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**Question about funding**

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**Subject:** Questions about funding for community engagement programs; question about overturning a preliminary environmental finding and recommendation  
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Dear Lithium Valley Commission staff:

I've called several times over the past few weeks but have never had a call returned.

My name is James Gibson—I'm an environmental sociologist and writer. I write frequently for the quarterly, Earth Island Journal, and have also written many times for the Los Angeles Times op-ed page.

1. Questions on state funding for community engagement:

From reading the docket and watching the zoom meeting I got the impression that the state government was going to make several hundred thousand dollars available to local governments, tribes and community organizations to fund community engagement programs. I thought guidelines for applications were going to be posted. I have not seen further mention of the money, or the applications.

I also do not know if these community engagement meetings are to be conducted in time for including the results in the Lithium Valley Commission's October 1 report. This does not seem possible to me unless there funds have already been distributed and I simply did not find the right links to this information.

Please give me a better understanding of the community engagement program and what kinds of deadlines have been established.

2. Question about what the LVC needs to do if it wants to change a preliminary finding or recommendation. The preliminary report on environmental impacts and proposed recommendations was listed as adopted. Can the commission change its findings and recommendations in the final Oct 1 report without a public hearing on the proposed changes?

3. Will a draft of the October 1 report be posted before it is submitted? If so, when might it be available?

Thank you for your help.

James Gibson