

Community Advisory Council Recommendation of New Membership Slate

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

November 12, 2025

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Recommended Action

Recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board appoint the individuals listed below to the Community Advisory Council (CAC). Individuals were selected by the CAC's Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee from a pool of 68 applicants.

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Margaret Gordon (2 years)

Contra Costa (4)

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- Latasha Washington (4 years)
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Adriana Fernandez Arriaga (2 years)

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Recommended Action (cont.)

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Youth (1)

Daphney Saviotti-Orozco (2 years)



Presentation Outline

- Background
- Selection Criteria
 - Board Approved Criteria
 - Additional Guidance for Selection of New Applicants
 - Additional Guidance for Selection of Existing CAC Members
 Reapplying
- Recommended Action



Background

- On February 19, 2025, the Community Equity, Health, and Justice (CEHJ) Committee discussed the recruitment strategy, selection process, and criteria for the thirteen (13) open CAC seats
 Air District staff received initial guidance from the CEHJ Committee
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- On April 9, 2025, the CEHJ Committee provided guidance on the selection process criteria
 - The CEHJ Committee also provided guidance on the outreach



Board Selection Criteria

Selection criteria included in Board Resolution No. 2023 – 14:

- 1. Reflect the diverse demographics of the Bay Area;
- 2. Include generational history and experience living in communities heavily impacted by air pollution;
- 3. Demonstrate diversity of relevant experience—including environmental justice, technical expertise, health, and Air District functions or knowledge of the Air District; and
- 4. Have access to other people who have a range of relevant knowledge and technical experience that could help inform the CAC.

Priority should be given to individuals from Bay Area communities overburdened by air pollution, environmental justice communities, and/or those with a history of partnering with environmental justice communities.



Additional Guidance for Selection of New Applicants

Guidance from CEHJ Committee (February 19, 2025):

Inquire on neighborhood-level location

Additional proposed guidance expanding on existing criteria:

- Reflect the Diverse Demographics of the Bay Area
- Demonstrate Lived Experience in Impacted Communities
- Bring a Diversity of Relevant Expertise and Knowledge
- Demonstrate Community and Network Engagement
- Commitment to Collaborative Problem-Solving and Respectful Engagement
- Ability to Participate Meaningfully



Proposed Additional Guidance for Selection of Existing CAC Members Reapplying

Guidance from CEHJ Committee (February 19, 2025):

- Inquire on neighborhood-level location
- Proposed slate needs to balance new and returning members

Additional proposed guidance expanding on existing criteria:

- Effort in transferring knowledge gained and engaging community in the work of the CAC
- Use of experience with environmental justice communities to create impact
- Demonstrated conformity with CAC Charter



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Questions & Discussion

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Community Emissions Reduction Plan Update for the East Oakland Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community

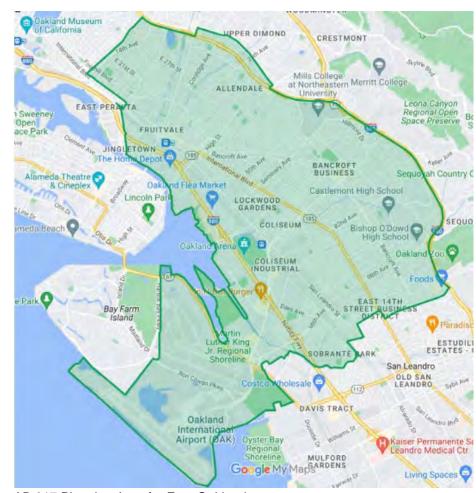
Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

November 12, 2025

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Overview – East Oakland Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community

- Approved for a Community Emissions
 Reduction Plan (CERP) in February 2022
- Air District and Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) are Co-Leads
- East Oakland Community Steering Committee (CSC) convened in September 2022



AB 617 Planning Area for East Oakland



Overview – East Oakland AB 617 Community (cont.)

