

## **New Construction Electrification Program Developer Track FAQs**

### **Who can Apply?**

Housing developers building projects within 3CE's service area may apply. Both affordable housing developers and market-rate developers are welcome to submit applications.

### **What types of housing are eligible for the grant funding?**

Both application tracks accept applications from developments of Multi-Unit Dwellings (Apartment Buildings, Townhomes, Duplexes, etc.), Single family Residences (SFR), and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

### **What defines all-electric housing?**

All-electric housing is defined as housing that uses electricity as the energy source for household appliances including but not limited to water heating, space heating, and cooking appliances. The project must not include any natural gas or propane infrastructure on the premise.

### **Your Application requests information on local hiring practices.**

### **Will my organization's ability to hire locally impact my application's success?**

No. 3CE recognizes the difficulty for housing project developers to hire locally due to cost restraints. 3CE will credit any efforts to hire locally, whether that be your organization's local hiring policy, qualitative or quantitative information that supports efforts to hire locally. Tell us about your efforts and challenges in hiring local workers.

### **What is 3CE's service area?**

3CE currently serves Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) communities in the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara and the cities of Arroyo Grande, Del Rey Oaks, Capitola, Carmel, Gonzales, Greenfield, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Hollister, Marina, Monterey, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Santa Maria, San Juan Bautista, San Luis Obispo, Sand City, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Seaside, Soledad, Solvang, and Watsonville.

### **My organization is planning to build a housing development in Southern California Edison territory of Santa Barbara County, can I apply?**

As part of the approved Fiscal Year 2020-2021 3CE Energy Programs budget, the Program will only accept applicants from developments located within 3CE's existing service area.

3CE will evaluate future Program funding for developers planning housing developments in

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communities enrolling in Southern California Edison territory of Santa Barbara County who begin service in late 2021.

## My organization is not based in 3CE area, can I apply?

If the development you are building is located within 3CE service area you may apply. Your business does not to be located within 3CE territory.

## How much funding is available?

\$2.075M of total funding is available. Grant awards available to each applicant are based on the type of developer and the number of units that are built all-electric. A minimum of 75% of funds will be distributed to affordable housing developers. Grant will be distributed as follows:

- Affordable Housing units: \$2,500 per unit
- Market Rate units: \$1,750 per unit

## How are funds awarded?

The application will open on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, and remain open for a 45 day window until March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. Awards will be distributed to eligible applications on a competitive basis.

## What is the minimum and maximum amount of funding per project?

The maximum amount of funding for a single project site is \$240,000. If multiple developers are working collaboratively on a development, the maximum funding for the entire development site is capped at \$240,000. There is no minimum grant award.

## What do I need to apply?

To apply, applicants must have the following information:

- a. Project name, location, number of units, type of development
- b. Construction schedule
- c. Relevant documents showing intent to build all-electric house (see below)

At the time of application, developer must provide at least one document indicating intent to build an all-electric project. Acceptable documents include:

- Architect of Record's plans with confirmation letter from the architect describing how the building meets the all-electric requirement and citing relevant pages.
- Confirmation letter from the electrical engineer describing how the building design plans meets the all-electric requirement

## What happens after I submit my application?

3CE will review your application for completeness and eligibility, and will be in touch if additional information is needed. When the application window closes, 3CE staff will evaluate all projects submitted, and determine which projects are approved. If your application is approved, 3CE staff will send you a Letter of Intent (LOI). Funds will be reserved in a 3CE account for a maximum of 3.5 years after the date of issuance of the LOI. Applicants may

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submit one letter requesting an extension of reserved grant funds, for up to one year. The letter must provide a description of a good faith efforts towards completing the approved project.

## When do I receive my funds?

Once the approved project is complete, the you will receive funds (check payable to applicant) upon meeting the following conditions:

1. 3CE staff confirms the building/s are enrolled in 3CE electricity service.
2. Developer submits the following documents indicating that the development was completed as an all-electric building.
  - Certificate of Occupancy -OR- Notice of Completion  
-AND-
  - Inspection report showing that all electrical work has been completed and no gas lines have been installed

## How do I know if my development has “affordable housing” units that qualify for grant incentives of \$2,500/unit?

3CE does not define affordable housing. Each planning authority or defines affordable housing and 3CE will abide by those determinations. A good place to start would be to look at your County’s housing element or contact the local planning agency.

## Project Eligibility Requirements:

- Located within 3CE Service Area
- Must be enrolled in 3CE service at the time the project is completed.
- Eligible structures covered:
  - Multi-unit Dwellings (MUD)
    - Apartment Buildings
    - Townhomes
    - Duplexes
  - Single Family Residence (SFR)
  - Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
- Building Permits may not already be issued.
- Design of the structure must show:
  - No natural gas or propane infrastructure on premises
  - Electric space heating, water heating, and cooking supported