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Comment for Equity/EJ IEPR:

If money is going to be allocated for projects I would suggest the need for funding for local research be included. The type of real boots on the ground research, not looking at labor market statistics that are 2 years old and outdated. That is why I like the sector groups I can get real local information and data. For example when the deans of 2 nursing schools tell us they reduced their nursing classes by 50% during the 2 years of pandemic, I know that when there is already a shortage of nurses, that will have impacts for years to come and increase the shortages locally. That doesn't show up in labor market statistic projections.

If wind projects are coming, research locally by gathering union information on labor available and skills training information. Determine if there is the skilled workforce available. Also how it will impact poor or lower income communities if there isn't. For example, the area rental housing goes up due to increase housing needs for workers needing to move in from other areas because there is no local workforce. The people who lived there for years can get displaced so landlords can make more money on rent. This is a way to show the value of local research in planning for impacts and the value to use that to plan ahead and put in temporary worker housing if needed or prevent landlords from raising rents – etc.

Just a suggestion on funding needed for good local research. Something I feel is missing in a lot of funding opportunities.

Thanks.

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