- CSC was recruited through an open application process led by Co-Leads (Air District and CBE)
- Currently comprised of 24 individuals who live or work within the East Oakland CERP project area
- Includes representatives from the City of Oakland Planning Department,
 Alameda County Public Health Department, and Port of Oakland
- Led by three Co-Chairs elected by the CSC
- Includes five youth members who form an unofficial Youth Committee supported by CBE



East Oakland Draft CERP

- The CSC and Co-Leads actively began working on CERP strategies and actions in September 2024
- In August 2025, the CSC reviewed the Draft CERP and provided comments ahead of the November 13, 2025 public meeting to review the "Right to Breathe: East Oakland Community Air Quality Justice Plan"
- Ongoing community engagement is foundational to the CERP development effort



Community Engagement

- Distributed \$80,000 to local
 Community-Based Organizations
 (CBOs) to support community
 engagement and inform Plan
 process. Community Mapping Project
 (2023) and Community Organizing
 Grants (2024)
- Tabled at 13 events in East Oakland to share information and encourage participation in the process



Community Events in East Oakland



East Oakland Draft CERP Goals

Goal 1

Reduce East Oaklanders' exposure to air pollution by decreasing emissions from sources identified by the community as top concerns

Goal 2

Prioritize actions that have the opportunity to reduce disproportionately high health impacts associated with air pollution affecting East Oakland residents to achieve improvements in community health

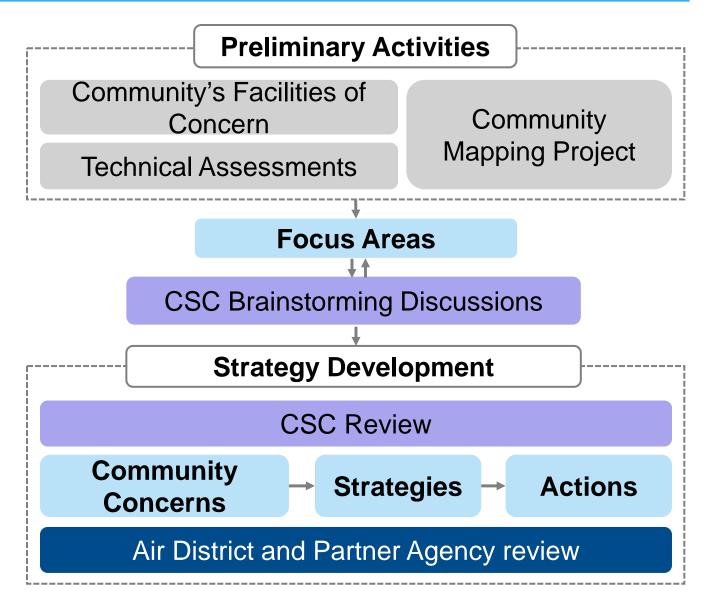
Goal 3

Empower East Oakland residents to participate in **holding polluters accountable** by combining their local knowledge with an understanding of emission sources, health impacts, air pollution regulations and reporting mechanisms



East Oakland Strategy Development

- Preliminary Activities:
 Data gathering and information sharing efforts
- Strategy Development:
 Created strategies and actions as a collaboration between the CSC, Air District, and partner agencies





Focus Areas

Built
Environment
and Land Use

Commercial and Industrial Sources

Illegal Dumping, Trash, and Odors

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Public Health and Community Wellness

Transportation and Mobile Sources

Urban Greening and Workforce Development



1 Focus Area: Built Environment and Land Use

Community Concerns

- Reducing Air Pollution at Home
- Vulnerable Populations in Proximity to Pollution Sources and Incompatible Zoning

- Air Filtration for East Oakland Homes
- Access to Existing Clean Energy Home Retrofit and Weatherization Programs
- Air Filtration for East Oakland High-Priority Facilities
- Community Informed Amortization



2 Focus Area: Commercial and Industrial Sources

Community Concerns

- 1. Particulate Matter (PM) Exposure: Fugitive Dust, Material Handling, and Construction
- Toxic Emissions & Hazardous Materials
- Commercial and Smaller Industrial Facilities
- 4. Accountability of Polluting Industries and Businesses

- Rule Amendments to Address Fugitive Dust
- Provide Clear and Accessible Air District Permitting Information
- Targeted Inspections to Address Repeat Violators
- Promote the Complaint Program
 Through a Public Information
 Campaign



