



# **LOW INCOME PROGRAMS BRIDGE APPLICATION**

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# Purpose of Bridge Funding Application

- » Provide continuity in program funding and operations for the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program and California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) programs, for low-income customers by receiving a timely decision for PY 2027 while the Full program application is developed separately.
- » Provide time to receive and incorporate stakeholder feedback ahead of the Full Program Application.
- » Allow for sufficient time for the Commission to review and issue a timely decision on the Full Program Application.

# Bridge Funding Application Proposed Program Changes

- » SoCalGas proposes minimal changes in bridge funding application to help expedite approvals and avoid disruption in delivering the CARE and ESA Program.
- » Authorization to continue to shift funds in the same manner as approved in D.21-06-015 (not applicable for main ESA Program).
- » Authorization to fund shift \$29 million of unspent funds from the ESA Program Pilot Plus/Deep, that were previously authorized, to alleviate unknown cost pressures in the main ESA Program that are the result of the proposed increases in tariffs.
- » Authorization to carry over funds from the current Program Year (PY) 2021-2026 cycle to conduct ESA Program Impact and Process Evaluations during 2027.

# CARE Program Budget and Goals

Table 1: CARE Proposed Budget

Categories	2026 Authorized Budget	2026 Anticipated	2027 Proposed
	in D.21-06-015	Budget	Budget
CARE Administrative Budget	\$10,915,864	\$10,915,863	\$11,230,214
CARE Subsidy Budget	\$144,495,405	\$228,046,865	\$221,138,371
CARE Administrative + Subsidy Budget	\$155,411,268	\$238,962,728*	\$232,368,585

Table 2: CARE Enrollment

Category	Total Enrolled 12-31-24	Estimated PY 2025 Net Enrollments	Estimated PY 2026 Net Enrollments	Estimated PY 2027 Net Enrollments	Estimated Year End PY 2027 Participation	Estimated PY 2027 Goal Rate (a)
<b>Value</b>	1,756,132	1,760,110	1,755,512	1,750,576	108%	95%

# ESA Program Budget and Goal

Table 3: ESA Program Proposed Budget

Category	2026 Authorized Budget	2027 Proposed Budget
Main ESA Program	\$95,283,506	\$95,840,419
MFWB	\$20,563,740	\$27,697,789
Portfolio Total	\$122,666,069	\$123,538,208

Table 4: ESA Program Energy Savings Goals (Therms)

Year	Therms
2026	1,435,220
2027	1,435,220

Table 5: ESA Program Household Treatment

Year	Target
2026	69,837
2027	69,837

# Executive Summary

<b>Project Name</b>	SoCalGas's Low Income Programs Bridge Funding Application
<b>Project Description</b>	The application requests bridge funding for the ESA Program and CARE Program for PY 2027.
<b>Budget Request</b>	<p>The overall bridge funding proposal is generally based on the currently authorized program budgets as authorized in D.21-06-015 for 2026.</p> <p>For PY 2027, SoCalGas requests a total of \$355.52 million to allow for the continuation of its CARE and ESA Programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Request for \$232.37 million in bridge funding for the CARE Program which includes CARE subsidy and anticipated CARE administrative costs.</li><li>• Request for \$123.15 million for the ESA Program.</li></ul>
<b>Implementation Time Frame</b>	<p>Submitted bridge funding application on June 27, 2025. A final decision is expected in Q2 of 2026.</p> <p>If approved, SoCalGas will coordinate with its ESA Program contractors to extend existing contracts through the end of 2027. Current CARE processes will continue through 2027.</p>