

OVERALL RANK

16/75

16 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

40%

100/250 total points

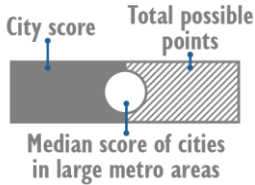
2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Chula Vista, CA

Chula Vista was one of the stronger performers among its peers, and it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Chula Vista performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the transportation category.

Recommendations

- Create more incentive and financing programs designed for disadvantaged communities.
- Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.
- Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Create or expand bike networks that connect people with a variety of destinations.
- Implement inclusive procurement and contracting processes.
- Develop equity-driven community engagement processes.



The following sections highlight Chula Vista’s performance on a few key metrics that ACEEE Scorecard authors identified as high impact. To learn more about Chula Vista’s Scorecard results, visit <https://www.aceee.org/city-clean-energy-scorecard>.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



11.5/45 Points



Chula Vista is not on track to meet its near-term goal to reduce GHG emissions 57% below 2018 levels by 2030. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Chula Vista’s approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES



34.5/70 Points



Chula Vista complies with 2022 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards with local amendments. Chula Vista adheres to the EV-, solar-, and electric-readiness requirements in the state codes. The city offers free home energy and water checkups for residents to determine opportunities for increased efficiency.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



14.5/70 Points



California’s SB 9 allows lots in single-family zones to be split into two lots and up to two units to be built on each lot, which applies to Chula Vista. CA’s building code requires multifamily properties with 20+ units to install EV chargers in 5% of parking spaces. Chula Vista does not provide subsidized access to efficient transportation options to disadvantaged communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE



29.5/40 Points



San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) offers an energy savings assistance program and a few multifamily programs. Chula Vista and SDG&E have a franchise agreement and have partnered on many efforts. For example, the city recently partnered with SDG&E to create the Energy Station in the library. Chula Vista has installed onsite solar with 4.5 MW capacity.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



10/25 Points



Chula Vista has a City Operations Sustainability Plan with goals to reduce energy use in facilities. In 2020, the city retrocommissioned 2 existing buildings. Chula Vista has a sales tax that funds high-priority infrastructure needs, including efficiency and energy upgrades.



EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 15.5/85.5 POINTS

Each chapter of the City Scorecard included metrics assessing equitable practices cities are taking to advance clean energy, totaling 85.5 points available across the Scorecard.

