



## **Disadvantaged Communities – Single-family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) Program: Seeking Input for Program Implementation**

The purpose of this “Disadvantaged Communities – Single-family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) Program: Seeking Input for Program Implementation” is to inform stakeholders of the opportunity to provide input on DAC-SASH program implementation prior to submission of the Program Handbook. Stakeholder input is essential for developing robust, high quality programs. As Program Administrator (PA) for DAC-SASH, GRID Alternatives held an introductory webinar on the DAC-SASH program on April 8, 2019 with the goal of informing stakeholders of GRID’s proposal for implementing the program. Stakeholders are invited to respond to the questions below, to inform GRID of any feedback prior to submission of the Program Handbook. The slide deck for the webinar can be found [here](#).

### **I. Program Background**

The DAC-SASH program is overseen by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) and provides incentives for photovoltaic solar systems to qualifying low-income homeowners within the service territories of Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). DAC-SASH is largely designed based on the existing Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) program, which has successfully operated in California’s IOUs since 2008.

### **II. Program Implementation Plan & Handbook**

The DAC-SASH Program Handbook will function as a guidebook for program participation and include detailed information on all program requirements, application process, incentive structure and incentive payment processes. Any updates to the DAC-SASH program requirements or processes will be made via a Tier 2 Advice Letter process, and the DAC-SASH Program Handbook refiled so that it always contains the most up-to-date information for the benefit of program participants and stakeholders.

In Decision (D.) 18-06-027 establishing the DAC-SASH program, the Commission directed the designated DAC-SASH PA to submit a Tier 3 Advice Letter containing a program implementation proposal that will include, at minimum<sup>1</sup>:

- a. Application procedures;
- b. Requirements for documentation of building and project eligibility;
- c. A program budget that includes line items for incentives and administrative activities, including but not limited to marketing, education, and outreach;
- d. Specific job training requirements consistent with those discussed in Appendix A;
- e. Specific energy efficiency requirements consistent with those adopted in Appendix A; and
- f. Data collection and reporting requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> D. 16-08-027: Alternate Decision Adopting Alternatives to Promote Solar Distributed Generation in Disadvantaged Communities. 21 June 2018, at p. 101



### **III. Questions for Stakeholders**

1. In regards to workforce development, energy efficiency, and/or homeowner education, in what ways can the PA further ensure participant and community co-benefits?
2. In addition to the consumer protection measures already discussed in GRID's presentation, are there other areas of the program in which the PA should address consumer protection issues?
3. Should the PA work to identify avenues for participation for homeowners not currently eligible for the DAC-SASH program?
4. In what ways can the PA work with stakeholders – including the IOUs, community-based organizations, job training organizations, and so on – to ensure the success of the DAC-SASH program?
5. If you have any additional input, please use this space to do so.

**All responses to questions should be submitted in Word document format no later than 5pm PST on Monday, April 15 to [dacsash@gridalternatives.org](mailto:dacsash@gridalternatives.org) and may be no more than a 250 word response per question. Please direct any questions to [dacsash@gridalternatives.org](mailto:dacsash@gridalternatives.org).**