

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY

The City of Los Angeles (City) encompasses about 473 square miles, which range in use from rural to densely-populated urban areas. The Home Energy Improvement Program (HEIP) is a Citywide program to promote water and energy efficiency that targets low-income residents and communities. HEIP will be implemented by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the publicly-owned water and energy utility that serves the City.

The maps provided below were obtained using the CalEPA and CalEnviroScreen 2.0 tools. They highlight the significant portion of the City that is identified as disadvantaged due to the disproportionate effects of environmental pollution and economic disadvantages such as low income, high unemployment, low levels of homeownership, high rent burden, sensitive populations, and/or low levels of educational attainment. By providing significant energy and water use efficiency improvements to low-income households, HEIP provides direct, meaningful and assured public health/safety benefits as well as economic benefits to the most vulnerable households in the City.

HEIP outreach and advertising is focused on low- to moderate-income households within the LADWP service territory, including many customers living in disadvantaged communities. This model, utilizing council district and census data, will enable LADWP to target customers that are truly in need. However, the program is available to any LADWP customers who apply. For this reason, LADWP acknowledges that HEIP may not meet the requirement for Disadvantaged Community program preference as defined by the grant guidelines using only the CalEnviroScreen 2.0 mapping tool. Historically, approximately 50% of homes which received improvements similar to HEIP resided in Census 2010 tracts that scored 76% or higher under CalEnviroScreen 2.0. More information regarding program outreach is provided in Attachment 3.

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CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Scores by Census Tract

