



California Energy Commission

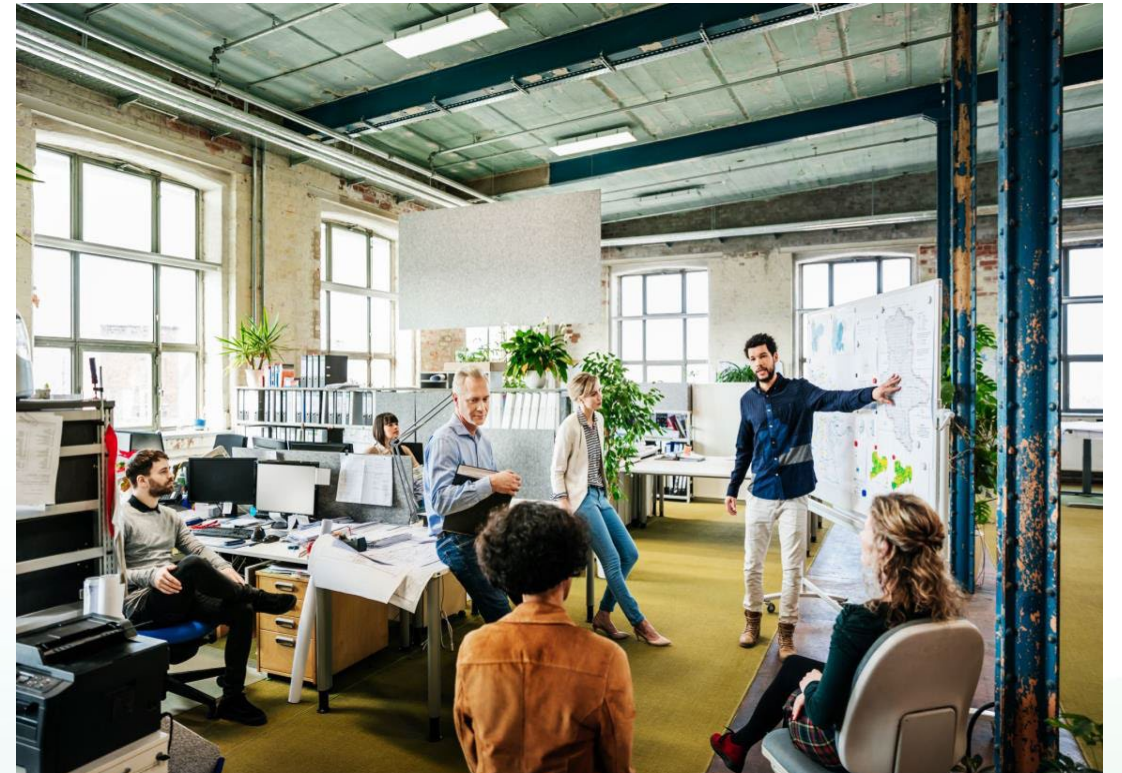
California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program

September 21, 2022



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CalAPP Program Overview

Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senate Bill 129 (Skinner, Budget Act of 2021)• "...support a grant program for cities, counties, or cities and counties to establish online solar permitting."
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$20 Million from General Fund• Up to 5% for Administrative Costs
Application Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2023
Funding Liquidation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant activities must be completed by May 31, 2027



Eligibility



Type (Total in CA)	Example(s)
City (482)	City of San Jose, Town of Danville, City of San Diego
County (58)	County of Tehama, County of Los Angeles, County of Solano
City and County (1)	San Francisco



Grant Application Process

Applicant
Submits
Application

CEC Staff
Approves
Application and
Reserves
Funding

Awardee
Adopts
Permitting
Platform and
Completes all
Grant Activities

Awardee
Submits
Invoice to
Receive
Payment



Funding Levels

Applicant Population	Maximum Award Amount
Less Than 50,000	\$40,000
50,000 to 99,999	\$60,000
100,000 to 200,000	\$80,000
Greater Than 200,000	\$100,000



Reimbursable Costs

Allowable	Unallowable
Staff time (IT, third-party consultation, etc.)	Costs incurred prior to grant agreement execution
Staff & installer training	Costs not directly related to adoption of permitting platform
Maintenance and subscription costs for supporting software	Typically excluded items such as food for training events
Early SolarAPP+ adopters that add permitting for energy storage	All other



