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Office of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY COB, THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST. Any questions regarding this process should be sent to <u>sarah.jackson@mail.house.gov</u>.

Community Project Funding is strictly limited in FY22 to specific federal spending accounts. Guidance for requests can be found at <u>https://appropriations.house.gov/appropriations-</u> requests.

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR SUBMISSION

Eligible recipients can only be government entities or non-profits

o  $\,$  If you are a non-profit, you must provide proof of your non-profit status as described under section 501(C)(3) of the IRS CODE.

--- The Appropriations Committee is requiring that you include a letter of support or resolution of support from the elected leaders of your government entity or government entities in your region. Additionally, press articles about the project, documentation of the project being listed on community development plans or regional plans is also helpful.

Requests will be given priority that have the following features:
o Funding from other sources such as state, local, or non-government organizations.
o The requested amount can complete the project.

Requesting Entity (Legal Title) \*

Contra Costa, County of; Department of Conse

Full Address (please write on one line) \*

Contra Costa County: 1025 Escobar St., Martinez CA 94553; Dept. Conservation & Development: 30 Muir Road, Martinez CA 94553

Requesting Entity Staff Contact Info: Name/Title/Phone/Email \*

Amalia Cunningham/Assistant Deputy Director/925-655-2881 /Amalia.Cunningham@dcd.cccounty.us

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If a non-profit, provide proof of 501(c)(3) status

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Project Name \*

Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan

Funding Amount Requested \*

\$750,000

Total Cost of Project and breakdown of funding sources (detail all local, state and/or private funds. Are these funds secured, expected, or you are still seeking?): \*

Total Cost of Project: \$750,000

Description of Project \*

The Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan (JTERP) will be a long-term strategic planning process resulting in a roadmap for workforce (re)training and land uses to support green economy industries as Contra Costa County transitions away from its historically petroleum-based economic sector. Using lessons learned from similar types of transition work (such as Diablo Canyon in San Luis Obispo and the Draft Colorado Just Transition Plan), the JTERP will create a framework for a uniquely Contra Costa Just Transition program.

Contra Costa County is at the forefront of a larger movement in California to revitalize our economy as we move away from fossil fuels. Four of the Bay Area's five refineries are located in Contra Costa County. In the past year, two of those have announced plans to transition operations to biodiesel or other non-petroleum operations, which will in turn affect the entire industrial sector as many supply chain companies are located in the county in order to serve the refineries.

Contra Costa residents as well as the County itself (as the lead permitting authority) want to ensure there are intentional workforce and land use transitions to support this monumental change. Contra Costa has an opportunity to revitalize its economic base as it both recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and navigates this major shift in employment, revenue, and associated impacts.

Project Justification (Need for the project) \*

Contra Costa County is home to four of the San Francisco Bay Area's five refineries. In the past year, two of those have announced plans to transition operations to biodiesel or other non-petroleum operations. Contra Costa residents as well as the County itself (as the lead permitting authority) have concerns regarding the workforce transitions needed to support this pivot, as well as real estate and land use implications as the impacts move along the supply chain and existing workforce pipelines.

In September 2020, the County Board of Supervisors declared a climate emergency. Among the actions it is taking, the Board has indicated it will begin to develop a Just Transition plan. Specifically, the County will develop strategies to improve the health, safety, infrastructure, job opportunities, and revenue opportunities during the shift to a zero-emission economy. We will provide special attention to helping develop new opportunities for frontline and impacted communities that realize economic, health, and other benefits.

The JTERP will jump-start this work. It will be aligned with and build on existing visions in the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative and the County's Envision 2040 General Plan update.

Justification for why the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds and is a public benefit \*

The project will benefit taxpayers by retraining a workforce for new jobs, achieving significant environmental benefits and growing the local economy and tax base. The JTERP's outcome should achieve a triple bottom line result for the local economy, environment, and equity in many of our impacted communities surrounding the transitioning refineries.

Contra Costa County is home to 25 census tracts that the State of California considers "disadvantaged" using its CalEnviroScreen criteria. These areas experience higher rates of asthma and other illnesses. They have been historically underserved by our government at every level. Contra Costa County is committed to addressing this historic injustice and is looking for every opportunity to jump start this work. The JTERP will be of direct benefit to the current workforce as well as the next generation of workforce who will be graduating and seeking employment close to home that has long-term economic benefit.

If you are a public entity, is the project on your Capital Improvement Program? (Please provide documentation or explain why not) \*

No, this is not a capital project.

Upload Capital Improvement Program documentation

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Explanation of how the federal funds will be spent (for example, on equipment, construction, labor, etc.): \*

The federal funds will be spent for community outreach and engagement (including meeting support services for translation, childcare, and community ambassadors), specialized studies, economic analysis, and staffing.

Cities in which the project is located and will be performed \*

The JTERP will be using the time-sensitive refi

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- O Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
- O Defense
- C Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies
- Financial Services and General Government
- O Homeland Security
- O Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

**Clear selection** 

Federal Agency for the Request (if you don't know this information, leave it blank)

Department of Housing and Urban Developme

Account for the Request (if you do not know this information, leave it blank)

Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Are you submitting this request to another Member of Congress? If so, who? \*

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