

## Getting a Piece of the Cap and Trade Pie

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Climate Laws: Aim is to drive towards reducing GHG emissions

AB 32

SB 375

Cap and Trade: 25% of total amount go towards disadvantaged communities, while 10% need to go in disadvantaged communities.

-Beacon and SEEC are some examples giving guidance and resources towards Cap and Trade

### **Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program for Rd. 3**

Alison

-Been in existent for almost 24 months, and AHSC has been around 18 months

-Has funded a total of 38 projects

Goal:

-Funding projects that reduce GHG emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT)

-Increased accessibility of housing employment centers and key destinations

Themes:

-Transportation Options and opportunities

-Expanding and maintaining housing options

-How do people run their errands?

-What is our footprint in the day?

-Who are we serving?

-How to work with our built in environment

What AHSC Funds:

-Capital projects that focus on reducing GHGs

-Mixed income

-Projects that serves special needs projects (retirees, disadvantaged, vets)

-Infrastructure aka for transportation that is close to buildings

Eligible programs (3 year grants)

1) Active transportation programs

2) Transit ridership programs

3) Criteria air pollutant reduction programs

Projects much have an economic perspective as well and an environmental project

Funds go towards these types of GHG reduction projects:

- Carbon sequestration
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable energy sources

How do we make this process as painless as possible as a community and customer to reach these goals?

First in funding/last in funding – Is an issue

Who needs to be involved?

Local gov't and transportation that deals with the built in environment

- How do these processes go about?
- Can we get the right stakeholders on the right bus to make the right decisions

Shovel ready:

By the time they release the application process, you project should be ready, not in the process of coming together, for example how you will obtain full funding, and the pieces are available

- Figure out what's ready, and prioritize what project to get going
- How can we get the right funding up and available that are completed projects to be funded?

### **Dept. Community Services and Development (CSD)**

- Low income weatherization Program
- Anti-poverty program
- Covers all 58 counties of the state and dedicated to helping low-income families and individuals to maintain self-sufficiency

Received \$75 million 2014-15 from cap and trade

-Got \$78.8 million 2015-16

Funds were used to expand CSD's existing weatherization programs in disadvantaged communities and towards:

- Single-family solar PV program (eligibility go to single-family dwellings)
  - Team with Grid alternatives
- Single family and multi-family energy efficiency and solar water heating program

An example of outcome goes towards lowering utility bills for low-income housing

Large multi-family energy efficiency and renewable program:

- To perform energy audits/modeling to identify cost-effective energy efficiency measures and renewables for qualifying buildings

- Eligibility: Projects with at least one building of 20 or more units
- Affordable housing is current focus

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## **LA n Sync**

Thank about what you can do locally with Cap and Trade

Help 5 sectors to obtain funding within LA County from federal and state grant

- Identify significant funding opportunities

## **80 School districts within LA County**

Has won 16 grants that has totaled over \$114 million (credibility)

- If a project won (RFPs won) can we piggyback off their success?
- How can we hear about the grants process ahead of time, in what is needed?

- Can you partner together instead of doing it alone?
- Need to open those lines and connection

Problem in LA, we have families living in single units, and for affordable housing

- Our problem is not that we have vacant lots

-AKA the green bling

- Need to come together as an organization

## **Q&A**

Sierra Business council:

- Single family in disadvantaged communities
- New RFP process – a stand alone program

**Rick Teebay:** Federal government has recently projected a concept paper an applicant has submitted a 4 page summary for a pre-summary, than they are encouraged to submit

- The applicant process is very daunting- can we do a simple process:

A: Concept proposal by AHSC – then a full proposal (working to refine application)

- Working for a single 1 page and 4 page application, we need partners to come together to agree on the process.

-Resources – how to leverage universities investments

LA County Parks: I don't feel the housing and transportation covers GHG emissions

- Doesn't cover quality of life

- How to capture green space
- Why not require open space to be required to be apart of GHG reductions
- We are just building people on top of people

A: How parks and open space has not been represented in this talk

- Think about urban densities –(problem is local gov't is still trying to tackle these issues)
- How to incorporate urban greening
- Local governments needs to ask for this more

But doesn't solve disadvantage communities being kicked out

How are these projects measuring GHG emissions

A:-Work with ARB to measure every "light bulb"