3 Focus Area: Illegal Dumping, Trash, and Odors

Community Concerns

 Unsanitary Conditions, Inequitable Access to Waste Disposal Services, and Lack of Enforcement

- Illegal Dumping Prevention Community Outreach
- Driving Local Clean Up and Beautification Activities



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Focus Area: Public Health and Community Wellness

Community Concerns

- Contributions of Outdoor Air Pollution to Cumulative Health Impacts
- 2. Protecting Sensitive Populations and Mitigating Pollution Impacts
- 3. Raising Awareness about Health Impacts of Air Pollution

- East Oakland Air Monitoring Project
- Make Air and Emissions Monitoring Data More Accessible
- Improve Air Pollution Awareness



5 Focus Area: Transportation and Mobile Sources

Community Concerns

- 1. Trucks in the Community
- 2. Interstate-580 Truck Ban
- 3. Road Dust Near Freeways and High-Volume Roadways
- 4. Oakland International Airport

- Indirect Source Policy Package
- Idling Prevention and Outreach
- Study Impacts of Interstate-580
 Truck Ban
- Port Zero-Emissions Plan Airport-specific Elements



6 Focus Area: Urban Greening and Workforce Development

Community Concerns

 Lack of Trees, Limited Resources, and a Need for More Green Jobs

- Create a Resource to Help Prioritize Installation of Vegetative Buffers
- Urban Greening Funding



Next Steps

- Public review period for Draft CERP: November 3 to December 7, 2025
- Public Meeting: November 13, 2025
- CSC approval: February 2026
- Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee (CEHJ) consideration:
 March 2026
- Board of Directors consideration: May 2026



Questions & Discussion

For more information:

Visit the Air District's Community Health Protection Program
Webpage: https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health/community-health-protection-program/east-oakland-community-emissions-reduction-plan

For questions:

Contact: planning@baaqmd.gov





Year 1 Annual Report for the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Path to Clean Air Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

November 12, 2025

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Overview — Path to Clean Air Plan

- The Path to Clean Air (PTCA) area includes areas of Richmond, San Pablo, and unincorporated Contra Costa County, including North Richmond
- The California Air Resources Board (CARB)
 approved the PTCA for the development of a
 Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) in
 September 2020
- The PTCA Plan (Plan) was adopted by the Air District in May 2024





Photographs of the PTCA region (Source: PTCA Plan)



Overview – Path to Clean Air Plan (cont.)

Goal 1

Just Transition: Develop more stringent air pollution policies that address the impacts of historical racial disparities and advance social healing and restoration

Goal 2

Health: Lower the community's disproportionate exposure to air pollution by reducing toxic emissions

Goal 3

Community Engagement: Empower the community through education and engagement

Goal 4

Hold Government Accountable: Hold government accountable for implementing the Plan, protecting public health and the environment, and enforcing regulations more effectively on high-polluting industries



Overview - Path to Clean Air Plan (cont.)

Plan includes 139 Actions across 31 strategies and 9 focus areas:

Community Concerns

- Commercial and Industrial
- Fuel Refining
- Marine and Rail
- Public Health
- Mobile sources

Cross-cutting Issues

- Compliance and Enforcement
- Land Use
- Properly Resourced CERP
- Urban Greening



Implementation and Annual Reporting

Implementation

Chapter 9 of the Plan commits the Air District and the PTCA's Community Steering Committee (CSC) to codevelop an annual Implementation Plan that will identify implementation priorities and help anticipate resource needs ahead of Air District budget planning

Reporting

Each October, an annual report is required to be submitted by air districts to CARB for each approved CERP, per the Community Air Protection Program Blueprint 2.0



Implementation and Annual Reporting (cont.)

