

Eligible Applicant Documentation

Is the applicant a local agency, joint powers authorities, or nonprofit organization, as defined in Appendix B? Please explain.

Yes. Energy Council, a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2014 Water Energy Guidelines, is the applicant for the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Application submittal, *Water-Energy Upgrades in Alameda County DACs*.

What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?

Energy Council is a joint powers authority (JPA) formed under California Government Code Section 6500. It was created in 2013 by the County of Alameda and 12 cities in the county to assist members with developing and implementing programs and policies that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources, and help create climate resilient communities. Energy Council adopted the water/energy nexus as one of its priority areas for programs and funding.

Energy Council's initiatives are carried out by staff of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (established in 1976), which operates under the umbrella name of StopWaste. Energy Council's programmatic activities are an extension of StopWaste's pioneering work over more than two decades helping local governments, businesses, schools and residents solve critical solid waste issues while also capturing multiple benefits in related fields (e.g., energy, water, health, and climate change).

Energy Council has legal authority to enter into agreements with the State of California. Following execution of the Grant Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Energy Council will enter into agreements with each of the local project sponsors participating in this Proposal to ensure performance and tracking of funds.

Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?

Yes. On November 19, 2014, Energy Council adopted Resolution #EC 2014-6, which gives the agency authority to submit this application and enter into a grant agreement with DWR.

Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

StopWaste will oversee and ensure successful implementation of the grant deliverables. StopWaste has already obtained letters of commitment from project partners, including East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, Eden Housing, and Sustainable Energy Associates-Total Ozone Solutions, Oakland Unified School District, San Leandro Unified School District, and the City of San Leandro. Once the contract is awarded, StopWaste will sign formal agreements with project partners that will include DWR-required provisions and will be consistent with the DWR

Attachment 1: Authorization and Eligibility Requirements
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Grant Agreement. Each of the agreements will have similar general conditions, but each agreement will also be tailored to the specific funding and grant requirements applicable to that project.

StopWaste will assign an experienced program manager to oversee the performance of this proposal and coordinate with partner organizations. Since 2010, StopWaste has managed more than \$15 million in state and federal grants for regional green building, energy and water efficiency, and sustainable landscaping programs. In addition, StopWaste will be administering the \$5.9 million regional water conservation project that was recently awarded as part of the Bay Area IRWM's Prop 84 Drought Round grant program.