



## Supporting Our Community Program Guidelines

At Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), we are committed to strengthening the resilience and vibrancy of our community. Through our Supporting Our Community Program, we provide financial sponsorships, in-kind support, and staff time to mission-aligned efforts led by local nonprofits, community groups, and educational institutions. These sponsorship opportunities must also help RCEA share information about our services and programs, increase local awareness, and support broader community engagement.

As our community navigates increasing challenges related to cost of living, climate change, and social inequity, RCEA aims to focus support where it can be most impactful and mutually beneficial. While we cannot fulfill every request, we carefully review each submission based on alignment with our support guidelines, mission, and available resources.

### **To help guide this approach, RCEA prioritizes support for efforts that:**

- Advance STEM education and workforce development, particularly in the trades, clean energy, and environmental sciences.
- Accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and climate solutions.
- Host key community events in Humboldt County, especially those that provide RCEA opportunities to educate residents about energy services and community programs.
- Promote basic needs and community resilience, including food access, family support services, and community resilience initiatives (excluding medical-related services).

### **RCEA does *not* provide funding for:**

- Religious events or programs.
- Political parties, campaigns, or ballot measures.
- Sports teams or recreational clubs.
- Organizations whose primary services or products are in opposition to our mission.
- Efforts primarily benefitting individuals or small groups.
- Initiatives outside Humboldt County.
- For-profit events lacking a clear community benefit aligned with the Community Support Guidelines and RCEA's mission.



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### **Requesting Support from RCEA**

- All requests must be submitted via the official RCEA Request for Support Form hosted on our website.
- Applicants will receive a response within 30 days, though timing may vary depending on request volume.
- Requests are accepted year-round, but are reviewed on a monthly basis by an internal team.

The Supporting Our Community Program Guidelines are evaluated annually and are subject to change to ensure consistent alignment with the RCEA's mission and goals. Thank you for your support of Redwood Coast Energy Authority and our community.