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Chapter 8.7, Article 1, Section 1600, (c) says "There is no program in California dedicated to improving ventilation and energy efficiency in California schools at the scale required to safely prepare schools for operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is vitally needed to protect the health, safety, and ability to learn for California's school children and the health of California's teachers." If the first year of the grant, it is only for " the assessment, maintenance, monitoring and MINOR repairs", then any major projects can't begin until the summer of 2022 and this grant is not going through with the promise to "prepare schools for operating during the COVID-19 pandemic". We have some of our schools that are reading "unhealthy" (not unhealthy for sensitive groups) every day and without money to change out the HVAC units, the safest thing to do is not run the heater in the winter or the air conditioning in the summer.

Under Chapter 8.7, Article 3, Section 1621, (3) says "The Energy Commission shall award a grant pursuant to this article for reimbursement of work already performed where the work was contracted and performed after August 1, 2020 and meets the requirements of Section 1622 to 1627, inclusive, and the local education agency meets other requirements determined by the Energy Commission to be appropriate to achieve the purposes of this article." If we don't have the grant money in hand, we will be forced to take a loan, do the HVAC replacement, and then request reimbursement. When would you expect that we would be reimbursed for the costs of this project, assuming that we meet all of the requirements determined by the Energy Commission?

Under Chapter 8.7, Article 2, Section 1612 says "Not less than 25 percent of the projects funded by the SRVEVR Program or SNPFA Program shall be in underserved communities. The SRVEVR Program and SNPFA Program shall prioritize underserved communities by ensuring that all schools that are in an underserved community are offered the opportunity to apply for and receive grants before those schools that are not in an underserved

community." Is this only for the planning grants or will this also be in place for the later construction grants as well?

Thank you.

Keith Loewen

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On Wed, Jan 20, 2021 at 12:18 PM Energy - Public Advisor's Office

<[publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov)> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Loewen,

We are following up with you regarding your questions for docket number 20-RENEW-01. The scope of eligible projects/costs will be discussed in the workshop. Staff will be presenting briefly and then opening for discussion with attendees. Overall, Staff believes the policy at this point is to maintain a tight scope to maximize the benefits across that state (rather than very large, all-encompassing projects). Furthermore, the scope of the first edition of the SRVEVR Guidelines does not include work beyond the assessment, maintenance, monitoring and MINOR repairs that can be completed with the 20% contingency.

Future phases of the program will include the application for larger projects identified in the first phase and the guidelines will be updated to reflect those changes. Attached is the notice with instructions for remote participation in the January 22, 2021 AB841 Staff workshop.

Respectfully,

**Public Advisor's Office**

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Our HVAC units are roof mounted. What do we need to submit to get funding for the cost of any roof repairs/upgrades due to new HVAC units? If we don't repair the roofs, we can't install the new HVAC units. Thank you.

Keith Loewen

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