- The Year 1 Annual Report reflects progress made in the first year of implementation of the Plan
- For implementation purposes, actions from the Plan are categorized by the following:
 - Implementation Status "In Progress, Ongoing, Completed, Not Yet Started"
 - Lead Implementer Air District, CSC, or Partner Implementer (e.g., City of Richmond)
 - Level of CSC Engagement in CSC Priority Actions "Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate"



Summary of Year 1 Progress

- Two-thirds of the actions (91 of 139) in the Plan are underway ("In Progress, Ongoing, or Completed")
- 36 actions changed status from "Not Yet Started" to "In Progress" in Year 1

Status	Number of Actions as of October 2024	Number of Actions as of September 2025
In Progress	33	69
Ongoing*	16	22
Completed	0	2
Not Yet Started	90	46

^{*} Ongoing actions refer to work being performed on an ongoing basis, including actions with recurring reporting commitments.



CSC Year 1 Priority Actions

- Year 1 Implementation Plan has 55 actions
- Of these, 16 actions are CSC priorities for engagement
 - All 16 are now "In Progress" or "Ongoing"
 - 5 of 6 actions initiated are part of the Fuel Refining community concern thematic area, a top focus for the PTCA CSC
 - Includes initiation of 3 CSC-led actions about Just Transition and Community Benefits

Community Concern	Number of CSC Priority Actions
Fuel Refining	10 actions
Commercial & Industrial Sources	3 actions
Health, Marine & Rail, Resource PTCA	1 action each

16 CSC priorities for engagement, grouped by community concern thematic area



Incentives and Emission Benefits

About \$7.3 million (M) in incentives were committed for projects benefiting the PTCA area:

- \$1.3 M associated with the School Air Filtration Program
- \$6 M associated with 103 emission reduction projects

Associated Emission Reductions:

- 35.9 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx)
- 3.4 tons of reactive organic gases (ROG)
- 2.7 tons of particulate matter (PM), 1.4 tons of which are toxic diesel PM



Incentives and Emission Benefits (cont.)

The 103 emission-reduction projects benefiting the PTCA area include:

- 17 projects switching industrial, cargo-handling, construction and marine equipment to cleaner alternatives, including 10 that will go all-electric
- 83 grants to owners to remove their older light-duty cars and trucks from operation
- 2 grants to residents to replace their wood-burning stoves with electric heat pumps
- An increase in funding towards a previously-contracted project to install ocean-going vessel shore power at the Port of Richmond



Reflections - Key Accomplishments

Air District and CSC-led Implementation

- Air District allocated \$1.3 M for upgrades in public elementary schools in Richmond and San Pablo through the School Air Filtration Program.
- Air District secured a decisive victory, with Chevron refinery dropping a lawsuit over Rule 6-5 (a groundbreaking health-protective rule) and agreeing to pay record-breaking penalties.



Reflections - Key Accomplishments (cont.)

Air District and CSC-led Implementation

- Air District introduced the Targeted Inspection Program Policy to the PTCA CSC.
- Air District Board of Directors approved a policy to allocate money to a community benefits fund with an 80% local to 20% regionwide split.
- 5 CSC established a Just Transition Standing Committee (JTSC) and a Plan of Action, and JTSC hosted a successful community workshop in July 2025.



Reflections - Key Accomplishments (cont.)

Air District and CSC-led Implementation

- 6 CSC identified liaisons to participate in the Air District's Refinery Technical Working Group (RTWG) focused on flaring, including joining RTWG meetings in June and August of 2025.
- CSC designated liaisons to support involvement in Rule 11-18 and together, the Air District and CSC outlined objectives and mechanisms for engaging in rule implementation and amendment.



Reflections - Key Accomplishments (cont.)

Partner Agency-led Implementation

- 8 Contra Costa Health developed a Healthy Checkout ordinance in unincorporated Contra Costa County (including North Richmond), promoting placement of healthy food at point of sale in retail stores.
- 9 Contra Costa County to pilot Contra Costa Thrives, a Guaranteed Basic Income program that will serve four priority groups.



