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The Importance of Timely Grid Connections and Access to Clean Energy Resources for All



GRID Alternatives envisions a rapid, equitable transition to a world powered by renewable energy that benefits everyone. Our mission is to build **community-powered solutions** to advance economic and environmental justice through renewable energy.



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Stakes of Clean Energy Interconnection

- Historic opportunity for equitable climate action
- Massive load growth on the horizon
- No energy equity or EJ without a healthy distribution system
- Need for affordable, efficient, and equitable grid capacity improvements and interconnection processes in low-income and EJ communities



California's Solar+ Equity Programs

- Themes for interconnecting across segments
- Single-family homes
 - SASH, DAC-SASH
- Multifamily homes
 - LIWP-MF, MASH, SOMAH
- Community solar
 - DAC GT, CS GT
- Storage and resilience
- Enabling technology



GRID Alternatives' Solar Installation Impact



28,454

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

Homeowners and renters
who qualify as low-income



\$663,887,466

LIFETIME SAVINGS

Fewer expenses = more
money in families' pockets



224

COMMUNITY FACILITIES SERVED

Multifamily affordable
housing buildings,
nonprofits and other service
providers

GRID Alternatives' Solar Installation Impact



351,727

TOTAL JOB TRAINING HOURS

Time spent on our job training focused installs



33,152

PEOPLE RECEIVED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Participants include volunteers, students, and job trainees



312

JOB TRAINING PARTNERS

Schools, colleges, vocational programs, and community based organizations

Equitable Clean Mobility

- The next big source of load growth and an opportunity to leapfrog solar equity misstarts
- Aligning prolific investments
 - Access Clean CA
 - CALeVIP 2.0
 - CC4A
 - Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot
 - Communities in Charge
 - CVAP
 - DCAP
 - Empower EV
 - EnergIIZE
 - REACH
 - RHETTA



Key Strategies for Scaling Equity & Impact

- Ensure low-income and EJ communities can interconnect efficiently and invest in enablement
- Further incentivize equity projects that provide distribution system benefits
- Invest in robust partnerships with underserved communities, CBOs for design and implementation
- Further harness the power of solicitation criteria, Terms & Conditions
- (Re)design for easy stacking and co-leveraging across programs (EV rebates, EVSE, solar, storage, MSP upgrades, EE measures, CARE/FERA)
- Align eligibility and/or expand categorical and co-eligibility
- Provide means for accessing technical assistance
- Go beyond savings and scope for WFD and DBE opportunities
- Improve legal and programmatic frameworks to facilitate data sharing
- Design for needs-based prioritization and provide progressive financial support
- Make programmatic change management processes more efficient
- Optimize programs to co-leverage complimentary federal and state resources





Thank you!

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