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ZEV Infrastructure Technical Assistance

Mark Wenzel Fuels and Transportation Division April 19, 2024 Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting



- Funding for projects in communities that have not historically received similar funding
- Achieving more equitable distribution of funding and clean air benefits
- Implementing holistic approaches that reduce unintended consequences
- Engaging under-represented populations within project development
- Developing stronger, more community-engaged projects
- Building relationships and trust between the State and local entities
- Supporting peer-to-peer networking among priority populations

Challenges for Under-resourced Applicants Seeking Funding

- Lack of awareness and understanding of program goals and eligible projects
- Lack of local staff or organizational capacity, such as staff time, financial resources, and expertise/experience in applying for grants
- Lack of relationships across local agencies, partner organizations, and/or community groups



- **Purpose**: Help local communities apply for Clean Transportation Program funding and Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) program funding, as well as other ZEV-related state and federal funding opportunities
- **Objective**: Develop solicitation for third-party implementer(s) to provide technical assistance for applicants seeking federal and state funding for ZEV infrastructure



- Education and Awareness
 - Funding identification
 - Guidance on eligibility
- Project/Application Development
 - Technical expertise, e.g., siting; working with utilities
 - Application preparation and review
 - Budgeting and financial planning
 - Community engagement
- Project execution
 - Infrastructure delivery
 - Grant term compliance, reporting



Task	Timeframe
Public Comment Deadline	April 18, 2024
Finalize solicitation concept	June 2024
Release solicitation	August 2024



- Suggested priorities and qualifications for TA provider?
- Identifying TA recipients: With limited funds, how should CEC/TA prioritize?
- Examples of successful TA projects?



Thank You!