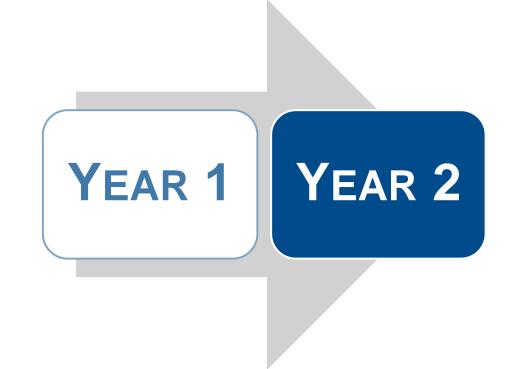
Additional Reporting Included

- Regular Compliance and Enforcement Activity Updates to the CSC
 - Compliance & Enforcement Division presentation to the CSC in March
 2025 on complaints and Notice of Violations (NOVs) from 2022-2024
- Annual and Quarterly Updates to the CSC on Legal Penalties
 - Legal Division presentation to the CSC in May 2025 on enforcement cases and penalties from 2024 - September 2025
- Emissions Management Report



Next Steps

- Build upon Year 1 progress as we move into Year 2
 - Annual Report updates show advancement of actions prioritized by the CSC
- Co-create an Implementation Plan to guide Year 2 priorities
 - Continue reflection in partnership with the CSC on successes, challenges, and opportunities for growth and improvement





Questions & Discussion

For more information:

Visit the Air District's Community Health Protection Program Webpage: https://www.baaqmd.gov/en/community-health/community-health-protection-program

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Draft Guidelines: Local Community Benefits Fund for Benicia, Richmond, and Surrounding Communities

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee
November 12, 2025

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Background

- In May 2024, the Bay Area Air District established the Community Benefits Penalty Funds Policy to direct penalty funds back to the communities where violations occurred
- Some facilities also commit to providing mitigation funds to improve air quality in the communities affected by their violations
- The Air District has generated over \$124 million (M) to date in penalty and mitigation funds to be reinvested into affected communities



Engagement & Outreach

- Community Investments Office <u>survey</u> received 1000+ respondents
- 5 Earth Day Events
- Community, neighborhood, and local government meetings.
 - Refinery Communities
 - James Cary Smith Grantees
 - Community Advisory Council
 - Path to Clean Air Community Benefits Standing Committee
 - City Councils and Neighborhood Councils
 - Governing Board of the Green Empowerment Zone
- Webinars: Overview webinar, Draft Guidelines webinar



Local Community Benefits Fund

- Reinvests penalties and mitigation funds in the specific communities affected by the air quality violations associated with those funds
- Goals:
 - Reduce air pollution or mitigate air pollution impacts, improve public health outcomes, and build economic resilience for a just transition
 - Advance integrated projects to holistically meet community needs
 - Strengthen community-led and collaborative solutions



Grant Types

Grant	Overview Details vary; see Call for Projects documents
Catalyst Grant	 Grant size ranges between \$10 M - \$40 M Lead Applicant must partner with multiple Co-Applicants Up to 5-year grant term Eligible communities vary
Opportunity Grant	 Grant size ranges between \$500,000 - \$5 M Lead Applicant must partner with at least one Co-Applicant(s) Up to 3-year grant term Eligible communities vary
Seed Grant	 Grant size ranges between \$100,000 - \$200,000 Open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations only, no Co-Applicant requirement Up to 2-year grant term Eligible communities vary



Partnership Requirement

- For Catalyst and Opportunity Grants, applicants must develop a
 Partnership Structure to govern grant implementation. This
 structure should outline co-management practices, including:
 - Roles and responsibilities of the Lead Applicant and Co-Applicant(s)
 - Transparent decision-making processes
 - The process the Lead Applicant will use to reimburse Co-Applicant(s)



Partnership Structure

- For Catalyst and Opportunity Grants, Lead Applicants must partner with Co-Applicant(s) to carry out grant activities and deliverables
 - Catalyst Grants: Lead Applicant must partner with multiple Co-Applicants
 - Opportunity Grants: Lead Applicant must partner with at least one Co-Applicant
 - Seed Grants: No Co-Applicant is required



Eligible Applicants

Lead Applicants Co-Applicants Nonprofit organizations, • Entities that are eligible to be Lead Applicants, plus forlocal government agencies, cities, counties, schools, profit entities and California Native No limit on the number of applications a Co-Applicant American Tribes May submit one application each may join for a Catalyst, Opportunity, and Seed Grant (if a non-profit organization)



