

LA HRTC Briefing Document

CERF Economic Diversification Pilot Project Framework

To read the full initial program guidelines, please click [here](#).

Overview

The CERF Pilot Projects will fund projects aligned with the values of the CERF program that demonstrate potential uses of CERF implementation funds.

- Up to \$50 million will be available for funding (maximum of \$10 million per award)
- Up to 13 projects will be funded, and geographic equity among regions will be prioritized.
- Final Pilot Projects SFP will be released in January 2023, with a late February 2023 application deadline.

Preliminary Criteria for Pilot Projects

Consistency with CERF Objectives - Extent to which the proposed investments align with CERF objectives.

Anticipated Impacts - Extent to which proposed investments create beneficial impacts to workers, communities, and industries.

High Road Standards - Extent to which proposed investments support and advance a high-road regional economy

Geographic Equity - Extent to which proposed investments address differences in urban, suburban, rural, and tribal communities, and emphasize investments in or for disinvested communities.

Alignment with State Climate Goals - Extent to which the project aligns with state climate goals.

receive feedback to inform developing guidelines for the Solicitation for Proposal (SFP) of the Pilot Projects.

Capacity of Applicant - Strength of applicant's organizational capacity, relevant experience, financial capabilities, and ability to meet stated metrics.

Grant Requirements for Pilot Projects

Support Labor Standards

Address Geographic Equity

Organize strategies by industry or geography, or both

Include a range of economic diversification activities

Coordinate with state and federal investments

Align with regional workforce programs

Align with State climate goals

The EDD will consider all public comments received by **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**. Submit all comments to WSBCERF@edd.ca.gov. Please include "Economic Diversification Pilot Public Comments" in the email subject line.