



Doing Our Part to SAVE the PLANET

Community Benefits Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to receive the Community Benefits Grant?

501(c) Not-for-profit Organizations based in the City of Palm Springs. Qualifying organizations will be vetted to ensure legal status, a positive reputation within the community, and a demonstrated history of success.

What are the priority focus areas?

Organizations must demonstrate alignment with 1 or more priority focus areas, including: energy & sustainability, environmental & social justice communities, education, and workforce development. These focus areas should support community, energy, & sustainability initiatives.

How much are the grant awards?

Funding for the 2026 program is \$11,000; the grant will be distributed among 2-3 awardees.

What is the application and selection timeline?

- Application open: May 15-June 26, 2026
- Grant Webinar: June 10, 2026
- Application evaluation period: June-August 2026
- Awardees contacted: September 2026
- Grant funds will be processed for distribution in November/December 2026

Where can I apply?

Apply at desertcommunityenergy.org. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on June 26, 2026.

Are there any reporting requirements for grant recipients?

Awardees of the Community Benefits Grant must agree to provide the following:

1. 6-month post-award status report, including pictures and videos, a statement of expenditures to date, and a description of the progress of the project, as applicable.
2. One-year post-award annual report and/or interview, including pictures and videos, a statement of expenditures, and a project wrap-up summary.

How is the Grant Program Managed?

Calpine Community Energy awards the grants, while DCE sets the grant guidelines and project criteria and helps engage nonprofit organizations to apply for funding. Both entities work together to assess grant applications.

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