



DATE: September 22, 2021

TO: Energy Council

FROM: Candis Mary-Dauphin, Program Manager
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SUBJECT: Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements – Sonoma Clean Power Partnership

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting Energy Council approval to enter into a contract to provide supplemental incentive funding for BayREN Multifamily program participants to overcome barriers to building electrification. Although these incentives would only be available to projects within the Sonoma Clean Power territory, the project is a proof-of-concept for working with other Community Choice Aggregators to offer funding for electric panel and related upgrades more broadly in the future.

DISCUSSION

In order to accelerate adoption of building electrification, the BayREN Multifamily program began offering a Clean Heating Pathway in 2020. This program provides higher levels of incentives and technical assistance for projects interested in pursuing scopes of work that contain at least one major gas-to-electric upgrade, and no gas-to-gas upgrades. Electrifying appliances and equipment are expensive and can be cost prohibitive when substantial electrical system work such as panel upgrades or branch circuit wiring are also needed. The BayREN Multifamily program’s primary source of funding – California Public Utility Commission energy ratepayer funds – does not allow the use of incentives for electrical system upgrades, even though these upgrades can exceed the cost of purchasing and installing electric appliances themselves. The proposed contract would make available \$270,000 for direct incentives for electrical upgrades, with \$30,000 allocated to the Energy Council for associated administrative costs.

This project supports the BayREN multifamily program’s goal of aligning with local and state agencies and utilities to offer electrification to reduce building-related GHG emissions and promote cleaner, more resilient housing.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract through December 2022 of up to \$300,000 for implementation of the Sonoma Clean Power contract and other related actions.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution #EC 2021- __
- Attachment B: Proposed Scope of Work

Attachment A

**ENERGY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #EC 2021 – __**

**MOVED:
SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE
SONOMA CLEAN POWER PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Energy Council recognizes that it is in the interest of the local, regional, state, and federal agencies to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council was formed to seek funding to develop and implement programs and policies that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources, and help create climate resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council implements the Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements (BAMBE) program for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCPA) seeks to accelerate multifamily electrification and overcome market adoption barriers; and

WHEREAS, SCPA intends to provide the Energy Council with a contract of \$300,000 for the scope of work described in Attachment A;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Council hereby authorizes the Executive Director to:

1. Enter into all necessary contracts and agreements with SCPA in order to accept funds of up to \$300,000 and make any necessary changes to the FY 2021-22 budget to add Project 1341: Sonoma Clean Power Partnership.
2. Approve any required time extensions, modifications, or amendments thereto.
3. Allocate the necessary resources to implement and carry out the amended scope of work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director as the Board President's designee, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Energy Council all grant-related documents, including, but not limited to, applications, payment requests, agreements (including the hiring of temporary staff), and amendments necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant projects.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September 2021, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

I certify that under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution #EC 2021 – __

Arliss Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Attachment B
Sonoma Clean Power Partnership Scope and Budget

This proposed contract builds upon the project identification, enrollment and close-out processes that are conducted as part of the BayREN Multifamily program. The additional scope of work made possible by the contract includes:

Deliverables	Description			Not-to-exceed
Account and Project Administration	Monthly report showing incentives paid on behalf of Sonoma Clean Power and incentive processing.			\$30,000
Supplemental Incentives	Eligible Measures		Incentive Amount	\$270,000
			Low Income Bonus	
	Central Panel Upgrade, including associated wiring and infrastructure	\$5,000	\$0	
	In-unit Panel Upgrade, including associated wiring and infrastructure	\$500	\$250	
Budget				\$300,000