Community Needs & Engagement

- Projects must be driven by community-identified needs, priorities, and solutions
- Applications must include ongoing community engagement to ensure that grant implementation continues to be informed by community feedback and expertise, particularly feedback from residents, community-based organizations, and other key stakeholders



Core Strategies

Reduce Air
Pollution and
Improve
Health
Outcomes

Build Economic Resilience for a Just Transition



Strategy: Reduce or Mitigate Air Pollution and Improve Health Outcomes

- Mitigate air pollution harm, address health impacts exacerbated by air pollution, and identify opportunities for air pollution reduction
- Eligible projects may:
 - Reduce air pollution emissions
 - Reduce human exposure to air pollution emissions
 - Improve understanding of local air quality impacts
 - Tangibly improve community health and wellbeing



Strategy: Build Economic Resilience for a Just Transition

- Build economic resilience that supports the transition away from fossil fuels and delivers critical benefits, such as benefits in air quality, public health or a clean economy
- Eligible projects may:
 - Support workers to transition from the fossil fuel industry
 - Plan for healthy economic recovery and community stabilization
 - Advance economic diversification that supports the transition from fossil fuels



Measurable Outcomes

- Catalyst and Opportunity Grants are encouraged to integrate multiple projects
- Each project must include a Measurable Outcomes Plan that links outcomes, milestones, activities, indicator tracking, and budget
- Tracking of quantitative outcomes is recommended where possible
- Projects should minimize the harm caused by air pollution and maximize other benefits, such as economic benefits



Benicia and Surrounding Communities: Available Funding

- In October 2024, the Air District, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board, fined Valero Refining Company for air quality violations
- The Local Community Benefits Fund for Benicia and surrounding communities has \$60,011,061 in available funding



Eligible Communities

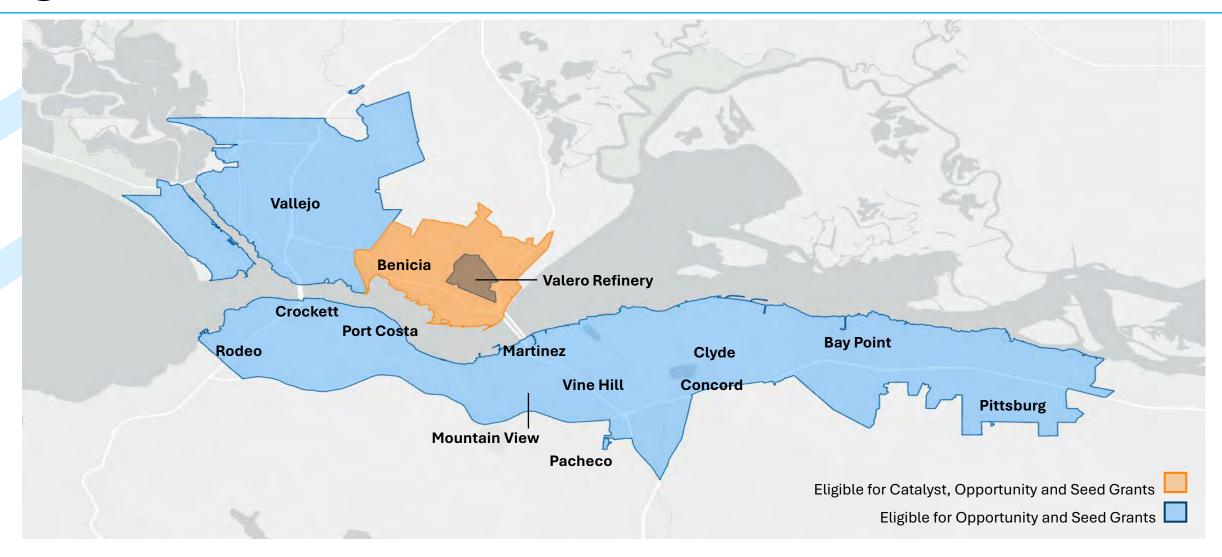


Figure 1: Communities eligible for funding from the Local Community Benefit Fund.



