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Air District offers \$250,000 in community grants

James Cary Smith Grant Program to fund Bay Area community air quality projects

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that the Board of Directors has approved guidelines for allocating \$250,000 to fund community science projects through the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program for fiscal year 2017.

The focus this year will be to encourage partnerships between academia and community-based organizations to develop community science and applied research projects that provide information about local air quality issues. Grants to support air quality knowledge in the classroom are also available.

“This grant program will enable community organizations to partner with university researchers to implement projects focused on air pollution sources in their neighborhoods,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “These projects will be meaningful because they will provide information on local, community-based issues.”

A workshop will be held on Thursday, October 20, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Ohlone Room of the Air District's Metro Center headquarters at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco to provide information and answer questions about the program.

A limited number of research grants of up to \$50,000 are available to implement community-academic partnership projects that analyze local air quality impacts, demonstrate the effectiveness of innovative mitigation strategies, improve the accessibility and application of community air sensors, and/or develop applied air science-based educational partnerships.

A pool of small grants of up to \$1,000 are also available to publicly-funded Bay Area K-12 teachers for in-classroom support for air science-related projects or curriculum application.

Project applicants are asked to submit a 2-3-page project description including the research intent, a list of intended partners, a proposed budget and a timeline with proposed milestones.

For all grants, priority will be given to applications that clearly meet the Air District's mission, align with key ongoing research interests of the Air District and projects proposed for areas with high concentrations of air pollution.

Applications are now being accepted. Grant proposals will be approved on a rolling basis until March 31, 2017, or until funding is expended.

To learn more and apply, please go to: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/grant-funding/residents/community-grants-program>. For more information, please contact: David Ralston at dralston@baaqmd.gov.

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