

For the purpose of the Needs Assessment study by Fresno COG, Disadvantaged Community refers to a community with an annual median household income less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income, or communities that are designated as the top 25% worst performing census tracts defined by the Cal EPA's CalEnviroScreen 2.0. The Disadvantaged Community includes both incorporated and unincorporated communities in Fresno County. The disadvantaged unincorporated community refers to a fringe, island or legacy community that meets the above criteria. An unincorporated fringe community is an inhabited territory within a city's sphere of influence; an unincorporated island community is the inhabited territory that is substantially surrounded by city limits/cities; an unincorporated legacy community is the inhabited territory that is geographically isolated but has existed for at least 50 years.

If a project applicant believes a project benefits a disadvantaged community but the project does not meet the aforementioned criteria, the applicant must submit for consideration a quantitative assessment of why the community should be considered disadvantaged.