

Option 3 National School Lunch Program

Option 3: Using the National School Lunch Program Criteria

This document describes how to use **Option 3, National School Lunch Program Criteria**, to determine a project's required local match.

Applicants using this option must indicate in the narrative how the project benefits the school students in the project area.

Before you can determine your project's required local match you first need to identify the ½ mile buffer around your project. If you have not done so yet, you can find information on how to do this on the [CCLGP website](#) in the document called "START HERE: Determine the Half Mile Limits Around Your Project." The document contains suggestions for how to use Google Maps to identify the limits around your project. Once you have determined the limits proceed with the directions below.

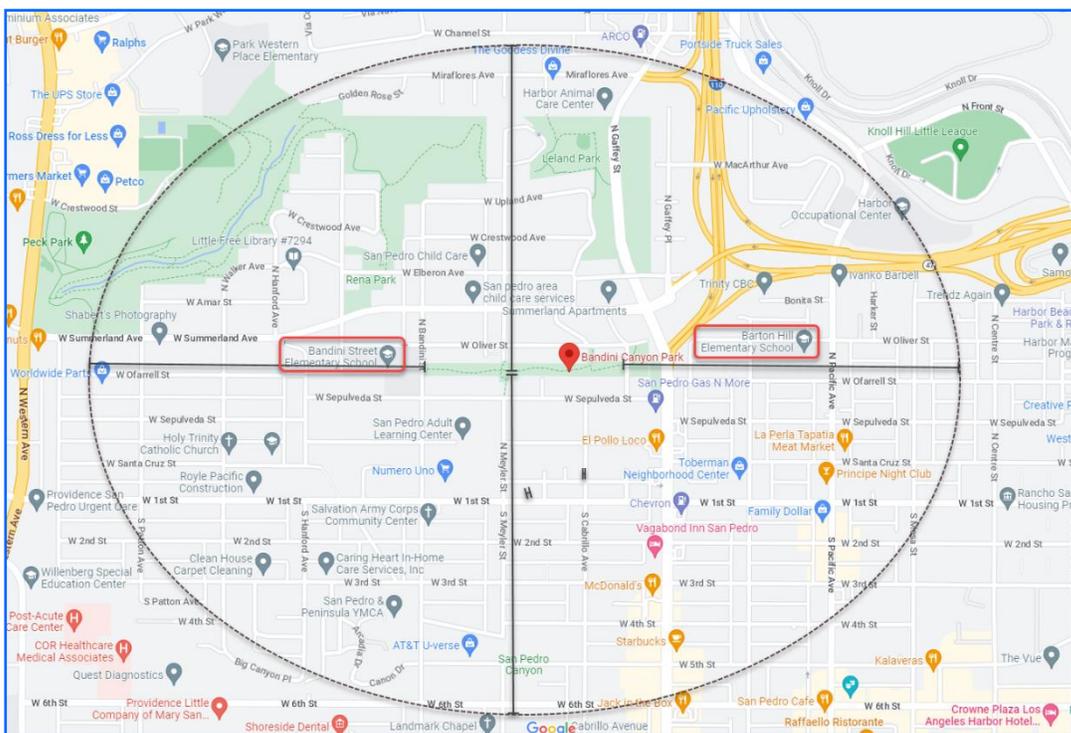
1. Finding Local Match:

- In this example we use **Bandini Canyon Park in San Pedro, CA**, the same project site example used when completing the exercise to determine the ½ mile limits around your project.

2. Determine the schools that fall within the ½ mile buffer around your project limits. You can do this by finding your project site on Google Maps, and in the search bar, type "schools near" in front of the name of your project site.

For our project at Bandini Canyon Park, two schools exist within the ½ mile buffer around the project:

- Bandini Street Elementary School is east of the park, shown in the image below.
- Barton Hill Elementary School is west of the park, shown in the image below.



3. Go to the [Free or Reduced-Price Meal \(Student Poverty\) Data page](#) on the California Department of Education's website.

