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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



September 10, 2024

California Energy Commission
 Docket No. 20-RENEW-01
 715 P Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request to Promptly Reopen CalSHAPE Ventilation Program Applications for a Period of at Least 14 Days and to Expediently Process New and Existing Applications and Grant Agreements through October 31, 2024

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

We call upon the California Energy Commission (CEC) to promptly reopen applications and expediently process new and existing applications and grant agreements for the California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Ventilation Program.

In particular, we ask that:

- applications be reopened by no later than September 16, 2024, for a period of at least 14 days;
- grant agreement processing continue through at least the [previously noticed](#) grant agreement processing deadline of October 31, 2024; and

- the CEC commit all necessary resources to expeditiously process applications and grant agreements so that any local educational agency (LEA) that meets the new application deadline has a reasonable opportunity to execute a grant agreement.

Finally, we ask that at the same time that the CEC reopens applications that it give public notice if all funds in any funding category and tier have been encumbered. (See [CalSHAPE Ventilation Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition](#), Chapter 1, Section F.)

Because [AB 3121](#) failed to pass, and [no special session](#) regarding electric rates (as opposed to [gas prices](#)) has been proposed, the “[budgetary constraints](#)” that the CEC cited on June 28, 2024, as cause for CalSHAPE Ventilation Program disruption have been resolved.

The school HVAC assessments and improvements funded by the program are critical to increase energy efficiency, foster high-quality jobs, and protect students and teachers against extreme heat, wildfire smoke, other pollution, and infectious diseases.

We urge the CEC to take immediate action to reopen CalSHAPE Ventilation Program applications and expeditiously process new and existing applications and grant agreements so that as many LEAs as possible can realize the program’s benefits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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