



California Climate Investments

Amended Investment Targets for Agencies Administering FY 2022-23 Funds Updated October 2023

Amendments

Assembly Bill (AB) 103 (Ting, Chapter 33, Statutes of 2023) amended the Budget Act of 2022 by appropriating new funds to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program and the Industrial Decarbonization and Improvements to Grid Operations Program. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) developed program-level targets for these new programs following the passage of AB 103. Additionally, this amendment updates targets for the Community Air Protection Program and includes additional detail on the allocation of FY 2022-23 funding. [View the previous version of this document on the CARB website.](#)

Purpose

This document identifies program investment targets for benefits to disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households, collectively referred to as priority populations, for agencies that administer California Climate Investments programs funded in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. CARB, in conjunction with the administering agencies, develops program-level targets to drive investments that achieve direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to priority populations. [View the map of areas designated as priority populations.](#)

Background

In 2016, AB 1550 (Gomez, Chapter 369, Statutes of 2016) amended the investment minimums for disadvantaged communities introduced in Senate Bill (SB) 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012) and established new investment minimums for low-income communities and low-income households. AB 1550 requires the available monies for California Climate Investments be minimally allocated as follows:

- 25 percent to projects located within the boundaries of, and benefiting individuals living in, disadvantaged communities;¹
- 5 percent to projects that benefit low-income households or to projects located within the boundaries of, and benefiting individuals living in, low-income communities located anywhere in the State;² and
- 5 percent to projects that benefit low-income households that are outside of, but within ½-mile of, disadvantaged communities, or to projects located within the boundaries of, and benefiting individuals living in, low-income communities that are outside of, but within ½-mile of, disadvantaged communities.

AB 1550 percentage requirements apply to the overall appropriation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), rather than to each agency appropriation. As a result, CARB works with administering agencies to establish individual investment targets for each program to help ensure the overall AB 1550 investment minimums are met.

Investment Targets

Tables 1 and 2 identify the program investment targets for each of the FY 2022-23 programs. For programs that are particularly suited to implement projects that can directly address community needs, percentage values are entered in the tables. Other programs where a dash "---" is entered as a placeholder may also support projects that provide priority population benefits. As agencies fund projects that benefit priority populations, those benefits will be documented through the reporting process. Therefore, implementation of the FY 2022-23 funds is expected to exceed the investment targets listed here.

Administering agencies must follow the requirements in CARB's *Funding Guidelines* to *demonstrate benefits* under AB 1550. The Funding Guidelines require an analysis of each project to determine if the project meets the criteria for providing direct, meaningful, and assured benefits and addresses an important community need.

¹ The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) designates disadvantaged communities. More information is available on the [CalEPA website](#).

² AB 1550 defines low-income census tracts and households with median incomes below: 1) 80 percent of the statewide median income or 2) the threshold designated as low income by the California Department of Housing and Community Development's list of State income limits.

Implemented projects are displayed on the [project map](#). The project map shows project-level information on California Climate Investments projects and allows users to overlay priority population and political boundaries.

Other Statutory Requirements

In addition to AB 1550 investment minimums, legislation such as SB 862 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) and SB 859 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 368, Statutes of 2016) require specific disadvantaged community investment targets for some programs with FY 2022-23 funding, including, but not limited to:

- Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program: at least 25 percent of funding to projects benefiting disadvantaged communities.
- Low Carbon Transit Operations Program: for those operators with disadvantaged communities in their service areas, the operators must direct at least 50 percent of funding to benefit disadvantaged communities.
- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program: at least 50 percent of funding to projects benefiting disadvantaged communities.

Programs are responsible for meeting any program-specific investment minimums in addition to the targets established in this document.

Table 1: Investment Targets to Benefit Priority Populations for FY 2022-23 Continuously Appropriated Funds³

Agency	Program	2022-23 Continuous Appropriations (% share of total GGRF)	Disadvantaged Communities (%)	Low-Income Communities or Households (%)	½-mile Buffer⁴ (%)	Overall Priority Population (%)
California Department of Transportation	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program ⁵	5%	55%	5%	20%	80%
California High-Speed Rail Authority	High-Speed Rail ⁶	25%	---	---	---	---
California State Transportation Agency	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	10%	65%	10%	15%	90%

³ Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

⁴ CalEPA and CARB have defined this area as low-income communities and households within a half-mile boundary around disadvantaged communities, and it does not include the entire low-income census tract adjacent to a disadvantaged community.

⁵ SB 1119 (Beall, Chapter 606, Statutes of 2018) waives the requirements in CARB’s Funding Guidelines to demonstrate benefits under AB 1550 if the recipient transit agencies expend the funding provided on certain transit activities.