- Select the **2021-2022 data updated on 30-January-2023**.
- An Excel spreadsheet should automatically download after you click the highlighted link.

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Downloadable data files pertaining to students eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals (FRPM).

This page contains the complete data files pertaining to K–12 students who are eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals (FRPM). FRPM data are collected annually. The data reflect Fall Census Day (first Wednesday in October) data certified by local educational agencies as part of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Fall 1 data submission. Because the data source has changed over time, it is important to refer to the file structure for further details regarding the file content for a particular year.

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Year of Data	Data File	Information about the File	File Structure
2021-22	Unduplicated Student Poverty – Free or Reduced-Price Meals Data 2021-22 (XLSX; 2MB; Updated 30-Jan-2023)	Unduplicated Student Poverty – FRPM Data 2014 to Current Year	File Structure: Unduplicated Student Poverty – FRPM Data 2014 to Current Year
2020-21	Unduplicated Student Poverty – Free or Reduced-Price Meals Data 2020-21 (XLSX; 2MB; Posted 06-11-2021)	Unduplicated Student Poverty – FRPM Data 2014 to Current Year	File Structure: Unduplicated Student Poverty – FRPM Data 2014 to Current Year

4. Open the Excel spreadsheet and navigate to the second tab "FRPM [Free or Reduced-Price Meal] School-Level Data."

Academic Year	County Code	District Code	School Code	County Name	District Name	School Name	District Type	School Type	Educational Option Type	NSLP Provision Status	Charter School (Y/N)	Charter School Number	Charter Funding Type	IRC	Low Grade	High Grade	Enrollment (K-12)	Free Meal Count (K-12)	Percent (%) Eligible Free (K-12)	FRPM Count (K-12)	Percent (%) Eligible FRPM (K-12)
2021-2022	01	10017	0130419	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Alameda County Community	County Office of County Commu	County Commu	N/A	N	N/A	N	K	12	12	57	45	78.9%	47	82.5%	
2021-2022	01	10017	0130401	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Alameda County Juvenile Hall/Court	County Office of Juvenile Hall/Court	County Commu	N/A	N	N/A	N	K	12	12	44	44	100.0%	44	100.0%	
2021-2022	01	10017	0130625	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Alternatives in Action	County Office of High Schools (HS)	Traditional	N/A	Y	0398	Directly Full Y	9	12	150	113	75.3%	134	89.3%		
2021-2022	01	10017	0137448	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Aurum Preparatory Academy	County Office of Junior High Schools (JHS)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1908	Directly Full Y	8	8	184	135	82.3%	148	99.2%		
2021-2022	01	10017	0129860	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Community School for Creative Education	County Office of Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1284	Directly Full Y	K	8	8	102	89.2%	117	87.6%		
2021-2022	01	10017	0136101	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Connecting Waters Charter - East Bay	County Office of K-12 Schools (K-12)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1881	Directly Full Y	K	12	12	514	107	20.8%	124	24.1%	
2021-2022	01	10017	8601788	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	CoX Academy	County Office of Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	Y	0740	Directly Full Y	P	5	5	518	321	62.2%	339	65.7%	
2021-2022	01	10017	0112507	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Envision Academy for Arts & Technology	County Office of K-12 Schools (K-12)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1811	Directly Full Y	4	12	411	220	56.0%	277	67.4%		
2021-2022	01	10017	0138867	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Hayward Collegiate Charter	County Office of Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	Y	2027	Directly Full Y	K	8	8	141	89	48.9%	93	66.0%	
2021-2022	01	10017	8012000	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Lazarus Charter Academy	County Office of Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1464	Directly Full Y	K	8	8	469	227	48.4%	229	48.8%	
2021-2022	01	10017	0131581	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Oakland Unity Middle	County Office of Intermediate Schools (IS)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1707	Directly Full Y	6	8	108	94	77.8%	86	83.3%		
2021-2022	01	10017	0136226	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Opportunity Academy	County Office of County Commu	County Commu	N/A	Y	1888	Locally Full N	10	12	189	71	38.2%	71	38.2%		
2021-2022	01	10017	0126597	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Urban Montessori Charter	County Office of Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1363	Directly Full Y	K	8	8	249	186	24.6%	192	24.9%	
2021-2022	01	10017	0124172	Alameda	Alameda County Office of Education	Yusuf King Charter	County Office of Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1296	Directly Full Y	K	8	8	672	139	20.7%	156	23.2%	
2021-2022	01	31609	0131755	Alameda	California School for the Blind (State Sped)	California School for the Blind	State Special Schools (SSS)	State Special	N/A	N	N/A	N	K	Adult	62	62	100.0%	62	100.0%		
2021-2022	01	18187	0131383	Alameda	California School for the Deaf/Fremont (State Sped)	California School for the Deaf/Fremont	State Special Schools (SSS)	State Special	N/A	N	N/A	N	P	12	12	318	318	100.0%	318	100.0%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0130509	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Alameda Community Learning Center	Unified School (HS) K-12 Schools (K-12)	Traditional	N/A	Y	0352	Directly Full Y	6	12	358	97	27.2%	80	22.5%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0130229	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Alameda High	Unified School (HS) High Schools (HS)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	9	12	1,038	311	17.2%	327	18.1%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0106401	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Alameda Science and Technology Institute	Unified School (HS) Alternative Schools (AS)	Traditional	N	N/A	N/A	N	9	12	168	43	31.5%	53	31.5%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0100374	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Amelia Earhart Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N	K	5	5	553	87	10.2%	80	10.8%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0118779	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Bay Farm	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	8	8	552	