

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee
September 9, 2026

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Bay Area Metro Center
1st Floor Yerba Buena
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Office of Contra Costa County
Supervisor John Gioia
Conference Room
11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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1195 Third Street, Suite 310
County Executive's Office
Napa, CA 94559

Pittsburg City Hall
65 Civic Ave., Room, 301A
Pittsburg, CA 94565

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COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

1:00 PM

Chairperson, John Gioia

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

The Committee Chair shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda will be given an opportunity to address the Committee. Members of the public will have two minutes each to address the Committee, unless a different time limit is established by the Chair. If public comment lasts more than 30 minutes, this item may be continued to later in the meeting. Any person who has not had an opportunity to speak on matters not on the agenda may provide their comment at that time.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 4)

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items that may be approved together as a group by one action of the Committee. Any Committee member or member of the public may request that an item be removed and considered separately.

4. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of July 8, 2026

The Committee will consider approving the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting on July 8, 2026.

ACTION ITEM(S)

5. Local Community Benefits Fund – Award of Round 1 Funds

The Committee will consider recommending to the Board of Directors that the Board award \$26,540,000 in Local Community Benefits Fund awards for Benicia and Surrounding Communities and \$38,752,145 in grant awards for Richmond and Surrounding Communities. The Committee will consider recommending to the Board of Directors that the Board authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to execute grant agreements for the recommended projects. This item will be presented by Emi Wang, Officer, and Letitia Carpenter and Lisa Hu, Senior Staff Specialists, Community Investments Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Committee Member Comments

Any member of the Committee, or its staff, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may: ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or report on their own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't Code § 54954.2)

7. Report of the Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in-person at the Bay Area Metro Center and at satellite locations as may be specified on the meeting agenda using a remote teleconferencing link. Members of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee and the public may attend at any of those in-person locations, and members of the public may also attend virtually via webcast.

9. Adjournment

The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Chair.

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375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE:
MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 2026

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	9	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee	Wednesday	9	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee	Wednesday	16	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee CANCELLED	Wednesday	16	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Community Advisory Council	Thursday	17	6:00 pm.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room

OCTOBER 2026

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Advisory Council	Monday	5	9:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	7	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	14	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee	Wednesday	14	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee	Wednesday	21	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee	Wednesday	21	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Community Advisory Council Retreat	Thursday	29	10:00 a.m.	Sheraton Sonoma Wine Country Petaluma Great Blue Heron Room 745 Baywood Dr. Petaluma, CA 94954

BAY AREA AIR DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: September 9, 2026

Re: Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice
Committee Meeting of July 8, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting on July 8, 2026

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Attached for your review and approval are the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting on July 8, 2026

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Marcy Hiratzka
Reviewed by: Vanessa Johnson

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Minutes of the Community Equity Health Justice Committee Meeting of July 8, 2026

Bay Area Air District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105
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Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

*This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the
Bay Area Air District at
[Board Resolutions, Agendas, and Minutes](#)*

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee (Committee)
Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor, Board Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Chairperson Gioia; Director Monica Brown and Shamann Walton.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Conference Room, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito, CA 94530): Director Steve Young.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Pittsburg City Hall, 65 Civic Ave., Room, 301A, Pittsburg, CA 94565): Vice Chairperson Dionne Adams.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Crystal Conference Room, Napa, CA 94559): Director Joelle Gallagher.

Absent: Director Linda Sell.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2026**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Director Brown, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of May 13, 2026; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Brown, Gioia, Gallagher, Walton, Young.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Adams, Sell.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

4. **LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND – ROUND 1 BENICIA CATALYST GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Emi Wang, Community Investments Officer, gave the staff presentation *Local Community Benefits Fund: Benicia Catalyst Grant Awards*, including: recommended action; outline; program goals; core strategies; Benicia and surrounding communities: available funding; grant awards; Catalyst Grant; applications received; review timeline; application review process; community and technical reviewers; application scoring; scoring rubric; eligible applications; Benicia Unified School District (BUSD); City of Benicia; application submissions: strengths and weaknesses; considerations for award; proposed next steps; and recommended action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by City Manager Mario Guiliani, City of Benicia; Hon. Councilmember Terry Scott, City of Benicia; Richard Fleming, Benicia resident; Pat Toth-Smith, Benicia resident; Kathy Kerrdige, Benicia resident; Stephen Golub, Benicia resident; Terry Mollica, Benicia resident; and Betty Lucas, Benicia resident.

