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This bill ~~also~~ would require the ~~department~~ Department of Finance to include in an annual report to the Legislature specified information on the applications received for each grant program allocating moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

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(2) Existing law creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program, which is administered by the Strategic Growth Council. Existing law requires the council to award competitive grants to specified eligible entities for the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities, as defined. Existing law authorizes the council, when awarding grants under the program, to give priority to plans and projects that cover areas that have a high proportion of census tracts identified as disadvantaged communities and that focus on communities that are most disadvantaged.

This bill would additionally authorize the council, when awarding grants under the program, to give priority to plans and projects covering areas that have a high proportion of census tracts identified as low-income communities, as defined. The bill would authorize applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in their grant applications. The bill would prohibit the council when adopting the program's guidelines from limiting the geographic boundaries of a project to a number of square miles.

(3) In regards to a certain amendment, this bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Counties of Imperial and San Diego.