40	7.2%	55	10.0%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0090013	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Edson Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	438	59	13.5%	59	13.5%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0132142	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Enconal Junior/Senior High	Unified School (HS) K-12 Schools (K-12)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	8	12	1,124	331	29.4%	343	30.5%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0090021	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Frank Ota Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	6	6	570	77	13.5%	80	14.0%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0134304	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Island High (Continuation)	Unified School (HS) Continuation High Schools (CHS)	Continuation	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	9	12	72	44	61.1%	44	61.1%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0090054	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Lincoln Middle	Unified School (HS) Intermediate Schools (IS)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	8	8	819	110	13.4%	115	14.0%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0090047	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Lovell Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	463	156	33.7%	179	38.7%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0138220	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Maya Lin	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	444	89	20.0%	93	20.9%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0115222	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Neva Community Learning Center	Unified School (HS) K-12 Schools (K-12)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1066	Directly Full Y	K	12	12	535	106	34.0%	193	36.1%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0090038	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Non-Profit, Nonsectarian Schools	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	289	49	17.0%	50	17.0%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0111765	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Ruby Bridges Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	445	211	47.4%	222	49.9%	
2021-2022	01	01119	0122085	Alameda	Alameda Unified	The Academy of Alameda	Unified School (HS) Intermediate Schools (IS)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1181	Directly Full Y	8	8	378	161	42.6%	211	55.8%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0131869	Alameda	Alameda Unified	The Academy of Alameda Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	Y	1719	Directly Full Y	8	8	278	159	57.0%	137	49.3%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0090112	Alameda	Alameda Unified	Will C. Wood Middle	Unified School (HS) Intermediate Schools (IS)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	8	8	613	223	36.4%	235	38.3%		
2021-2022	01	01119	0090120	Alameda	Alameda Unified	William C. Paden Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	323	164	51.7%	105	32.0%	
2021-2022	01	01127	0130460	Alameda	Albany City Unified	Albany High	Unified School (HS) High Schools (HS)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	9	12	1,187	207	17.4%	207	17.4%		
2021-2022	01	01127	8090161	Alameda	Albany City Unified	Albany Middle	Unified School (HS) Intermediate Schools (IS)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	8	8	199	150	18.8%	218	27.3%		
2021-2022	01	01127	8090148	Alameda	Albany City Unified	Conifer Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	249	86	34.5%	86	34.5%	
2021-2022	01	01127	0130294	Alameda	Albany City Unified	MacGranger High (Continuation)	Unified School (HS) Continuation High Schools (CHS)	Continuation	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	10	12	2	2	50.0%	2	100.0%		
2021-2022	01	01127	8090378	Alameda	Albany City Unified	Marm Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	442	73	16.5%	105	23.8%	
2021-2022	01	01127	8090091	Alameda	Albany City Unified	Non-Profit, Nonsectarian Schools	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	261	71	27.2%	2	22.2%	
2021-2022	01	01127	8118222	Alameda	Albany City Unified	Ocean View Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	528	160	30.3%	209	39.6%	
2021-2022	01	01143	8057729	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Berkeley Arts Magnet at Whittier	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	381	89	23.4%	96	25.2%	
2021-2022	01	01143	8059018	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Berkeley Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	3,223	845	26.2%	855	26.5%	
2021-2022	01	01143	0134824	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Berkeley Technology Academy	Unified School (HS) Continuation High Schools (CHS)	Continuation	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	12	52	40	76.9%	41	78.8%		
2021-2022	01	01143	8090195	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Cragmont Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	296	67	22.6%	73	24.7%	
2021-2022	01	01143	8090211	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Emerson Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	278	71	25.7%	81	29.5%	
2021-2022	01	01143	0105316	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	John Muir Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	258	80	31.0%	83	32.2%	
2021-2022	01	01143	8090294	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Longfellow Arts and Technology Middle	Unified School (HS) Intermediate Schools (IS)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	8	468	252	53.6%	288	61.5%		
2021-2022	01	01143	8090298	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Walden Elementary	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	473	142	30.0%	149	31.5%	
2021-2022	01	01143	0056587	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Martin Luther King Middle	Unified School (HS) Intermediate Schools (IS)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	8	941	218	23.2%	241	25.6%		
2021-2022	01	01143	0050001	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Non-Profit, Nonsectarian Schools	Unified School (HS)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46	16	34.8%	16	34.8%		
2021-2022	01	01143	0130102	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Oxford Elementary at West Campus	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	438	70	15.7%	75	17.1%	
2021-2022	01	01143	0130103	Alameda	Berkeley Unified	Oxford Elementary at West Campus	Unified School (ES) Elementary Schools (ES)	Traditional	Not Participat	N/A	N/A	N/A	K	5	5	507	61	11.9%	61	11.9%	

