



# California Climate Investments

## Investment Targets for Agencies Administering FY 2024-25 Funds December 2024

### 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) 2024-25. California Air Resources Board (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;<sup>1</sup>
- 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;<sup>2</sup> 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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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. 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 2024-25 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 2024-25 funds is expected to exceed the investment targets listed here.

Administering agencies must follow the requirements in CARB's *Funding Guidelines for Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments* to *demonstrate benefits* under AB 1550. The Funding Guidelines require an analysis of each project using a benefit assessment tool to determine if the project meets the criteria for providing direct, meaningful, and assured benefits and addresses an important community need.

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.

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

**Table 1: Investment Targets to Benefit Priority Populations for FY 2024-25 Continuously Appropriated Funds<sup>3</sup>**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>2024-25 Continuous Appropriations (% share of total GGRF)</b>	<b>Disadvantaged Communities (%)</b>	<b>Low-Income Communities or Households (%)</b>	<b>½-mile Buffer<sup>4</sup> (%)</b>	<b>Overall Priority Population (%)</b>
California Department of Transportation	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program <sup>5</sup>	5%	55%	10%	20%	85%
California High-Speed Rail Authority	High-Speed Rail <sup>6</sup>	25%	---	---	---	---
California State Transportation Agency	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	10%	65%	10%	15%	90%

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<sup>3</sup> Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>2024-25 Continuous Appropriations (% share of total GGRF)</b>	<b>Disadvantaged Communities (%)</b>	<b>Low-Income Communities or Households (%)</b>	<b>½-mile Buffer<sup>4</sup> (%)</b>	<b>Overall Priority Population (%)</b>
California State Water Resources Control Board	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund <sup>7</sup>	5%	15%	70%	5%	90%
California Strategic Growth Council	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program; Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program	20%	55%	15%	5%	75%

<b>Continuous appropriations total</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>50%</b>
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<sup>7</sup> 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: Investment Targets to Benefit Priority Populations for FY 2024-25 Line-item Appropriations<sup>8</sup>**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>2024-25 Budget (\$M)<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Disadvantaged Communities (%)</b>	<b>Low-Income Communities (%)</b>	<b>½-mile Buffer<sup>4</sup> (%)</b>	<b>Overall Priority Population (%)</b>	<b>Overall Priority Population (\$M)</b>
California Air Resources Board	Community Air Grants	\$5	40%	40%	---	80%	\$4
	Community Air Protection Incentives	\$195	70%	5%	5%	80%	\$156
	Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Projects	\$53	70%	15%	5%	90%	\$48
California Conservation Corps	Training and Workforce Development	\$17	40%	40%	---	80%	\$13

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

<sup>9</sup> The funding amounts listed for each program may differ from the statutory budget allocation due to administrative costs are excluded from the program funds in this document.

Agency	Program	2024-25 Budget (\$M) <sup>9</sup>	Disadvantaged Communities (%)	Low-Income Communities (%)	½-mile Buffer <sup>4</sup> (%)	Overall Priority Population (%)	Overall Priority Population (\$M)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Wetlands and Watershed Restoration	\$17	10%	30%	---	40%	\$7
California Department of Food and Agriculture	Dairy Methane	\$17	50%	---	---	50%	\$9
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	Wildfire Resilience	\$75	5%	30%	5%	40%	\$30
	Wildfire Prevention	\$84	5%	30%	5%	40%	\$34
	Forest Health	\$40	5%	30%	5%	40%	\$16

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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot	\$20	---	---	---	---	---
	Ecological Monitoring and Research	\$6	---	---	---	---	---
California Department of Toxic Substances Control	Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative	\$65	60%	30%	---	90%	\$59
California Department of Water Resources	Systemwide Flood Risk Reduction	\$126	100%	---	---	100%	\$126
	Habitat Restoration	\$103	100%	---	---	100%	\$103

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California Energy Commission	Demand Side Grid Support	\$75	---	---	---	---	---
	Equitable Building Decarbonization	\$25	60%	25%	5%	90%	\$23
California Natural Resources Agency	Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plans	\$28	25%	15%	5%	45%	\$12
California State Coastal Conservancy	Wild Cherry Canyon	\$40	---	---	---	---	---
California State Transportation Agency	Zero-Emission Transit Capital	\$220	40%	5%	10%	55%	\$121
	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	\$362	65%	10%	15%	90%	\$326

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California State Water Resources Control Board	Drinking Water & Wastewater	\$225	15%	70%	5%	90%	\$202
California Wildlife Conservation Board	Streamflow Enhancement	\$101	---	---	---	---	---
	Climate Adaptation and Resilience	\$70	5%	65%	---	70%	\$49
Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation	Extreme Heat and Community Resilience	\$25	60%	30%	10%	100%	\$25
Governor's Office of Service and Community Engagement	California Climate Action Corps	\$9	40%	20%	---	60%	\$6

Agency	Program	2024-25 Budget (\$M) <sup>9</sup>	Disadvantaged Communities (%)	Low-Income Communities (%)	½-mile Buffer <sup>4</sup> (%)	Overall Priority Population (%)	Overall Priority Population (\$M)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Water Resources, California Natural Resources Agency	Salton Sea Management	\$72	40%	60%	---	100%	\$72

<b>Line-item appropriations total</b>	<b>\$2,074</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>\$1,439</b>
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