**CERF LA County Meeting Notes 5/13/22**

[CERF Planning Phase Draft Guidelines](https://opr.ca.gov/economic-development/just-transition/docs/20220419-CERF_Planning_Phase_Draft_Guidelines_Public_Input.pdf)

**Prioritization for historically underrepresented and underinvested communities**

Planning and investments must be directed towards residents of historically underserved vulnerable communities including but not limited to:

* communities disproportionately impacted by environmental damage and those most burdened by pollution
* Communities that are most impacted by socioeconomic mobility gaps (including BIPOC, LGBT, LMI, etc.)
* low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
* communities that face mobility and transit access challenges
* restricted access to assets such as greenspace and low-carbon technologies
* Disaster stricken/prone
* Historically underserved entrepreneurs / small business owners and their employees
* communities with the least access to capital
* tribal groups
* communities most impacted by COVID with the fewest resources and its impacts based on available data
* history of lack of political participation

**Key Takeaways**

1. The communities that this fund is targeting need to be at the center of the planning, decision-making, and implementation process.
2. The fund’s approach should prioritize equal economic, educations, occupations, and social opportunity in an authentic, supportive, and collaborative planning process.
3. There needs to intention in and effort on relationship building to ensure that relevant communities are at the table. Build upon, connect, collaborate, and add to the many existing tables.

**Data-Informed vs. Data-Driven**

Accurate data must be leveraged to develop an equitable approach to administering resources to communities.

Often the most disinvested communities are not accurately reflected in available data. The final proposal should consider the implications of this for communities that are often harmed by data erasure and inadequate data collection.

* Unhoused residents
* Domestic violence survivors
* Native/Indigenous
* AAPI

Data-Informed > Data-driven: The data that will be used needs to be supplemented with additional information and community knowledge.

**Additional Resources**

[**CalEnviroScreen 4.0**](https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-40): CalEnviroScreen is a screening methodology that can be used to help identify California communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution.

[**The COVID-19: Statewide Vulnerability & Recovery Index**](https://www.racecounts.org/covid/covid-statewide/#statewide-index)**:** The Index uses ZIP Code-level data to identify California communities most in need of immediate and long-term pandemic and economic relief.

[**LA County Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative**](https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi/): Developed in response to July 21, 2020, County motion that calls for foundational, Countywide change in all policies and programs to comprehensively transform outcomes in family stability, physical and mental health, housing, education, employment and economic development, and public safety and criminal justice.

Add: Go Biz website: https://properties.zoomprospector.com/california/community?page=1&s%5BSortDirection%5D=false&s%5BCommunityType%5D=2&s%5BSortBy%5D=name#

**Key Themes**

**Sustainability**

* target communities most burdened by pollution
* inclusion of grassroots groups who focus on mitigating climate change impacts in LA County
* climate change refugees
* development of sustainable industry sectors
* Environmental-related institutions in LA county with domain-specific research related to climate change, energy transitions, air quality, transportation, should be invited.

[Invisible 5: Environmental justice communities + organizations](http://www.invisible5.org/index.php?page=ej_groups)

**Workforce Development**

* There should be a focus on partnerships that provide opportunities for good jobs, benefits, and career pathways.
* The LA County Federation of Labor, including affiliated unions and employers in the region, are critical to ensure to effective HRTPs to address unemployment in the region.
* Registered apprenticeship programs, worker centers, and workforce development agencies will also be valuable partners

**Community Lens**

“Community” has a variety of definitions including shared lived experience, geography, and shared interests or needs.

* Immigrants and Refugees
* Communities who primarily speak languages other than English (language needs)
* Returning Citizens
* Faith-based Organizations
* BIPOC
* LGBTQIA
* Youth and young adults
* Seniors
* Survivors of Domestic Violence
* Disability and accessibility communities
* Violence Prevention organizations
* Homeless and those affected by homelessness