⁶ The minimum targets can be met without including the High-Speed Rail project, but the project is expected to provide additional benefits for disadvantaged communities beyond those quantified in this table.

Agency	Program	2022-23 Continuous Appropriations (% share of total GGRF)	Disadvantaged Communities (%)	Low-Income Communities or Households (%)	½-mile Buffer⁴ (%)	Overall Priority Population (%)
California State Water Resources Control Board	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund ⁷	5%	25%	60%	5%	90%
California Strategic Growth Council	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program; Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program	20%	55%	15%	5%	75%
Continuous appropriations total		65%	35%	10%	6%	50%

⁷ The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, part of the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program, receives a continuous appropriation of five percent of auction proceeds up to \$130 million annually.

Table 2: Amended Investment Targets to Benefit Priority Populations for FY 2022-23 Line-item Appropriations⁸

Agency	Program	2022-23 Budget (\$M)	Disadvantaged Communities	Low-Income Communities	½-mile Buffer ⁹	Overall Priority Population (%)	Overall Priority Population (\$M)
California Air Resources Board	AB 617 Implementation	\$60	---	---	---	---	---
	Community Air Grants	\$10	40%	40%	0%	80%	\$8
	Community Air Protection Incentives	\$200	70%	5%	5%	80%	\$160
	Fluorinated Gases Emission Reduction Incentives	\$10	---	---	---	---	---
	Low Carbon Transportation	\$746	45%	15%	5%	65%	\$485
	Methane Satellites	\$105	25%	5%	5%	35%	\$37

⁸ Dollars have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Totals may not reflect the sum of figures in the table due to rounding.

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Agency	Program	2022-23 Budget (\$M)	Disadvantaged Communities	Low-Income Communities	½-mile Buffer⁹	Overall Priority Population (%)	Overall Priority Population (\$M)
	Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative	\$30	50%	5%	5%	60%	\$18
California Air Resources Board (continued)	Woodsmoke Reduction	\$5	---	75%	---	75%	\$4
California Coastal Commission	Coastal Resilience Planning	\$1	---	---	---	---	---
California Conservation Corps	Training and Workforce Development Program	\$9	50%	30%	---	80%	\$7
California Department of Community Services and Development	Low-Income Weatherization	\$15	50%	35%	10%	95%	\$14

Agency	Program	2022-23 Budget (\$M)	Disadvantaged Communities	Low-Income Communities	½-mile Buffer ⁹	Overall Priority Population (%)	Overall Priority Population (\$M)
California Department of Food and Agriculture	Dairy Methane	\$30	---	---	---	---	---
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	Fire Prevention	\$84	---	40%	---	40%	\$34
	Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Grants ¹⁰	\$160	---	40%	---	40%	\$64
	Forest Carbon Plan Implementation ¹⁰	\$35	---	25%	---	25%	\$9

¹⁰ Senate Bill (SB) 901 (Dodd, Chapter 626, Statutes of 2018) authorized two GGRF appropriations in each Budget Act through FY 2023-24 for \$165 million and \$35 million to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for forest health, fire prevention, and fuels reduction. SB 155 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 258, Statutes of 2021) formalized this commitment by appropriating \$200 million annually from the GGRF through FY 2028-29.

Agency	Program	2022-23 Budget (\$M)	Disadvantaged Communities	Low-Income Communities	½-mile Buffer⁹	Overall Priority Population (%)	Overall Priority Population (\$M)
California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery	SB 1383 Local Assistance	\$180	25%	5%	5%	35%	\$63
	Waste Diversion	\$10	30%	15%	5%	50%	\$5
California Energy Commission	Equitable Building Decarbonization	\$54	65%	20%	5%	90%	\$49
California Energy Commission (continued)	Industrial Decarbonization and Improvements to Grid Operations	\$61	25%	5%	5%	35%	\$21
	California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program	\$20	40%	5%	5%	50%	\$10
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services	Wildfire Response and Readiness	\$1	---	---	---	---	---

Agency	Program	2022-23 Budget (\$M)	Disadvantaged Communities	Low-Income Communities	½-mile Buffer⁹	Overall Priority Population (%)	Overall Priority Population (\$M)
California Ocean Protection Council	Sea Level Rise	\$38	25%	5%	5%	35%	\$13
California State Coastal Conservancy	Climate Ready Program	\$118	25%	5%	5%	35%	\$41
California Workforce Development Board	Low Carbon Economy Workforce	\$3	---	---	---	---	---
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Climate Change Adaptation and Coastal Resilience Planning	\$2	---	---	---	---	---
Line-item appropriations total		\$1,987	34%	14%	4%	52%	\$1,042