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Introduction

The *Revised Staff Draft Guidelines - School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program Guidelines* (Revised Draft Program Guidelines) are now available on the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus (SEES) [program page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/school-energy-efficiency-stimulus-sees-program-assembly-bill-841), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/school-energy-efficiency-stimulus-sees-program-assembly-bill-841>.

The Revised Draft Program Guidelines provide requirements for program participation including eligible applicants and projects, the application process, funding awards and distribution, project documentation, and reporting for the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair (SRVEVR) Program. The California Energy Commission (CEC) is requesting public comment on the Revised Draft Program Guidelines.

Background

Enacted by Assembly Bill 841 (Ting, Chapter 372, Statutes of 2020) in September 2020, the SEES Program consists of two new grant programs – the SRVEVR Program and the School Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance Program. The SRVEVR Program will provide funding to local educational agencies to assess, maintain, and repair ventilation systems in public schools, prioritizing schools in underserved communities.

The CEC posted the *SRVEVR Program Draft Guidelines* (TN 236369) prior to the SRVEVR Program Workshop held on January 22, 2021. The SRVEVR Program Draft Guidelines were updated based on input from stakeholders at the SRVEVR Program Workshop and subsequent comments. In

addition to non-substantive edits and format changes, the updates to the Revised Draft Program Guidelines include:

- Revising the application tiers in Chapter 1, Section D.
- Clarifying the number of applications that can be submitted for the program in Chapter 1, Section D.
- Clarifying the requirement on multiple sources of funding in Chapter 1, Section D.
- Clarifying the ability of local educational agencies to use in-house staff to complete project activities in Chapter 2, Section G.
- Clarifying that additional grant funding will not be provided for cost overruns in Chapter 2, Section H.
- Changing the project term to 24 months in Chapter 2, Section J.
- Adding the list of self-certifications for the application package and adding the requirement for a Certificate of Good Standing for Charter School Applicants as supporting documentation for the application package in Chapter 3, Section B.
- Updating the language on contractor estimates in Chapter 3, Section C.
- Clarifying that contingency funds can be used to cover cost overruns but cannot be used to pay for consultant fees or any portable equipment in Chapter 3, Section F.1.
- Adding a section with information on ineligible costs in Chapter 3, Section I.
- Adding the list of self-certifications for the final reporting package to Chapter 4, Section C.
- Clarifying the process for time extension requests in Chapter 4, Section D.
- Adding information on the Division of the State Architect requirements to Chapter 5, Section D.

Written Comments

The public and stakeholders are encouraged to review and comment on the Revised Draft Program Guidelines. **Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2021.** Written comments, attachments, and associated contact information, such as address, phone number and email address, become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any Internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/e-filing-and-e-commenting>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment

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