



**Community Benefits Grant Program
2026-2027 Funding Application**



As part of its ongoing commitment to local communities, energy equity and diversity, and environmental stewardship, Calpine Community Energy, in partnership with Desert Community Energy (DCE), is pleased to provide local financial support through its 2026-2027 Community Benefits Grant Program. Qualifying entities must be IRS designated 501(c)3 non-profit organizations serving DCE’s service territory. Please note that funding is not permitted for political action committees, trade associations, government entities or political candidates. Awards will range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY 5PM PST JUNE 26TH, 2026 TO :
COMMUNITYBENEFITS@CALPINESOLUTIONS.COM.
BENEFICIARIES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY END OF SEPTEMBER 2026.**

Evaluation Criteria
501(C)3 NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION’S IMPACT AND VISIBILITY IN DCE’S TERRITORY
EXTENT AND APPROACH TO WHICH LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS WILL BE DELIVERED IN ALIGNMENT WITH FUNDING CATEGORIES

TELL US ABOUT YOU

- Name of Organization Phone Number
- Applicant’s Name EIN/Tax ID #
- Applicant’s Title Organization Website
- Street Address
- Email
- Funding Amount Requested
- Organization Description/Mission (500 word maximum)

CITIES/COMMUNITIES SERVED:

Palm Springs

FUNDING CATEGORY

Energy & Sustainability

Environmental & Social Justice Communities

Education

Workforce Development

Other (Please Specify)

Reporting Requirements:

- 1) SIX-MONTH POST AWARD STATUS REPORT, INCLUDING PICTURES/VIDEOS, A STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES TO DATE, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT.
- 2) ONE-YEAR POST AWARD INTERVIEW, INCLUDING PICTURES AND VIDEOS, STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, AND A PROJECT WRAP-UP SUMMARY. NOTE: DURING THIS INTERVIEW CALPINE COMMUNITY ENERGY, DCE, AND THE GRANT RECIPIENT'S STAFF WILL DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE GRANTED PROJECT OR PROGRAM AND ITS LOCAL IMPACT.

Required Attachments:

A DETERMINATION LETTER FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR YOUR FISCAL SPONSOR

IF WORKING WITH A FISCAL SPONSOR, YOUR FISCAL SPONSOR WILL NEED TO PROVIDE:

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP LETTER TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION'S FISCAL ADMINISTRATION.

LETTER OF REQUEST AUTHORIZING YOUR ORGANIZATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS GRANT FOR THE AMOUNT YOU ARE REQUESTING.

BUDGET OF PROPOSED PROJECT, PROGRAM, OR INITIATIVE (SEE ATTACHMENT A)

PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

Grant funds may be used to support a specific program and/or general operations. Please provide a brief description of how your organization proposes to use awarded funds. If requesting general operational support, include how it will support the funding categories you've selected above. Please attach a budget (Attachment 1), to assist the grant selection committee in understanding the proposed use of funding. (1000 word max).

ATTESTATIONS

I certify that our organization is a 501(c)3 non-profit in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service

I certify that our organization provides services in DCE's service area(s)

I certify that no one in our organization's leadership is directly affiliated with DCE. If this is not the case, please specify:

I certify that I will ensure reporting requirements are complete if selected to receive funding.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Attachment A. Sample Budget

<i>ITEM(S)</i>	<i>BUDGETED (\$)</i>	<i>ACTUAL (TO BE COMPLETED ONE-YEAR POST AWARD)</i>
<i>DIRECT COSTS</i> (HARD COSTS SUCH AS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, PRINTING, ETC.)		
<i>STAFF LABOR COSTS</i> (NUMBER OF HOURS, JOB TITLES, AND HOURLY RATE OF ALL STAFF THAT WILL WORK ON THE PROJECT)		
<i>OTHER</i> (ANY COSTS THAT DO NOT FIT INTO THE ABOVE CATEGORIES)		
<i>TOTAL</i>		