

Regional Building Decarbonization Technical Committee

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Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdictional Subaward Program Update

Agenda item type: Discussion

Summary

Staff will provide an update on the Building Policy Collaborative's Jurisdictional Subaward Program, including key takeaways from Round 1 and initial recommendations for Round 2. The discussion will focus on lessons learned, proposed adjustments to the subaward model, and considerations for incentivizing broader participation and innovation among jurisdictions.

Background

The Building Policy Collaborative (BPC) supports local governments in adopting consistent, region-wide building policies that advance the region's goal of achieving net-zero building emissions. Through the Jurisdictional Subaward Program, DRCOG provides funding to help jurisdictions build staff capacity, receive training, enhance permitting systems, and pursue technical and policy assistance.

In Round 1, DRCOG allocated approximately \$34.8 million in formula-based subawards to eligible jurisdictions, resulting in funding commitments to about 25 jurisdictions, roughly 40 percent of those eligible. Approximately \$24 million (69 percent of total funds) were obligated, with remaining funds to be carried forward into Round 2.

Round 1 feedback identified several challenges and opportunities for improvement, including insufficient minimum award levels for smaller jurisdictions, a lengthy application timeline, uncertainty around eligible activities, and the need for additional education and engagement among elected officials and building departments.

Round 2 will build on these lessons by obligating the remaining ~\$12 million through a competitive process with hopes to expand local government participation, particularly among smaller communities, and encouraging projects that emphasize innovation, policy implementation, and benefits to low-income communities. The proposed model will include a Letter of Intent process and tiered budget scenarios (fiscally constrained, standard, and vision budgets) modeled after the CEO Local Impact Accelerator framework.

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

None



Attachment

Staff presentation

For more information

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