

# Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program

**Power-Building and Engagement  
(Pb+E) Program of Projects –  
Round 2**

Programming & Allocations Committee  
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Power-Building  
and Engagement



Project  
Development



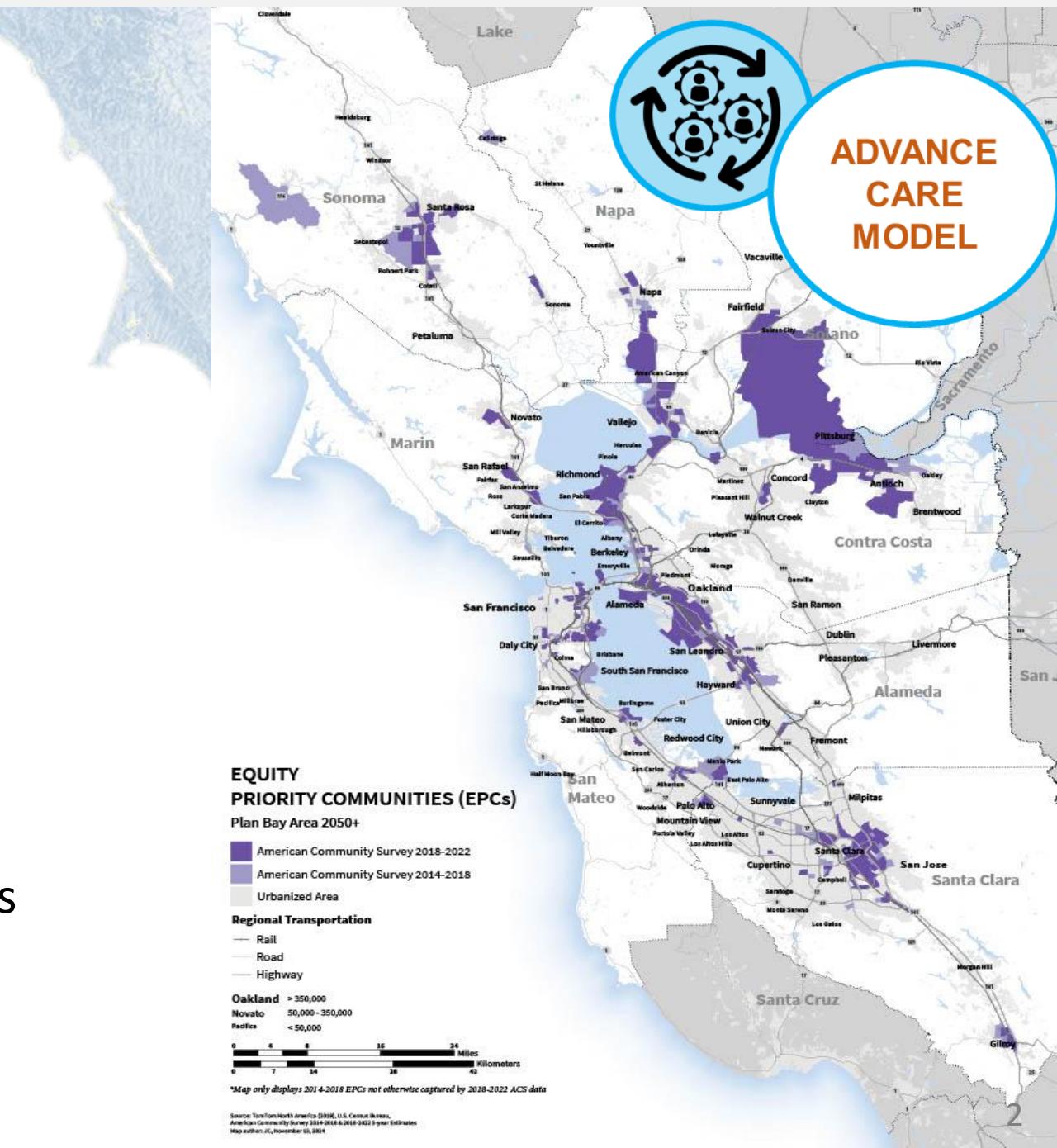
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# Pb+E Overview

- Established in 2023 from MTC's **equity-rooted** Lifeline Transportation Program (2001).
- OBAG Regional Program that funds community leadership and **capacity building**, multi-sector **partnerships/collaborations**, community-focused **pilot projects** benefitting MTC-designated **Equity Priority Communities** (EPCs).
- Supports Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and their local jurisdictions
- Grant Program and Learning Action Lab

