

Technical Assistance Opportunity: Local Clean Energy Policies and Programs *October 2020*

Technical Assistance Project Deliverables

The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) is offering no-cost technical assistance services to support local governments in developing, implementing, and evaluating clean energy policies and programs. Technical assistance projects are meant to inform policymaking and implementation, and may take one of several forms:

- Summaries of documented best practices
- Reviews of proposed ordinances, rules, plans, RFPs, or research project methodologies
- Local government case studies
- Facilitated in-person or virtual stakeholder convenings
- Detailed quantitative data analyses
- Methods for tracking and evaluating policy performance

Other than these typical technical assistance deliverables, ACEEE may be able to provide other forms of assistance, based on available funding and staff capacity.

ACEEE's [City Clean Energy Scorecard](#), [Local Clean Energy Self-Scoring Tool](#), and [State and Local Policy Database](#) are essential resources for many of our technical assistance projects. They can help provide a baseline assessment of a community's existing clean energy actions and provide relevant success stories on other communities' policies and programs. We also draw on national datasets, long-standing relationships with national and regional organizations and networks, and extensive ACEEE staff expertise to complete these projects.

Priority Policy & Program Types

While we will consider all requests for technical assistance, we commonly prioritize assistance to efforts connected with certain policy and program types. These include initiatives focused on:

- Improving residential energy efficiency while preserving housing affordability
- Using innovative policy approaches to save energy in large buildings
- Addressing high energy burdens (e.g. partnering with community organizations and utilities on programs)
- Advancing socially equitable outcomes (e.g. developing procedures for ensuring accountability to equity)
- Developing a diverse clean energy workforce
- Adopting new or expanded strategies for local government asset energy management

Selection Criteria

The proposed work product of a request must meet these minimum requirements:

- Improve capacity of local governments and/or local organizations to advance their clean energy and climate mitigation goals
- Further a broader strategic initiative (i.e., contribute to an existing project work phase that is underway and on track to completed or substantially advanced within 12 months)
- Supplement current activities (i.e. work product could not have been undertaken with existing resources without this technical assistance)

The most competitive requests will also have the following characteristics:

- Overlap with priority policy and program types (above)
- Result in a product that will benefit multiple communities
- Enable innovation and experimentation in policy, program, or project development
- Have the potential to result in large energy savings and resulting economic benefits

Technical Assistance Request Form

Requests for technical assistance will be accepted on a rolling basis. Please address any questions to Stefen Samarripas at ssamarripas@aceee.org. To submit a request for technical assistance, please send your answers to the following questions by email to Stefen Samarripas.

Contact information

Requesting organization(s):

Contact person:

Email address:

Phone number:

Problem statement (what specific issue will this technical assistance help to address?)

Suggested work product (what research or technical assistance will help to address the problem statement?)

Who will benefit from the work product? What are the potential impacts of the work product and the broader efforts to which it will contribute?

Other background information to the request (What is the organizational/strategic context of this request? Are there existing webpages or documents related to this request? Include hyperlinks or attachments as appropriate.)