Overview

GFO-26-503 - Distributed Electricity Backup Assets Program - Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) for Grid Reliability

Last updated 29 November 2026

Donor: California Energy Commission

Deadline: 26 January 2027

Open

Purpose and scope

The California Energy Commission administers the Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Program through grant agreements.

Who can apply

The Recipient may not claim profit, and Agreement funds cannot pay shareholder incentives or profits for private-corporation shareholders. Only qualifying Unrelated Company subrecipients and sub-subrecipients may receive CEC-funded profit.

Priorities

Required activities include construction, installation, upgrades and incremental capacity additions for DEBA DER projects. Partners must complete this work so the project is online by March 31, 2030, or earlier if Exhibit A specifies.

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Partners must implement one of the four performance pathways selected and specified in Exhibit A, and meet its dispatch requirements for three program seasons.

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