Committee Comments

NOTED PRESENT: Director Adams was noted present at 1:28 p.m.

The Committee and staff discussed: the anticipated \$40M in Catalyst Grant funding and whether awards could be distributed among multiple applicants; the timing of the full recommendation; whether other grant applications would receive a similar review process; concerns about duplicate funding, fiscal impacts, and reviewer bias awareness training; concerns that the City has a greater financial stake, as it would lose property tax revenue; and is in greater need of funding; the belief that there is a lack of transparency regarding the composition of the application review panel; eligibility for the Opportunity Grant and whether it is more geographically broad than the Catalyst Grant; the number of Catalyst grant applications submitted for the Richmond area thus far; concerns regarding whether Board

members should weigh in on applications prior to the Board considering a formal staff recommendation; whether contractor costs are eligible costs for applicants to consider; a budget discrepancy in the School District application and requested clarification on the belief that there are strong differences between the School District and City applications; project timeline risks and additional information on the City of Benicia's implementation capacity and partnerships; the scoring differences between comparable City and School District projects and evaluation criteria; the strengths of the applications, including documented public health needs and organizational capacity; whether there were discrepancies in the Local Community Benefits Fund – Round 1 Benicia Catalyst Grant Applications staff memo, regarding project costs; scoring gap between the School District and City of Benicia applications and categories contributing to the difference; the suggestion of incorporating a buffer into the five-year project timeline; potential constraints on the City of Benicia's capacity as an applicant, and potential collaboration efforts; the belief that nonprofit organizations were discouraged from applying due to limited administrative capacity and the significant bureaucratic burden associated with the application process; the importance of considering community needs and the roles of the City, nonprofits, and School District in delivering projects, while evaluating which entities are best positioned to serve residents; concerns about rating differences between the City and the School District applications, similarities in project goals; clarification on the scoring factors that led to the disparity; concerns about inconsistencies (noted differences in the level of discussion and timing for recommendations) in this review process compared to other existing Air District grant programs; whether the allocated grant monies already available to the Air District meant that the funds were already in the bank; whether existing Chevron settlement mitigation funds were secured and should be considered available funding; process of application evaluation should remain with the Air District team; importance of maintaining an appropriate role in grant scoring, the review process, and the importance of supporting the City Benicia through the funding process, including consideration of job impacts and workforce opportunities; whether grant funds could be used for consultant support and clarified the role of consultants in project implementation; the importance of ensuring grant funds support intended outcomes, including workforce impacts, City financial stability, and proper use of awarded funds; concerns regarding the potential misuse of grant funds; weaknesses noted in the City's application; and whether the alignment of public and anonymous scores was an expectation.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Kaitlin Alcontin, Communities for a Better Environment.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Adams thanked Air District staff that have been working on the Bay Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience (REPAIR) Program, including the Local Community Benefits Fund.

7. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs, reported that, on June 29, 2026, The “Right to Breathe: East Oakland Community Air Quality Justice Plan,” which was adopted by the Board on April 1, 2026, received final approval from the California Air Resources Board.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards

and

Aziza De La Torre
Temporary Executive Assistant

BAY AREA AIR DISTRICT
Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: September 9, 2026

Re: Local Community Benefits Fund – Award of Round 1 Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board award \$26,540,000 in Local Community Benefits Fund awards for Benicia and Surrounding Communities and \$38,752,145 in grant awards for Richmond and Surrounding Communities. Recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to execute grant agreements for the recommended projects.

BACKGROUND

In May 2024, the Air District adopted the Community Benefits Penalty Fund Policy to reinvest penalty funds into communities where violations occurred and support impactful projects. To date, the Air District has generated over \$131 million in penalty funds and similar mitigation funds collected through enforcement actions, funds which are now poised for reinvestment.

The Community Benefits Penalty Funds Policy sets up a formula that automatically allocates 80% of penalty funds to the Local Community Benefits Fund and 20% to the Regional Community Benefits Fund after meeting a pre-determined threshold and split for specific penalty amounts. Funding from the Community Benefits Penalty Funds Policy is administered through the Bay Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience (Bay REPAIR) program.

