

NOTES Workshop 4: How can we form new municipal and public/nonprofit/private partnerships to bring funds to Contra Costa County?

- Jennifer Green MCE: Manager of customer program residential electrification, Healthy homes.
- Jessie Hamerling UC Berkeley Labor Center Green Economy, high road eco state planning and strategies, good quality jobs. Development in CCC, form partnership to take advantage of funding.

What we have - Brainstorm what is already out there.

Resources/Funding:

- Communities that qualify for prioritization with Justice 40 siting
- Funding Sources: Chips, BIL, IRA, IIJA, CPUC, partnerships
- Leverage MCE's programs - energy efficiency, EVs, batteries, healthy homes; Equity customer focus. MCE pursuing 6 grants, Virtual power plant, H2, tracking 30 grants
- Program for Moderate Income (200-400% of fed poverty limit) residential above low income
- TCC Richmond fund partner, upgrade 250 homes over 5 years (health and safety, ventilation and efficiency)
- Multifamily energy savings program, low income upgrades at no cost to prop Owner.
- CERF funds - Engage in Go Biz's cross-pollination via CERF funds for planning Bay Area initiatives - Contra Costa will be its own region.
- Mahvash Hassan, Strong Funders Collaborative, a group of funders focused on east county
- Green Workforce Pathways MCE grants for retraining workers, good fit for refinery workers, have unions engaged with the new jobs, unions with new employers

Organizations and Projects

- County's transportation electrification meetings
- LBNL's community partnerships for solar+storage
- County's application for Bay Point to Transformative Climate Communities
- 4CL and Drawdown Bay Area have regional scorecards with data on equity / jobs
- County's Sustainability Agenda (Luz to add this discussion to their next agenda)
- Local policies pushing for electrification and EV charging

- Beth Arman DVC: college training program, so many potential ties to sustainability, train workers, state paid tuition for contractors example of weatherization
- Brendon CC county public works: electrify fleets, need infrastructure. Leads group 2019 EV readiness blueprint w/ strategies, Transportation electrification coordination. Have met w/ Lawrence Berk. Lab about partnership. Battery storage testing center. Supports Jody London's team on Baypoint.
- Catherine Stafford CCKids, child health and nutrition, avenue for healthy homes and education,
- Early childhood and headstart/low income schools, Healthy and Active Before Five Allie, Fist Five,
- Richmond Build and college of Marin, feeder program for workforce development and connect to jobs.

What are the opportunities and needs

- Central repository to help coordination:
 - interested co-applicants, broken down by interest areas;
 - pre-approved letters of support from various agencies
 - County wide coordination to tap into grants
 - Can 350 send out a form to gather information on participants' appetite for grant TYPES and ID potential collaboration?
 - Martin - can we have another in person meeting to continue to dialogue, Brendan from County suggests quarterly
 - Need more Marketing and outreach
 - Robert GoBiz, like cross pollination btw counties and groups, regions, economic development projects,
- Strengthened relationships: Labor/Workforce
 - Contra Costa Labor Council (with the understanding that unions are not a monolith), to ensure high road jobs & contribute to a just transition by integrating apprenticeships for electrification jobs. Need: Understanding of how the electrification work or offshore wind work can be batched together.
 - CERF: for Grants looking for a CCC co-convener.
 - Contra Costa Workforce Development Board - offers coordination with priority industries - IT, welding, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, biotech.

- Glen L. plumbers, pipe fitters, labor movement Napa and Solano, need consistent communication, grants to help convene unions, Identify labor partners.
- Charles Brown: workforce dev. Of CCC, RFP bidders conf. Focus on employment and training, priority areas: tech, energy, const. Health care
- Jessie: scale the work, help people who may be displaced into high road jobs, water, power, transportation, clean tech manuf., infrastructure. Federal money requires a community benefits program and workforce training program. 5x money w/ labor unions and apprenticeships. Aim higher
- Josh S. Blue green alliance, refinery transition, win/win communities, workers, environment, decline in economic output/taxes, deindustrialization example of Pittsburg steel mill 1,000 people. United Autoworkers battery manuf. In Modesto. Connect apprenticeship and labor orgs. Special BIL fund for the energy community which we qualify for.
- Charlie Davidson Sunflower Alliance: brownfields, 2nd worst carbon emissions in county. Industrial orgs must work w/ communities and labor. Bundle all disadvantaged communities (low income) instead of city by city. Large scale solar and housing on brownfields, industrial. Scale clean energy.
- Steve O: offshore wind, ferry workers union, public transit support, Pittsburg approved residential wind

City Opportunities:

- City Manager of Pinole offers to coordinate with the County to ask for a grant writer (like Richmond did with TCC)
- Emlyn, city of WC: looking for partners and funding. June 1 grant urban forestry
- Walnut Creek is looking for partners to further climate action plans and blueprints.
- Wei Tai Kwok, Lafayette, EV chargers at NEW multifamily constr., GAP: how do we fund retrofits of existing multifamily??
- Michael Park city of Concord, CAP identifies many projects, have MCE to look over CAP for funding opp.s, matchmaking! MCE prefers big and regional grants,

Education Opportunities:

- Healthy & Active Before 5 offers connectivity for schools - might be a good lead for electric school busses
- Can MCE Offset ZEV school buses
- Connectivity with community colleges, MCE and others.

Other Opportunities:

- Congregations via Interfaith Council - EV charging in their parking lots; electrified kitchens, hills for solar (SB 4). Will M. Interfaith Council of CCC, ask congregations for letters of support in advance, faith groups have land for housing and solar, land back to native tribes
- Discussion of land back with refinery transitions.
- Marcia Liberson: Rossmoor as a community partner, 10,000 people.
- Van Rainey: 350 multifamily microgrids: \$7B solar for all,
- Lynda DeS 4CL.. workshop on microgrid,
- Hard to find a grant for electric panel upgrade but could get earmark from politician,idea to ask
- Support for MCE Virtual Power Plant, could use 350BA support