



## Community Education & Workforce Grant Program Webinar

**About:** Questions addressed in the table below are from the January 20, 2022, Community Education & Workforce Grant Program Webinar and email correspondence received by Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) staff.

Questions	CCCE Answers
May we email you with ideas to determine if our projects are correct in scope before we apply?	<b>Yes.</b> Please email <a href="mailto:programs@3ce.org">programs@3ce.org</a> and/or <a href="mailto:ttobar@3ce.org">ttobar@3ce.org</a> with any questions regarding your application.
Will capital projects be considered?	<b>No.</b> However, CCCE does have other programs that provide incentives for capital projects via Electrify Your Ride and New Construction Electrification.
Would you consider a project that includes both energy efficiency (lighting) and electrification?	The focus of this grant program is electrification. Projects can include energy efficiency, however, CCCE funding is limited to electrification.
Is there a page limit to the narrative section of the application?	<b>No.</b> We do not have a page limit. However, we ask that applications are clear and concise.
Can projects extend into CCCE's next fiscal year?	<b>Yes.</b> However, it would be determined on a case-by-case basis. We ask that work begins soon after the Grant Agreement is signed by both parties. The end of CCCE's fiscal year is September 30, 2022.
Will there be a weighting of the evaluation criteria?	<b>No.</b> We currently do not have weighting in our evaluation criteria. However, this may shift and is dependent on feedback from our Grants Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Community Advisory Council members.
Are there certification programs that you want to use for the workforce training?	<b>No.</b> We do not currently have any certification programs in mind. However, leveraging existing certification programs may support application eligibility or competitiveness in some instances.
Is mileage considered travel or a direct expense?	Mileage is considered travel.
Will the slides of this webinar be available?	<b>Yes.</b> Please visit <a href="https://3cenergy.org/energy-programs/community-education-workforce-grant-program/">https://3cenergy.org/energy-programs/community-education-workforce-grant-program/</a> to view the webinar recording, presentation, and FAQs.
Is there any insight on the budget allowed per project?	<b>Yes.</b> The maximum grant amount is \$100,000 per project with a total budget of \$400,000.
Is there a minimum award amount?	<b>No.</b> There is no minimum award amount.

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<p>If CCCE received multiple eligible applications, will the \$400,000 allocated for this grant program increase the amount to meet the electrification needs throughout CCCE’s service territory?</p>	<p><b>No.</b> CCCE is not considering increasing the budget amount at this time.</p>
<p>Will CCCE announce the number and value of proposals received before announcing awards?</p>	<p><b>No.</b> We will announce the number and value after awards are announced.</p>
<p>Would you consider the models other than CalEnviro 4.0 when looking at underserved communities?</p>	<p><b>Yes.</b> The following models would be considered serving underserved communities: CalEnviroScreen 4.0. All Tribal lands. “At-promise” youth (students who may fail to earn a high school diploma due to irregular attendance, academic underachievement, economic disadvantage, etc.) Workers whose jobs are at risk from electrification – such as fuel dealers and the entire internal combustion engine supply chain. Community members that speak Spanish as a second language. We ask that you explicitly include which model that is being used in your application.</p>
<p>The design and implementation guide doesn’t provide a grant term. Can CCCE’s staff clarify grant term for projects that are proposed for funding?</p>	<p>There is no set timeline for grant projects. However, CCCE would prefer projects that stay within CCCE’s grant fiscal year. (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022) This can be further determined on a case-by-case basis.</p>
<p>Is CCCE seeking proposals that address either Education &amp; Awareness or Workforce, Training, and Development but not both?</p>	<p><b>Yes.</b> CCCE welcomes proposals that address both Education &amp; Awareness and Workforce Training.</p>
<p>If proposals need to address either Education &amp; Awareness or Workforce, Training, and Development, how would CCCE like us to indicate the focus we are choosing in applications?</p>	<p>Simply indicate which scope you are applying for within your application.</p>
<p>For Community &amp; Workforce Track, can CCCE clarify how applications will be scored and evaluated?</p>	<p>CCCE has included the scoring criteria on our website under resources <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>Will all Community &amp; Workforce Track applications be scored using both the Education &amp; Awareness and Workforce, Training, and Development acceptance criteria?</p>	<p>No. Each scope will be evaluated based on their respective scoring criteria found on CCCE’s website <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>If an organization would like to provide food to attendees of an in-person education activity, would</p>	<p><b>Yes.</b> If providing food is a strategy to increase participation in your proposed in-person educational or</p>

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food costs be reimbursable as an eligible Supplies/materials/equipment expense?	training activity, then food would be an eligible expense.
What about services such as childcare that can support increased participation from parents with young children?	<b>Yes.</b> If providing childcare services is a strategy to increase participation in your proposed in-person educational or training activity, childcare would be an eligible expense.
Can CCCE clarify costs that can be included under “Other direct project and program related expenses”? Would this include staff time for grant administration (e.g. billings and invoices)?	<b>Yes.</b> Eligible expenses include staff time working directly on an approved project including grant administration, billing, and invoicing.
It seems like travel to conduct outreach/education activities is a direct cost for project delivery. Can CCCE explain why applicants are not being reimbursed for travel expenses?	Travel is not an allowable expense. However, should your application be approved, we will consider travel as an allowable expense on a case-by-case basis depending on the need of transportation to successfully carry out the project.
If a training is intended to increase their capacity to provide bilingual/multilingual education about electrification and related CCCE programs, would this be considered a workforce development activity or just an education activity?	Training bilingual staff to educate others would fall under Education and Awareness. In order to be considered a Workforce Development, the focus of the scope needs to be on workforce development.
Do you know when awards would be announced and by when the funding needs to be encumbered?	Depending on the volume of applications received, CCCE staff may take up to 90 days to process applications. Funding needs and program encumbrance will be established via the grant approval process.
Is there a place where you have announced/ documented last year’s awardees and their projects?	<b>Yes.</b> On August 11, 2021, CCCE held an Operational Board meeting. To view the meeting minutes, please visit <a href="#">here</a> . Please note, the current fiscal year’s grant is slightly different from last years.

***If you have any questions that are not covered within this document, please email them to [programs@3ce.org](mailto:programs@3ce.org) and/or [ttobar@3ce.org](mailto:ttobar@3ce.org).***

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