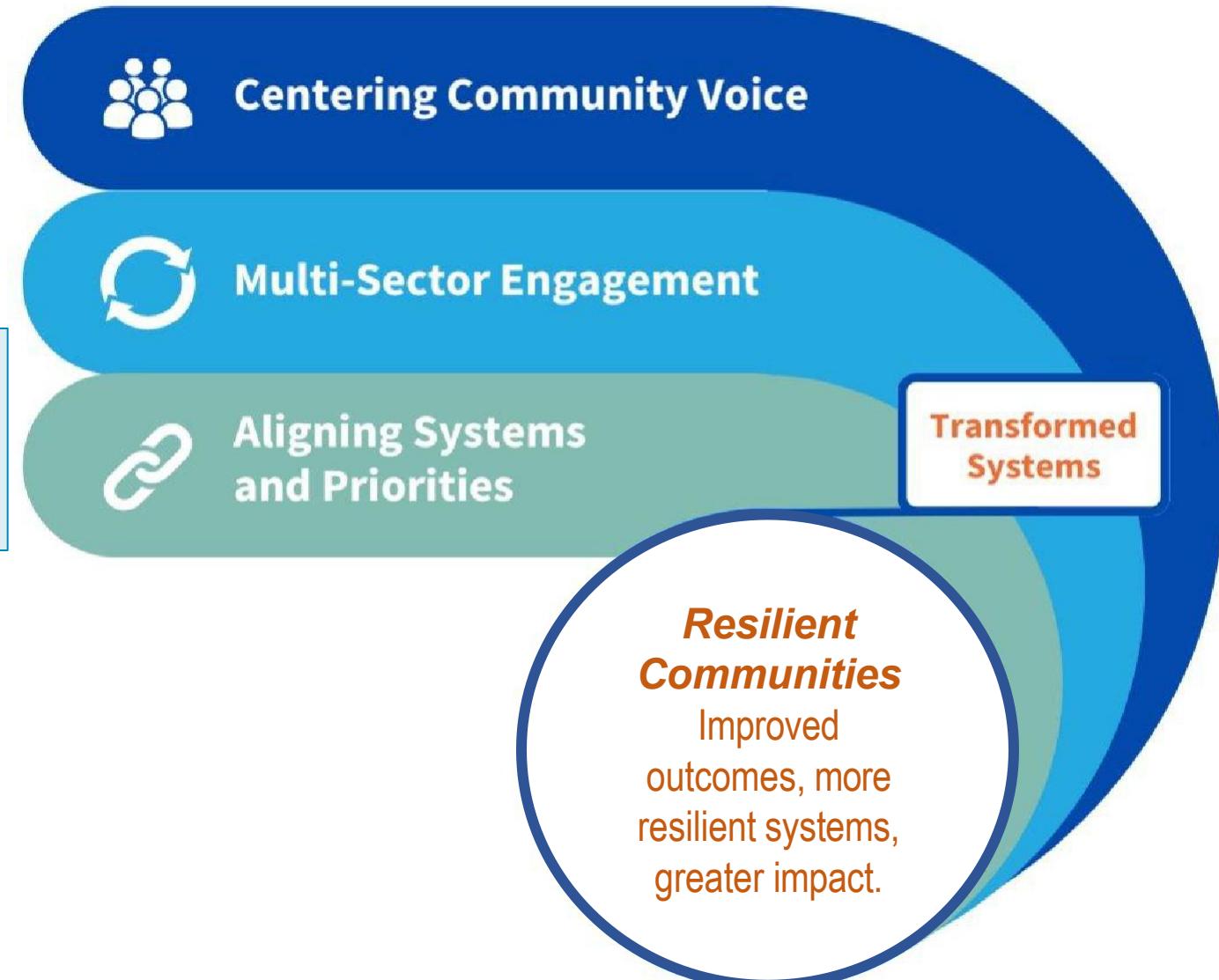


# Pb+E Approach

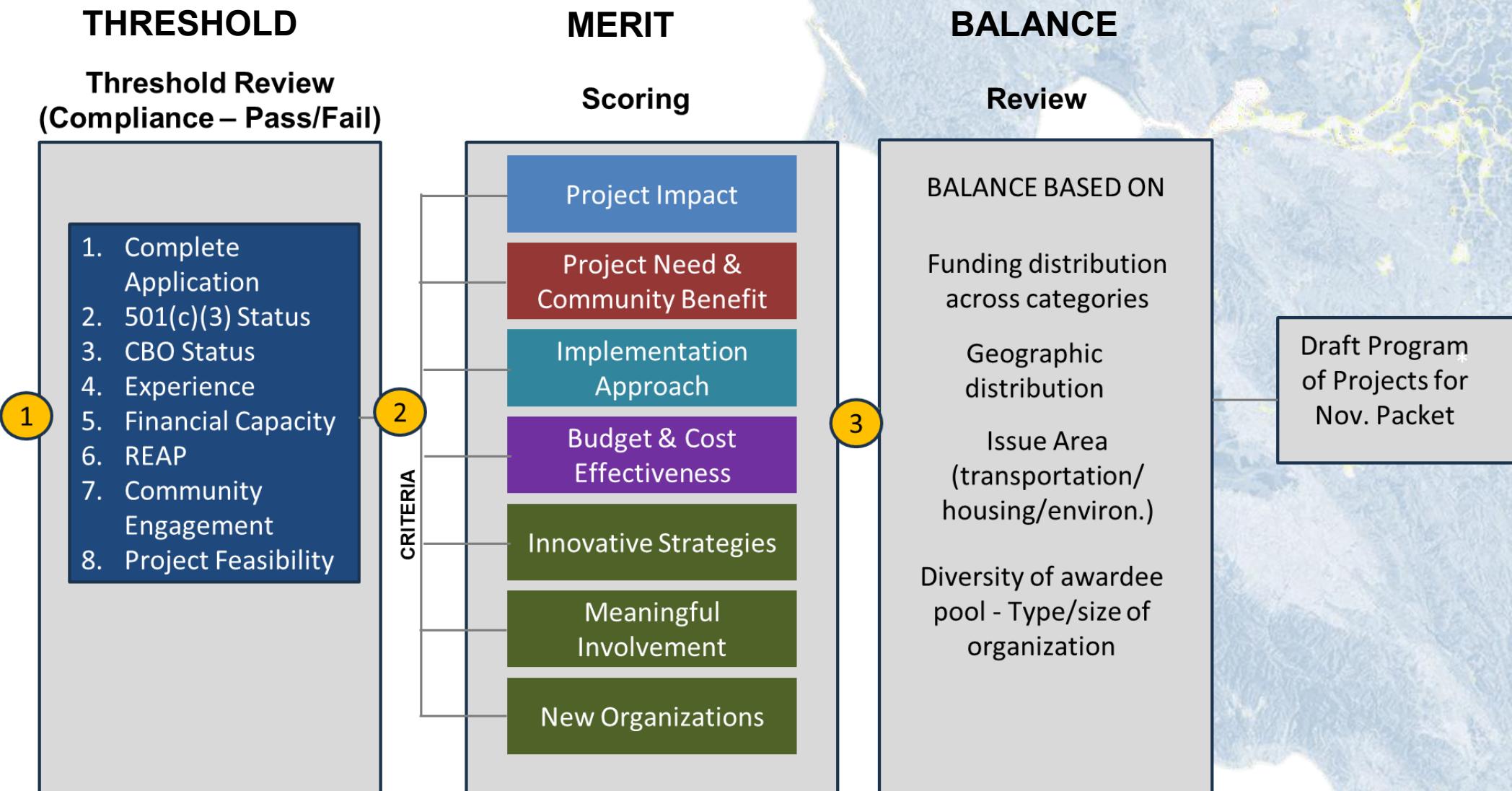
- Grant Program
- Technical Assistance, Peer Learning, Cohort Convenings, Expert Coaching

In November 2025, Commission awarded **\$1.5 million** in grants to **16 projects** led by community-based organizations.

- Remarkably high demand for competitive funds.
- Staff is recommending an **additional \$1 million** to fund more projects (Round 2).



# Evaluation and Selection Process



# Recommendation: Round 2 Program of Projects

- Ten (10) projects totaling **\$1 million**.
- Transportation – 4 projects
- Transportation and Housing – 3 projects
- Housing – 3 projects

Single County Awards	Multi-County Awards
United Seniors of Oakland (ALA)	Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley (ALA, SM, SC)
Climate Resilient Communities (SM)	Fair Housing Advocates in N. CA (MAR, NAP, SOL, SON)
Youth Leadership Institute (SM)	East Bay Housing Orgs. (ALA, CC, SM, SC, SON)
East Contra Costa Community Alliance (CC)	Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (ALA, CC, SF, SOL)
One Treasure Island (SF)	Bonafide (ALA, MAR, SF)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
	<b>\$650,000</b>

# Recommendation

- Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 4604, Revised, and 3989, Revised to Commission for approval.
- Adoption of CARE Power-building and Engagement (Pb+E) Project List: Round 2 - Programming of \$1.0 million to 10 projects.

Category (Pb+E)	Number of Projects	Amount
Capacity Building	4	\$200,000
Multi-Sector Partnerships	3	\$300,000
Community Projects	3	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

