

Innovator Pilots Overview

The Innovator Pilots Program provides competitive funding to local, regional and sub-regional governments working to lead the effort in energy efficiency and GHG reduction activities through innovative and creative approaches to deliver energy savings. Selected projects must be scalable and replicable throughout the service territory. During the first solicitation in 2010, seven projects were selected and funded. Nine more projects were selected in a second solicitation in 2011. Negotiation for these contracts is currently in progress.

List of Innovator Pilot Projects

2010 Projects

1. **Alameda County Office of Education** will implement a countywide program that will provide local school districts with energy managers who coordinate facility energy audits and benchmarking, identify potential energy savings opportunities, and provide guidance on financial incentives.
2. **Chico** will implement a program to reduce residential energy consumption through a combination of retrofits and education to encourage behavior change.
3. **Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville** will collaborate with QuEST to integrate energy-efficiency services to the commercial community by combining audits for lighting efficiency, space conditioning improvements, renewable energy and demand management strategies into a single transaction to maximize reductions and minimize client costs.
4. **Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville** will also work with QuEST to collaborate with tenant and landlord groups to identify and pilot technical, informational and policy solutions to address the split incentive problem.
5. **San Jose** will launch the Community Energy Championship Fund that will provide mini-grants to support small, local, and innovative social marketing campaigns designed to achieve significant and lasting behavior change surrounding energy efficiency.
6. **San Jose** will also implement a program that will allow a limited number of units undergoing standard retrofits through the City's Single Family Housing Rehab program to receive comprehensive energy-efficiency retrofits, traditionally absent from these programs.
7. **Sierra Business Council** will launch the Green Prosperity Workforce Development Program that will provide training and outreach to develop grassroots leadership in Latino and Native communities, provide green workforce training, and enhance energy use information and management for small businesses and municipalities.

2011 Projects

1. **Mendocino County Development Commission:** Responsible Energy Awareness Practices Program (embedding EE into county housing operations)
2. **Napa County Energy Watch:** Creating an Energy Conservation Culture (Small and medium businesses (SMB) and Government energy efficiency)
3. **Redwood Coast Energy Authority:** Redwood Neighborhood Energy Challenge (Residential)
4. **San Francisco Dept of the Environment:** Retirement Plan for Commercial Food Service Refrigeration
5. **San Luis Obispo County:**
 - a. Energy Dysfunction Prediction Tool (detect overlooked SMB facilities)
 - b. Small and Medium Business Energy Efficiency (Consolidated SMB energy services)
6. **Santa Clara County Facilities and Fleet Department:** Correctional Facilities
7. **Small Cities Climate Action Partnership**
 - a. Regional energy management for small cities (Albany, Benicia, El Cerrito, Moraga, Orinda, Piedmont, and San Pablo)

8. **Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority:** Energy Efficiency Codebook for Buildings (Sonoma County RCPA may decide not to proceed with this pilot to avoid creating any barriers to the revival of the real estate market.)
9. **StopWaste.Org:** Asset Rating and RECO Tools for Local Governments