Application Form Overview

- Applications accepted via electronic email submittal
 - Submittal Deadline: **May 1, 2023**
- Application is non-competitive, approved as first-come, first-served

ATTACHMENT 01
Grant Application Form – EXHIBIT A
California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

Jurisdiction Name (please use full legal name as it would appear on the executed grant):

Jurisdiction Type (select one):
 City County City and County

Current Estimated Population [State of California Department of Finance Demographics \(https://dof.ca.gov/forecasting/Demographics/\)](https://dof.ca.gov/forecasting/Demographics/):
 Less than 50,000 From 100,000 to 200,000
 From 50,000 to 99,999 Greater than 200,000

Project Manager <i>(serves as point of contact for all communications)</i>	Name	
	Street Address	
	City and Zip Code	
	Phone Number	
	E-Mail Address	

2. FUNDING (REQUIRED)

Assigned Maximum Grant Amount (select *one*)

Group 1 (\$40,000): Population less than 50,000

Group 2 (\$60,000): Population from 50,000 to 99,999

Group 3 (\$80,000): Population from 100,000 to 200,000

Group 4 (\$100,000): Population greater than 200,000

3. PROJECT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

A. Online, automated solar permitting platform to be adopted:

SolarAPP+
 Other. If selected, complete Section 4 ("Additional Information")

B. Please select allowable budget item(s) anticipated to be used (Select at least one):

Ongoing in-house staff labor costs associated directly with adoption and maintenance of the platform

Ongoing third-party or consultant time associated directly with adoption and maintenance of the platform

Ongoing staff training and education, specific to the platform

Ongoing training events for local installers, specific to the platform

Essential hardware or equipment necessary to support adoption of the platform

Maintenance, such as adding support for energy storage paired with solar energy system permitting, and subscription cost for permit tracking software in support of adopted permitting platform

C. Estimated Project Timeline*

*Enter actual dates if activities already began

Activity	Date (Month/Year)
Begin Development/Pilot	
Full Adoption	
Staff Training	
Training for Local Installers	

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if applicable)

NOTE: Only complete this section if you implement a platform other than SolarAPP+
 Please identify whether the following features are supported by the implemented platform. All features are required for the platform to qualify for funding. CEC staff will verify prior to payment approval.

Performs an automated plan review for residential solar energy systems that completes automatic code compliance checks based on user inputs (such as a contractor), thereby enabling or otherwise issuing permits instantly when the project is confirmed as code compliant, without the need for human review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Supports online, immediate fee payment once an application is complete, which may include auto-invoicing of permit fee costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Supports immediate generation of a permit job card following payment confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Blocks noncompliant applications from receiving a permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
EITHER: 1) Stand-alone permitting tool; OR 2) Integrates with current software and inspection platform already in use	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

5. REPORTING (REQUIRED)

Following adoption and verification of a qualifying platform, the Energy Commission may request, and the Recipient will provide if requested, annual data on the number of permits issued for solar energy systems and a solar energy system paired with an energy storage system including relevant characteristics of those systems, such as system capacity.

Please indicate your acceptance of these terms.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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6. CERTIFICATION (REQUIRED)

- I am authorized to complete and sign this form on behalf of the applicant.
- I authorize the California Energy Commission to make any inquiries necessary to verify the information presented in this application.
- I have read and understand the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation on behalf of the applicant, and the applicant is willing to enter into an agreement with the Energy Commission to conduct the proposed project according to the terms and conditions without negotiation.
- I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Name of Authorized Representative:	
Title:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Date:	
Signature of Authorized Representative:	

NOTE: Do not overlap signature with surrounding border lines.



Applications Overview

CalAPP Submission Overview	
Applications Approved	32
Cities	27
Counties	5
Applications Executed	11
Total Requested Funding	\$1,860,000



Senate Bill 379

- Senate Bill 379 signed on 9/16/22
- Requires a city, county, or city and county to implement an online, automated permitting platform such as SolarAPP+
 - Exemption for cities with population < 5,000
 - Exemption for counties with population < 150,000
 - Includes each city within that county
- Specifies report of compliance and annual reporting to CEC thereafter
- Requires CEC to adopt Guidelines pursuant to this bill



More Information and Q&A

- Program webpage: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/calapp>
 - Application Form accessible from this page
- Please join our CalAPP Program email list server, available from our webpage or at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html
- CEC Contact: CalAPP@energy.ca.gov