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| **DAC/EDA Benefits** |

As outlined in the Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Guidelines, applicants are required to provide a minimum local cost share ("match funds") of fifty (50) percent of the total project cost, unless the proposed project (or components of the project) benefit a disadvantaged community (DAC) or economically distressed area (EDA). Appendix B of the Guidelines provides details for demonstrating eligibility for the reduced funding match. This template will assist the applicant in submitting the required information. A Certification of Understanding (on the last page) should be filled out and included for applicants requesting a reduced funding match.

**STEPS TO REQUEST A REDUCED FUNDING MATCH & IDENTIFYING DAC/EDA BENEFITS**

At a minimum, information regarding income data of the project benefit area, and the methodology used for determining the project benefit area total population must be included in **Attachment 9.** Note that when assembling information requested in this attachment, population and income data for a community must be evaluated in a similar time period (e.g., population data from 2014 should be compared to income data from 2014).

This information should be shown with the following steps and documentation:

1. **Documentation of the Presence of DACs/EDAs**
   1. Describe if the applicant is a DAC/EDA; if the community benefitting from the project is (in part or in whole) a DAC/EDA; or both the applicant and the project benefit area(s) are a DAC/EDA.
   2. Provide a map with sufficient geographic detail to define the boundaries of the following overlying areas:
      1. Drinking water entity’s service area benefiting from the contamination cleanup or prevention project;
      2. The applicant’s service area/jurisdictional boundary; and
      3. The DAC/EDA community benefiting from the project (e.g., DAC block group receiving treated water for potable use; see Department of Water Resources [DWR] mapping tool below):

One method is to use the DWR DAC Mapping Tool and the EDA Instructions and EDA Mapping Tool, which have recently been updated. These tools now reflect recent American Community Survey (ACS) data (2010 to 2014). Please refer to these tools to map the DAC/EDA communities:

* + - * + The updated DAC Mapping Tool can be found at: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>
        + The updated EDA Mapping Tool can be found at: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/edas/>
        + Information on the DAC Mapping Tool can be found at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resources_dac.cfm>
        + The updated EDA Instructions can be found at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resources_eda.cfm>
  1. Describe the method used in determining the total population of the proposed DAC/EDA benefit area.
     1. Describe the United States Census Bureau (Census Bureau) geographies (e.g., census designated place [CDP], census tract, census block group) that were used, and how were they applied in the analysis. Potential methods are described below:
        1. Use the [2014 ACS MHI](file:///\\ca.epa.local\SB\DFA\ENGINEER\Funding%20Programs\SRF\American%20Community%20Survey%20Data\MHI%20Spreadsheets\2014%20ACS%20MHI.xlsx) spreadsheet tables to determine population and annual median household income (MHI) using a City or CDP.
        2. Use the Census Bureau American Fact Finder website (see below), or the Census Interactive Population Map website at: <http://www.census.gov/2010census/popmap/> to determine population and MHI using block groups.
  2. Provide annual MHI data for the DAC/EDA in the project benefit area.
     1. The following data requirements must be met:
        1. MHI and population data must be from 2010 or later Census Bureau data sets, or an income/population survey if no representative census data are available; and
        2. MHI and population data used in the analysis must be from the same time period and geography.

For assistance with accessing census data see the Census Bureau American Fact Finder website (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>). Applicants may use a single type of census geography or combinations of 2010 or later Census Bureau geographies in determining the MHI and population for DACs and the project area. However, the census geography that is used must be consistent for both MHI and population. Official census geographies, such as census tract, place, and block group, are acceptable. Note: if the project benefit area as a whole has an MHI > 80% (i.e., not a DAC), the project is not considered to benefit a DAC, even if there are pockets or areas within the project benefit area that would meet the definition of a DAC.

* 1. Provide annual MHI data for the applicant’s jurisdictional boundary/service area, if the applicant is claiming to be a DAC/EDA.

1. **Documentation of DAC/EDA Representation and Participation**
   1. Provide a description or information on the DAC/EDA involvement, such as past, current, and future efforts to include DAC/EDA representatives in the planning and/or implementation process.
   2. Submit letters of support from representatives of the DAC/EDA indicating their support for the project or component of the proposal designed to provide direct benefit to the DAC/EDA and acknowledging their inclusion in the planning and/or implementation process.
2. **Benefits and Impacts to DACs/EDAs**
   1. Include information on the amount and type of direct benefit the project provides to the DACs/EDAs (e.g., metrics of success information can be used here, and can be found in Section 8 of the Guidelines). Provide a description of the portions of the project that will benefit a DAC/EDA, if the whole project does not benefit a DAC/EDA. Describe any potential negative impacts to the DAC/EDA – either short-term (e.g., construction of the treatment plant, drilling of a well) or long-term.
3. **Determining Funding Match Reduction**
4. Establish the request for reduction in the funding match for the proposed project. Match requirements can be found in Section 5.4, Table 2, in the Guidelines.
   1. The Statewide MHI, from estimates based on 2010-2014 ACS data, is $61,489. Therefore:
   2. 80% of Statewide MHI: $49,191; annual MHI is < 80% of Statewide MHI is DAC; and
   3. 60% of Statewide MHI: $36,893; annual MHI is < 60% of Statewide MHI is severely disadvantaged community (SDAC).
5. Based on the information in the previous steps, select the appropriate proposed match reduction amount.
   1. Match criteria for Group A (5% match) must meet the following:
      * Applicant must be a SDAC
      * 100% of project components must benefit a small (i.e. population is < 20,000 persons) SDAC
   2. Match criteria for Group B (10% match) must meet the following:
      * Applicant must be a DAC or EDA
      * 100% of project components must benefit a DAC or EDA
   3. Match criteria for Group C (20% match) must meet the following:
      * Applicant does not have to be a DAC or EDA
      * portion of project components benefit a DAC or EDA

**Certification of Understanding**

The undersigned certifies that:

The application submitted by <Insert Name of Applicant> for <Insert Proposal Title> for a Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program contains a request for a reduction of the funding match based on <”small & severely disadvantaged”, “disadvantaged”, or “economically distressed area”> community status.

The above named applicant understands:

* The reduction of the funding match presented in the application is a request that will not be automatically granted.
* State Water Board staff will review the DAC/EDA information submitted in the application prior to making a decision to accept, modify, or deny such a reduction.
* Should the proposal be chosen for funding, but the requested reduction in funding match is rejected or modified, the grantee is responsible for costs exceeding the grant funding amount to complete the project and any additional required match.
* The State Water Board will rescind the grant award if the grantee cannot either:

1. Cover the increased costs and/or match due to rejection or modification of the request for reduction in the funding match; or
2. Adequately restructure the grant proposal within the available budget, while still meeting the intent of the original proposal.

Authorized Signature:

Printed Name:

Title:

Agency:

Date: