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.

This option is only available for projects located within two miles of the school(s) represented by this criterion.

Applicants using this measure must indicate in the narrative how the project benefits the school students in the project area.
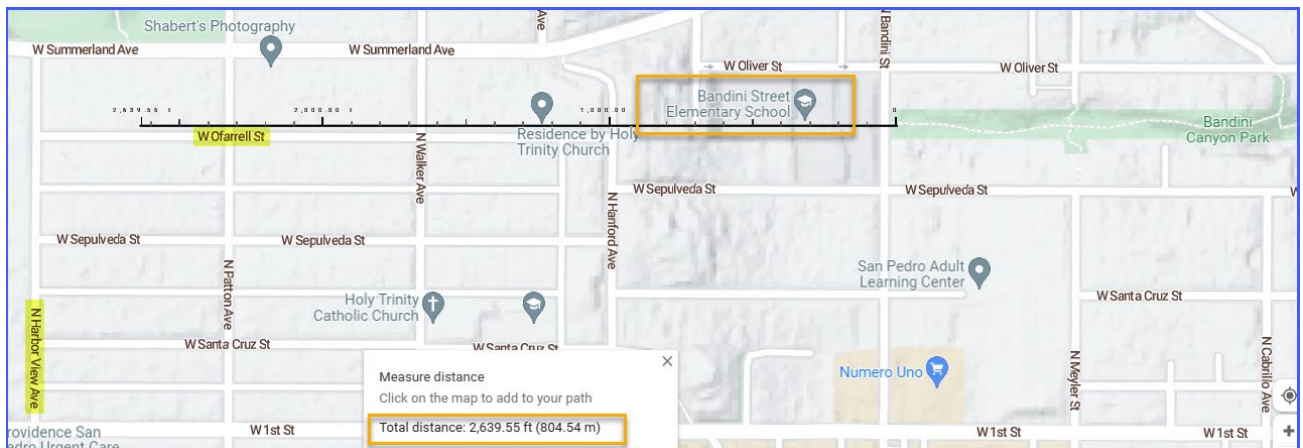
Before you can determine your project's required local match you first need to identify the ½ mile buffer around your project. If you have not done so yet, you can find information on how to do this on the CCLGP website in the document called "*START HERE: Determine the Half Mile Limits Around Your Project*." 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.
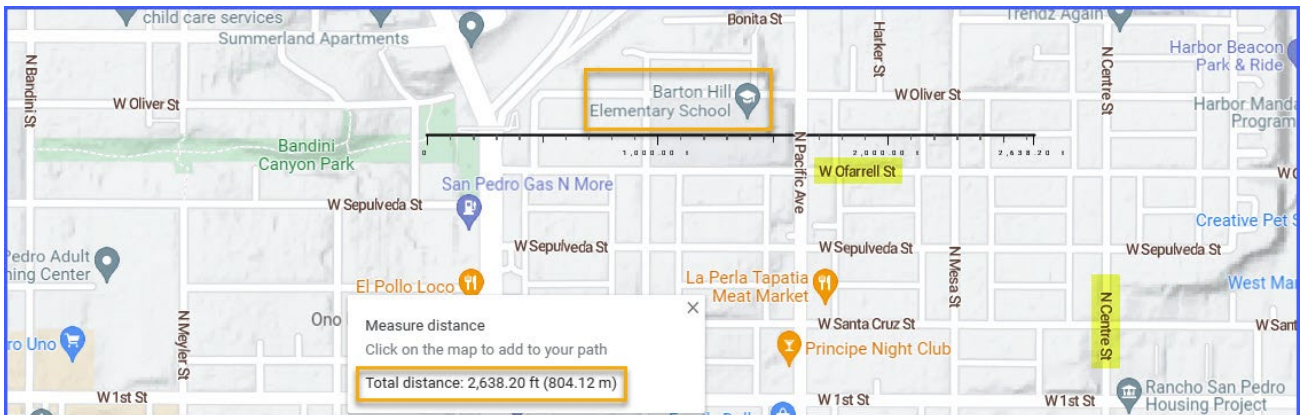
1. Finding Local Match:

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

2. Determine the schools that fall within the ½ mile buffer around your project limits. For our project at Bandini Canyon Park, two schools exist within a ½ mile of it:

   - 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.

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

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 81.9%.

- For Barton Hill Elementary School, the spreadsheet shows that its school code is 6015952, its enrollment is 403, and the % Eligible FRPM is 94.3%.

6. Record the above information in Table 1.

- For the Project Site row, record only the census tract number for Bandini Canyon Park, and leave the other columns blank.
- 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.

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) (1)	Census Tract Number* (2)	Census Tract Population (3)	Metric Score of Census Tract using the chosen option listed above) (4)	SOD of Tract (3) x (4) (5)
Project Site A	2965.00	✗	✗	0.00
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.	6015945	227	$ 81.90	18,591.30
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.	6015945	403	$ 94.30	38,002.90
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				0.00
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				0.00
Project Site B				0
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				0
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				0
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				0
Within a ½ mile radius of the perimeter of the project site.				0
TOTALS		630		56594.20
SOD of Community Surrounding the Project = Total of Column 5 Total of Column 3				89.83

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 values in Column 5 automatically calculate, and the Severity of Disadvantage (SOD) of the Community Surrounding the Project Site is calculated as 89.83, which rounds up to 90 (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 percent using Table 2.

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: 12.5

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

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*.*