The largest portion of funds to date has been allocated to the Local Community Benefits Funds for Benicia and Richmond. The Air District has therefore focused its initial fund disbursement efforts (Round 1) on these two geographic areas.

Program Overview

The Local Community Benefits Fund reinvests penalties and mitigation funds in the specific communities affected by the air quality violations associated with those funds. Per the Round 1 Grant Guidelines, adopted by the Board of Directors on January 29, 2026, the Program Goals are to:

- Reduce air pollution or mitigate its impacts, improve public health outcomes, and build economic resilience for a just transition away from the harmful effects of a fossil fuel-based economy;
- Advance integrated projects to holistically meet community needs; and
- Strengthen community-driven and collaborative solutions.

Grant Strategies

To get funding, a project must advance one (or both) of the Local Community Benefit Fund's strategies below.

- *Reduce Air Pollution and Improve Health Outcomes:* This strategy aims to mitigate air pollution harm caused in the past, address health impacts exacerbated by air pollution experienced in the present, and identify new opportunities to avoid potential air pollution harm in the future.
- *Build Economic Resilience for a Just Transition:* This strategy aims to build economic resilience that also delivers critical benefits related to air quality and public health. This strategy provides targeted economic support to communities experiencing the transition away from fossil fuels and other environment-related changes.

Grant Types

To best support a variety of local needs and contexts, the Local Community Benefits Fund offers the following three (3) grant types:

- 1) Seed Grants, which fund smaller-scale projects that cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000 and are led by non-profit organizations,
- 2) Opportunity Grants, which fund multi-stakeholder collaboration over one project or multiple projects in amounts ranging from \$500,000 to \$5 million, and
- 3) Catalyst Grants, which fund multi-stakeholder collaboration over multiple projects in amounts between \$10 million and \$40 million.

Funding Availability

The Local Community Benefits Fund for Benicia and Surrounding Communities includes \$66,540,000 in available funding. Of this amount, \$40,000,000 was designated for Benicia Catalyst Grants and was awarded by the Board of Directors at its September 2, 2026, meeting. This funding is derived from the following sources:

- In October 2024, the Air District, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board, fined Valero Refining Company for air quality violations, resulting in \$60,011,061 in available funds,
- In April 2026, the Air District fined Valero Refining Company for air quality violations, resulting in an additional \$2,250,000 in available funds, and
- Interest that has accrued on the above two funding pots since collection.

The Local Community Benefits Fund for Richmond and Surrounding Communities has \$38,752,145, derived from the following two sources:

1. *Penalty funds*: The Air District fined Chevron and other companies in the Richmond area for various air quality violations, resulting in a total of \$15,744,460 in penalty funds, including interest accrued since collection, to support projects that are eligible under these Guidelines; and
2. *Mitigation funds*: A Community Air Quality Fund Chevron is required to fund to mitigate the effects of potential particulate matter emissions released in violation of Air District Rule 6-5 (Particulate Emissions from Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units). A total of \$20,000,000 is available through the Community Air Quality Fund to support projects that reduce particulate matter emissions and lessen community exposure to particulate matter in areas surrounding the Richmond refinery.

Round 1 Application Process

Applications for the Local Community Benefits Fund opened on January 29, 2026. Applications for the Benicia Catalyst Grant closed on May 1, 2026, and the Committee reviewed and discussed these applications at its July 8, 2026, meeting. Applications for all other grant categories, which are the subject of this memo, closed on May 29, 2026.

Throughout the application period, the Air District provided a range of outreach and technical assistance opportunities to support prospective applicants, including the following:

Overall Grant Support

The Air District implemented the following outreach approaches to ensure broad and accessible stakeholder engagement:

- *Presentations*: Air District staff presented at 14 City and community meetings between fall 2025 and spring 2026,
- *Q&A*: Air District staff received and answered 250+ stakeholder questions via email, and
- *Networking Lists*: Air District staff maintained voluntary networking lists so applicants could identify potential partnerships and independently initiate connections.