5. Using the Search Bar or Find Data tool in the *FRPM Data 2021-2022 spreadsheet*, enter and search for "Bandini Street Elementary."

- Rows of data for each of the schools are located next to each other in the spreadsheet.
- For Bandini Street Elementary School, the spreadsheet shows that its school code is 6015945, its enrollment is 227, and the percent eligible FRPM is 85.0%.

- For Barton Hill Elementary School, the spreadsheet shows that its school code is 6015952, its enrollment is 403, and the % Eligible FRPM is 96.0%.

6. Fill in Table 1, in the first tab of the Local Match Calculation Form, with the school code, enrollment and the percent eligible FRPM as shown below (add additional rows if needed).

If the project has multiple sites, repeat this process for each of the other sites. For instance, if there was a second project site, you would enter the school codes within the 1/2 mile buffer of that site location, using the below rows of Table 1 under "Project Site B" and repeat the same information used to complete the rows under "Project Site A."

Notes: Be sure to fill in which option you are using at the top of Table 1, where the red arrow is pointing. Also, if additional rows in Table 1 are needed for your project site(s), you can add as many rows as needed, just be aware the formulas will not carry over to the new rows, and you will need to apply the formulas to the new rows yourself.

- For the *Project Site* row, record only the census tract number of the project site location and leave the other columns blank.
 - If you need to look up the census tract number for the project site, one of the easiest ways to do that is to type the project address into the [California Healthy Places Index Map](#) and note the tract number that appears in the pop-up after you hover over a location.
- In Column 2, "**Census Tract**," use the **school code**.
- In Column 3, "**Population**," use the **school enrollment**.
- In Column 4, "**Metric Score**," use the **% Eligible FRPM**.