Grant Awards

	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed	
Objective	Advance integrated projects to holistically meet community needs.			
Total Funding	\$60,011,061			
Grant Size	\$10 M - \$40 M (1 – 3 grant awards anticipated)	\$500,000 - \$5 M (1 - 5 grant awards anticipated)	\$100,000 - \$200,000 (1 - 5 grant awards anticipated)	
Grant Term	Up to 5 years	Up to 3 years	Up to 2 years	
Eligible Applicants	Lead Applicant must partner with multiple Co-Applicants	Lead Applicant must partner with at least 1 Co-Applicant(s)	Open to 501(c)(3) non- profit organizations only, no Co- Applicant required	
Eligible Communities	Benicia	Benicia and surrounding communities	Benicia and surrounding communities	



Richmond and Surrounding Communities: Available Funding

Background	Funding Purpose	Funding Availability
The Air District has fined Chevron and several other entities for air quality violations	Penalty funds can be used for any projects eligible for funding under these Guidelines	\$15,744,460
Chevron committed to pay into a Richmond Community Air Quality Fund to mitigate the effects of potential particulate matter emissions in violation of Air District Rule 6-5 (Particulate Emissions from Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units)	The Richmond Community Air Quality Fund is designated for projects to reduce particulate matter emissions and in the vicinity of the Richmond refinery and reduce particulate matter exposures for members of the community	\$20,000,000
		\$35,744,460



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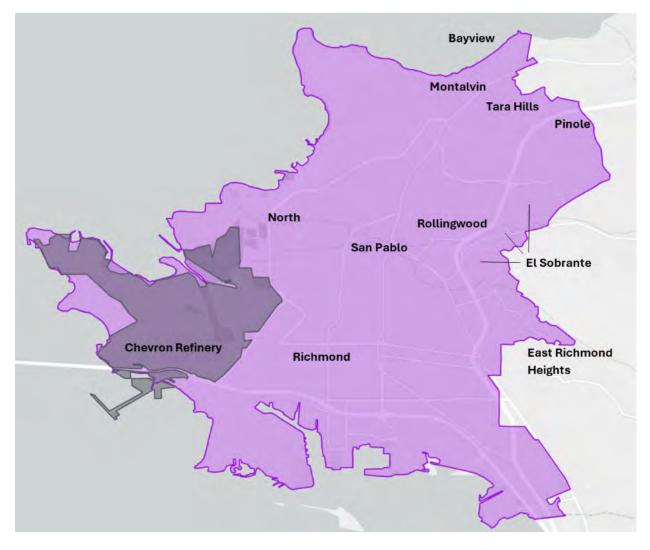


Figure 2: Communities eligible for funding from the Local Community Benefit Fund.



Grant Awards

	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed		
Objective	Innovative and integrated projects that drive transformation				
Total Funding	\$35,744,460				
Grant Size	\$10 M - \$15 M (1 – 3 grant awards anticipated)	\$500,000 - \$5 M (1 - 5 grant awards anticipated)	\$100,000 - \$200,000 (1 – 5 grant awards anticipated)		
Grant Term	Up to 5 years	Up to 3 years	Up to 2 years		
Eligible Applicants	Lead Applicant must partner with multiple Co-Applicants	Lead Applicant must partner with at least 1 Co-Applicant(s)	Open to 501(c)(3) non- profit organizations only, no Co- Applicant required		
Eligible Communities Path to Clean Air Community Emissions Reduction Plan			duction Plan area		



Application Scoring & Recommendations

- Applications will be scored by an Agency Review Panel and a Community Review Panel, and will receive a total combined score
 - The Agency Review Panel will consist of stakeholders such as Air District Staff, Air District Board Members, local government officials, and outside technical experts
 - The Community Review Panel will consist of community stakeholders who hold strong community knowledge and expertise
- Review Panel members cannot be associated with a grant application and will be subject to applicable conflict-of-interest limitations



Anticipated Timeline

Date	Activity
October 27, 2025	Draft Guidelines released
November 25, 2025 – 5:00 pm PST	Public Comment deadline
February 2026	Grant Application opens
May 2026	Grant Application deadline
September 2026	Grant Awards approved
Quarter 4 2026 and beyond	Grant Agreements finalized
2027	Grantees commence work



Questions & Discussion

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