



XIR (Explorer-in-Residence)
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Application Cycle Currently Closed

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Application | What is it?

California Clean Energy Fund's XIR program provides small grants to individuals working on clean energy innovations. These grants fill a critical gap with the resources many need to advance their ideas to formed concepts. XIR provides:

Financial launch pad:

Awards \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Professional development:

Provides mentorship and networking to assist entrepreneurs to develop their concept for the next stage of funding.

Application | Criteria

Who is it for?

Anyone with a great idea to optimize the energy transition.

What does it support?

We look for concepts that support emerging clean energy trends.

XIR covers three months of research, analysis, concept prototyping & other pre-investment stage activities.

A central priority of this program is to increase representation from diverse communities in clean energy entrepreneurship and to support ideas that have equity impact as a central outcome. We prioritize:

- Concepts that are led by small, woman-owned and diverse-owned businesses as well as from underserved, low-income, LGBTQ, rural and veteran communities.
- Concepts that increase access to clean energy or sustainability technologies within disadvantaged or low-income communities
- Concepts that have economic impact on disadvantaged or low-income communities (i.e. job creation, contracting, supplier diversity, and economic development)

Application | Process

Applications are submitted on the California Clean Energy Fund [Application Management System](https://calcef.smartsimple.com). (<https://calcef.smartsimple.com>)

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Application | Questionnaire

1. Name of Explorer-in-Residence (individual or organization):
2. Project Title:
3. What is the problem or opportunity your project seeks to address? (150 word limit)
4. What is the objective and desired outcome of your project: (150 word limit)
5. Project Approach: What is the work to be done? (150 word limit)
6. What will be the project deliverables? (150 word limit)
7. How much funding are you seeking to complete the project? What portion are you asking California Clean Energy Fund to support? (50 word limit)
8. Project time-frame:
9. Are any other organizations working on or have worked on these issues? What material has been produced? (150 word limit)
10. Project lead name and contact information:
Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____
11. If selected to move to the next phase of the application process, will you be able to provide at least three references? (Y/N)
(References collected during interview of prospective XIR).