The table will automatically calculate the Severity of Disadvantage (SOD) of the Community Surrounding the Project, as long as you applied the formulas in the table to any additional rows added.

Table 1. SOD of Community Surrounding the Project Site(s)				
List the Option Used to Determine SOD: (For information on the 4 options, see the program guidelines section "Underserved Communities".)				Option 3: Free or Reduced School Lunch
Location Relative to Project Site(s)	Census Tract Number*	Census Tract Population	Metric Score of Census Tract (using the chosen option listed above)	SOD of Tract (3) x (4)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Project Site A	2965	X	X	X
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.	6015945	227	85.00	19,295.00
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.	6015952	403	96.00	38,688.00
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				-
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				-
Project Site B				
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				-
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				-
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				-
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				-
TOTALS		630.00		57,983.00
SOD of Community Surrounding the Project = Total of Column 5 / Total of Column 3				92.04

Notes: *Communities with a population of less than 15,000 may use data at the Census Block Group level. Unincorporated communities may use data at the Census Place level.

- The value of the SOD is calculated as 92.04, which rounds down to 92 (for decimal places of .4 or less round down and for decimal places of .5 or greater round up.)

7. Use the SOD calculated in Table 1 to determine the Required Local Match percentage using Table 2 in the second tab of the Local Match Calculation Form.
- In this example, the required local match percentage is 0% of the total grant amount request.

Table 2. Severity of Disadvantage and Corresponding Local Match Requirement			
SOD Criteria	Ranges for SOD of Community Surrounding the Project		Required Local Match %
Option 1: Area Median Income (AMI) compared to Statewide Median Income (SMI)*			
Data: Census Tract Level Data from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-year (ACS5) Estimates			
If the AMI SOD of the surrounding community is...	> \$67,278	Then local match is...	50
	\$63,518 to \$67,278		37.5
	\$59,757 to \$63,517		25
	\$55,996 to \$59,756		12.5
	< \$55,996		0
Option 2: CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score (not percentile)			
Data: CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Results			
If the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 SOD of the surrounding community is...	< 40	Then local match is...	50
	40 to 43		37.5
	44 to 47		25
	48 to 51		12.5
	> 51		0
Option 3: Percentage of Students that Receive Free or Reduced Lunches			
Data: California Department of Education website			
If the Free/Reduced Lunch SOD	< 75	Then local match is...	50
	75 to 79		37.5
	80 to 84		25
	85 to 90		12.5
	> 90		0
Option 4: Healthy Places Index (HPI) Score (use overall HPI score only)			
Data: California Healthy Places Index website			
If the HPI SOD of the surrounding community is...	> 25	Then local match is...	50
	21 to 25		37.5
	16 to 20		25
	10 to 15		12.5
	< 10		0
Option 5: Tribal Communities			
Data: List of Federally Recognized Tribal Governments in California			
If the project applicant or sub-applicant is a Federally Recognized Tribal Government and the project area is located within or partially within Federally Recognized Tribal Lands, lands owned by or held in trust for an Indian tribe, allotted lands, and/or sensitive tribal areas.		Then the local match is...	0
*Communities with a population less than 15,000 may use data at the Census Block Group level. Unincorporated communities may use data at the Census Place level.			
Enter your Required Local Match here:			0

You have computed the required local match using **Option 3, National School Lunch Program**.

If the required local match is greater than 0%, or if it is 0% but your agency is providing match funds voluntarily, please fill out the third tab of the Local Match Calculation Form. If neither of these situations apply to your agency, you can leave the third tab blank.

Note, some options may result in a smaller required local match. Applicants may choose to use the option that best represents their community. For more information, please see the section "Underserved Communities" of the Guidelines on the [CCLGP website](#).