Virtual Grant Support Webinars

The Air District delivered the below webinars to guide applicants at different stages of the application process. These sessions helped applicants understand program requirements, prepare application materials, and further identify potential partners. After the webinars, video recordings were published on the Air District's website as continued public resources for all interested applicants.

- *Grant Information*: Air District staff introduced the program, including goals, eligibility, grant categories, and eligible project types (158 Benicia registrants and 183 Richmond registrants).

- *Grant Development*: Air District staff guided applicants to help strengthen their proposal narratives and measurable outcomes (97 registrants).
- *Tips & Tricks*: Air District staff also guided applicants through the application process, including key application documents and step-by-step instructions on how to submit an application (81 registrants).

In-Person Networking Sessions

In partnership with consultant InterEthnica, the Air District hosted two in-person networking sessions to help applicants meet interested parties in their communities, while preserving fairness in a competitive application process. Air District staff hosted these sessions as a direct response to applicant interest and stakeholder feedback, particularly the desire to identify potential partners. There was strong interest in partnership-building expressed through the informational webinar sign-in forms, applicant questions, and outreach. The Benicia In-Person Networking Session attracted 75 registrants. The Richmond In-Person Networking Session attracted 81 registrants.

Technical Assistance

Consultant Environmental Protection Network (EPN) provided the following technical assistance to support applicants in understanding program requirements and strengthening their applications:

- *Office Hours*: Held 20 individual office hour sessions to engage in brief conversations with prospective applicants.
- *Technical Assistance*: Worked with 35 prospective applicants in a one-on-one capacity, including discussions of geographic eligibility, project scope alignment, scoring, and partnership requirements.
- *Proposal Review*: United States Environmental Protection Agency alumni in EPN's network reviewed approximately 20 draft proposals across all grant types and both geographies.

Applicant Experience Survey

Following the close of Round 1 of the Local Community Benefits Fund application period, the Air District surveyed applicants and prospective applicants about their experience with the application process, support resources, and application materials. Thirty individuals responded; key findings are summarized below:

- *Applicants valued the support model*. Respondents generally viewed the available support resources favorably. Informational webinars, website materials, Q&A/email support, technical assistance, and grant-development resources were all used by applicants and generally rated as helpful by those who used them.
- *Technical assistance and Q&A support were especially important*. Among respondents who used EPN technical assistance, 13 out of 14 rated it very helpful, and one rated it somewhat helpful. Q&A/email support was also well received, with all 16 users rating it either very helpful or somewhat helpful.
- *Applicants still needed help navigating requirements*. The most common support needed was help understanding application requirements, selected by 16 respondents. Completing application materials was selected by 13 respondents, and finding partners was selected by nine respondents.

- *The application package was manageable for many applicants but resource-intensive for some.* Open-ended comments indicate that some applicants found the volume of documents, templates, financial materials, and file-naming requirements difficult to manage, particularly where applications included multiple projects or co-applicants.
- *Partnership-building support was valuable and should begin early.* Fourteen respondents reported using the in-person networking session, and open-ended feedback indicates that networking was viewed as useful for relationship-building. Several respondents suggested offering networking and partnership support earlier in the application period.

DISCUSSION

Round 1 Application Review Process

Eligible applications were evaluated through a multi-stage review process by Air District staff, the consultant (Ground Works Consulting), Community Reviewers, and Technical Reviewers.

Completeness Check

Air District staff and the consultant partner reviewed all submitted application materials for completeness. In cases where required materials were missing or incomplete, staff notified applicants with an itemized list and provided a 48-hour window (two business days) to re-submit the missing or incomplete items.

Eligibility Review

Staff and Ground Works Consulting applied all relevant eligibility criteria to submitted applications to determine which would advance for further review. Criteria included applicant eligibility (e.g., organization type), geographic eligibility, accordance with grant type eligibility per the guidelines (e.g., number of projects, number of co-applicants), and financial capacity to manage grant funds. The financial review was led by Ground Works Consulting. A total of 105 applications, requesting \$378,204,167 in eligible funding, met eligibility requirements and advanced for further review.

Application Scoring

Eligible applications were scored by a pool of 55 reviewers using the published scoring rubric. Reviewers included:

- Community Reviewers (24), who were recruited through an application process using criteria such as relevant experience and expertise, community connection and rootedness, and community-focused vision for program impact.
 - o Richmond and Surrounding Communities' application reviewers included seven (7) members of the AB 617 Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee, consisting of six (6) current members and one (1) former member.

