

Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities

Applicant Name

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the questions in the appropriate Project Narrative Proposal – Organics (CalRecycle 828-GHG) or Fiber, Plastics, and Glass (CalRecycle 827-GHG) and complete each relevant table below and provide information for all disadvantaged communities that benefit from your project. Disadvantaged communities are identified by CalEPA based on CalEnviroScreen 2.0. Additional information on CalEnviroScreen and the identification of disadvantaged communities is available [Here](#). Projects claiming to benefit one or more disadvantaged communities must meet the criteria developed by the Air Resources Board (ARB) for providing direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to a disadvantaged community AND demonstrate that the project meaningfully addresses an important community need. Projects claiming to provide a benefit to a disadvantaged community will need to provide supporting documentation demonstrating how the project meets the criteria below. Funding recipients will need to report on how the project benefits have addressed the identified community need.

Direct, Meaningful, and Assured Benefits

First, determine if the project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract. Disadvantaged community maps are available at [California Climate Investments](#). Next, use the following criteria from Appendix 2.A, Table 2.A-8, of ARB's Funding Guidelines for Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments, available at [The Air Resources Board](#), to evaluate the project for providing direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to a disadvantaged community. Each criterion is independent; a project need only meet one criterion to qualify as providing benefits to one or more disadvantaged communities.

If the project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract, determine if the project meets one of the following criteria:

- A. Project provides incentives for a facility in a disadvantaged community and the project results in direct air or water quality benefits in the disadvantaged community; or
- B. Project provides incentives for an anaerobic digestion system (e.g., organic waste digester) that is located in a disadvantaged community; or
- C. Food rescue project is located in a disadvantaged community.

If project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract and meets criterion A, complete the table below. Add rows to the table below, if needed.

Facility Name and Address (include Community/City Name)	Facility Census Tract	Description of Direct Air and Water Quality Benefit	Amount of New Material Expected to be Processed Through 2025 (total tons)

If project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract and meets criterion B, complete the table below. Add rows to the table below, if needed.

Facility Name and Address (include Community/City Name)	Facility Census Tract	Anaerobic Digestion System (Y/N)	Amount of New Material Expected to be Processed Through 2025 (total tons)

If project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract and meets criterion C, complete the table below. Add rows to the table below, if needed.

Name and Address of Food Rescue Project (include Community/City Name)	Food Rescue Project Census Tract	Amount of Food Expected to be Provided Through 2025 (total tons)

Describe how the project provides direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to a disadvantaged community:

If the project is not located within a disadvantaged community census tract, identify whether the project meets one of the following criteria:

- A. The majority of waste processed in a digester/composting facility or diverted to a food rescue project is diverted from landfills located in a disadvantaged community; or
- B. Food rescue projects increase food access to disadvantaged community residents; or
- C. Project includes recruitment, agreements, policies or other approaches that are consistent with federal and state law and result in at least 25% of project work hours performed by residents of a disadvantaged community; or
- D. Project includes recruitment, agreements, policies or other approaches that are consistent with federal and state law and result in at least 10% of project work hours performed by residents of disadvantaged community participating in job training programs which lead to industry-recognized credentials or certifications

If project is not located within a disadvantaged community census tract and meets criterion A, complete the table below. Add rows to the table below, if needed.

Landfill Within Disadvantaged Community from which Waste is Diverted Name and Address (include Community/City Name)	Disadvantaged Community Landfill Census Tract	Total Amount of New Material Expected to be Processed by Project Through 2025 (total tons)	Percent of Material Expected to be Diverted from Landfill Within Disadvantaged Community Through 2025

If project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract and meets criterion B, complete the table below. Add rows to the table below, if needed.

Disadvantaged Community with Increased Food Access (Community/City Name)	Disadvantaged Community Census Tract	Description of How Food Access will be Improved	Amount of Food Expected to be Provided Through 2025 (total tons)

If project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract and meets criterion C, complete the table below. Add rows to the table below, if needed.

Disadvantaged Community with Residents Employed by Project (Community/City Name)	Disadvantaged Community Census Tract	Total Project Work Hours Expected to be Performed	Percent of Project Work Hours Expected to be Performed by Residents of Disadvantaged Communities

Describe recruitment, agreements, policies, or other approaches consistent with Federal and State Law.

If project is located within a disadvantaged community census tract and meets criterion D, complete the table below. Add rows to the table below, if needed.

Disadvantaged Community with Residents Employed by Project (Community/City Name)	Disadvantaged Community Census Tract	Total Project Work Hours Expected to be Performed	Percent of Project Work Hours Expected to be Performed by Residents of Disadvantaged Communities Participating in Job Training Programs

Describe recruitment, agreements policies, or other approaches consistent with Federal and State Law and industry-recognized credentials or certifications to be obtained.

Describe documentation provided demonstrating how the project meets the criteria for providing direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to a disadvantaged community.

Meaningfully Address an Important Community Need

Projects that meet one of the above criteria must also meaningfully address an important community need. Community needs can be determined using a variety of approaches such as: looking at the factors in CalEnviroScreen that caused an area to be defined as a disadvantaged community; hosting community meetings to get local input; referring to the list of common needs in Table 2-2 of ARB's Funding Guidelines; or receiving documentation of community support (e.g. letters or emails).

Explain how the project will meaningfully address an important community need.

Explain how the community need was determined. Community needs can be determined using a variety of approaches such as: looking at the factors in CalEnviroScreen that caused an area to be defined as a disadvantaged community; hosting community meetings to get local input; referring to the list of common needs in Table 2-2 (page 2-13) of ARB's Funding Guidelines; or receiving documentation of community support (e.g. letters or emails).

Describe documentation provided demonstrating how the project addresses an important community need.