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Comment regarding eligibility

Hello,

I am the Chief Administrator for the Tehachapi Unified School District and would like to address some appreciation, and concerns, regarding this program. Our agency would benefit tremendously from the generous attention to the high demands on energy in schools. The concern I have is that my agency is 1 percentile away from meeting the environmental burden threshold (74%) and similarly our free & reduced lunch count percentage is high (44%), but 11% away from being considered as a high-risk. The upfront cost for preparing and applying for the grant to meet the significant challenges we face with our infrastructure in rural California would not be an issue if we felt there would be a reasonable chance of obtaining the funds necessary to meet our needs. TUSD urges the state to consider districts in similar situations that don't get what they need through traditional district funding and don't have sufficient local resources to address projects like these with significant up-front costs.

Thank you.

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