Workshops for GFO-23-312r2*

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NOTICE OF CERRI PROGRAM “HOW-TO”
WORKSHOPS FOR GFO-23-312R2

RE: Community Energy Reliability and
Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program
“How-To” Workshops for GFO-23-312r2

Notice of CERRI Program “How-To” Workshops for GFO-23-312r2

June 18, June 25, and July 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a series of “How-To” workshops to provide guidance on how to complete application materials for the Round 2 Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) for the Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program GFO-23-312r2. Each workshop will cover different topics related to the GFO application. These workshops will include a Question and Answer session for potential applicants.

The public can participate in the workshops consistent with the attendance instructions below. The log-in details for all three workshops are the same. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

- The proposed agendas for the upcoming workshops are as follows:
 1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Introduce CERRI team and give meeting housekeeping.
 2. **CERRI Program Background & Requirements:** Provide an overview of the program’s funding source, eligibility requirements, and objectives.
 3. **Topic Overview:** Outline the guidelines for application attachments and provide instructions on completing them.
 - **June 18, 2025:** How-To Workshop on Project/Applicant Eligibility, Project Narrative form, and Project Metrics form.

- **June 25, 2025:** How-To Workshop on Budget Forms, Site/Match Commitment Letters, and Vendor Quotes.
 - **July 2, 2025:** How-To Workshop on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance forms.
4. **Application Support & Resources:** Share where potential applicants can access application support and resources.
 5. **Question and Answer Session:** Address questions from participants.

All “How-To” workshops will be recorded, and copies of the presentations and recordings will be posted on the [CERRI Program website](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/community-energy-reliability-and-resilience-investment-cerri-program) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/community-energy-reliability-and-resilience-investment-cerri-program>.

Background

The CERRI Program invests in deployment projects across California that increase community energy reliability and resilience, support California’s energy policies, improve energy justice and equity, and create good-paying jobs. Funding for this program was authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Section 40101(d).

In recent years, California has experienced increased electrical system outages caused by climate-related events, such as increased wildfires, heat waves, and storms, or through public safety power shutoffs. These events and the state’s aging infrastructure threaten grid reliability, public health and safety, economic prosperity, communities, and ecosystems. They also pose disproportionate consequences for the most vulnerable populations in both rural and urban areas.

The intent of this program is to invest in deployment projects that increase electric grid reliability and improve the resiliency of communities in California by reducing outage frequency, duration, magnitude, and associated community impacts while bolstering California’s workforce and promoting equity.

The objectives of awarded projects must align with those of the CERRI Program. The CERRI Program aims to:

- **Reliability and Resilience:** Reduce the frequency, duration, and magnitude of power outages and strengthen communities’ ability to function during power outages.
- **Community Benefits:** Ensure that the benefits of clean, safe, affordable, and reliable energy are shared by all.
- **Advancement of Energy and Resilience Goals:** Support California’s energy modernization and resilience goals.
- **Workforce Development and Labor:** Create high-quality jobs with strong labor standards and protections that attract and train a skilled workforce for lasting careers in the growing clean energy industry.

On May 8, 2025, the CEC released the CERRI Round 2 Grant Funding Opportunity. The solicitation manual and attachments are posted on the CEC website here, <https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2025-05/gfo-23-312r2-round-2-community-energy->

[reliability-and-resilience-investment](#). The **deadline to apply is Friday, August 29, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**

Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join all three workshops via Zoom by internet or phone. Please use the link below to access each session.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/87933974809?pwd=XpaZCkfdBaKr0vnWMdGkBuXNZSZBCP.1> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **879 3397 4809** and passcode **cerri** and follow all prompts.
- **To join by telephone.** Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the Webinar ID **879 3397 4809** and passcode **811671**.

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Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [22-ERDD-01](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=22-ERDD-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2025. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 22-ERDD-01 and CERRI Program GFO-23-312r2 in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [22-ERDD-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-ERDD-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-ERDD-01>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program subscription list. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: June 4, 2025

, at Sacramento, California.

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