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# Partnering with MCE

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# Why Find Funds?

## Strengthen programs for MCE communities

- Deepen regional impact with multi-county partnerships
- Diversify power sources with novel and innovative tech with otherwise high costs & technical barriers
- Decarbonize the built environment and create win-wins for all
- Identify funding opportunities on the horizon
  - CEC: Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA), Municipal Fleets, REACH 2.0, Demand Side Grid Support
  - EPA: Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles, GHG Reduction Fund, Climate Pollution Reduction

## MCE's 2023 Priorities

1. Electrify buildings
2. Electrify fleets
3. Customer energy storage
4. Virtual power plant
5. Electrolytic green hydrogen
6. Long-duration storage
7. Offshore wind

# Two Pathways

## MCE Primes

MCE staff finds a good opportunity.

Staff propose idea and begin compiling application.

Staff reach out to community partners and ask for letters of support.

Staff submit application!

If awarded, schedule kick-off meetings with all partners.

## MCE Supports

Community partner identifies grant opportunity.

Partner ask MCE for letter of support or proposed scope of project.

If MCE leadership agrees, staff provides requested materials to include in application submission.

# Biomass

## California funding for small-scale biomass

- CCAs ineligible for a cost-recovery program for small bioenergy projects
- 2021: MCE helped pass Assembly Bill 843, requiring CPUC to allow CCA participation on equal footing as investor-owned utilities (IOUs).
- April 2023: CPUC established proceeding parameters and timeline.
- Next Steps:
  - May - Comments on Commission Ruling and Workshop
  - August - Proposed Decision
  - September/October - Final Decision

## Local Efforts:

- Monitoring two local projects – 3MW American Canyon project purchasing land and 2MW San Rafael project finished interconnection.
- Funded by the Office of Planning & Research, the Marin Biomass Collaborative is hosted by the Marin Resource Conservation District to capture opportunities of an expanded biomass recovery and utilization economy in and around Marin County. This includes assessing local feedstock, determining pathways and analyzing the economic and emission potential of local projects.



MCE visits BioMAT FIT site in North Fork

# Thank You

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