- Technical Reviewers (31), who were recruited from Air District staff (15) and partner government agencies and organizations (16) with relevant technical expertise.
 - o Technical reviewers included local and regional agency representatives from the Association of Bay Area Governments, East Bay Regional Park District, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.
 - o Many city and county staff were unable to participate due to conflicts of interest with applicants.

Each reviewer was trained by Ground Works Consulting on the scoring criteria and rubric, bias awareness, and the scoring platform. Reviewers also signed confidentiality agreements (committing to keep applicant materials and deliberations private) and completed conflict-of-interest disclosures, which the consultant reviewed to screen for and address any conflicts prior to scoring. Reviewers then scored applications independently.

Twenty reviewer teams were then formed to evaluate assigned applications. Reviewer teams met 1-2 times for facilitated check-ins to surface clarifying questions, share perspectives, and listen to insights from one another, not to share scores. Alignment of Reviewers' scores and comments was neither required nor expected.

Each application reviewer team consisted of at least one Community Reviewer. Seed Grant applications were reviewed by two Reviewers (one Community and one Technical), Opportunity Grant applications by three Reviewers (one Community and two Technical), and Catalyst Grant applications by four Reviewers (two Community and two Technical).

Recommendation Development

Reviewer scores served to further inform staff funding recommendations. Reviewers were assigned specific applications and evaluated them based on the information provided in each application. Reviewers assessed projects individually; they were not responsible for considering broader portfolio-level factors, such as overlap among projects, distribution of funding across communities, or the overall mix of recommended investments.

Following application scoring, Air District staff applied a multi-step review process that considered reviewer scores, program alignment, technical feasibility, implementation feasibility, and portfolio balance to develop funding recommendations. Given the highly competitive applicant pool, staff considered both application quality and broader programmatic considerations when evaluating projects.

Application Scoring: Staff first reviewed all eligible applications with consideration of reviewer scores. Applications that reviewers scored below the 50th percentile generally were not advanced unless they demonstrated exceptional strengths in other review areas, including technical feasibility, alignment with Local Community Benefits Fund goals, and meaningful contributions to portfolio balance.

Program Alignment: Applications were not advanced if they did not align with the Local Community Benefits Fund goals outlined in the Round 1 Grant Guidelines. Eligible projects were required to reflect community-identified priorities and demonstrate clear strategies to address environmental justice, public health, air quality, or just transition challenges. Strong proposals reduce air pollution and its impacts, improve community health and well-being, support economic resilience in the transition away from fossil fuel dependence, and foster collaborative, community-led solutions that address interconnected local needs.

Technical Feasibility: Applications were reviewed by Air District staff with expertise relevant to the proposed project activities, including air monitoring, transportation electrification, building electrification, environmental justice, and other applicable subject areas. Applications were not advanced if subject matter expert review indicated that the project was not technically sound, was unlikely to be successfully implemented, or did not adequately demonstrate its ability to achieve the proposed outcomes.

Implementation Feasibility: Staff evaluated each applicant's capacity to effectively manage and deliver the proposed project. Applications were not advanced if review identified concerns related to organizational capacity, financial management and controls, project partnerships, project readiness, or other factors that could jeopardize successful implementation.

Portfolio Balance: Applications were evaluated within the context of the overall Round 1 portfolio to ensure that recommended investments collectively advanced the goals of the Local Community Benefits Fund. Because staff had visibility into the full application pool, portfolio-level considerations extended beyond those available to individual reviewers. Factors considered included environmental justice impacts, geographic distribution, diversity of project and organization types, anticipated community benefits, and an appropriate balance of planning, capacity-building, and implementation activities across geographies and grant categories. Staff also considered factors such as avoiding concentration of awards with a single applicant, avoiding funding duplicative project types, and distributing investments across eligible communities.

Due Diligence

Staff conducted due diligence on finalist applicants, including reviews of organizational standing and regulatory compliance, assessments of financial capacity, and reference checks to evaluate each organization's ability to successfully implement the proposed project. For Catalyst Grant applicants, Air District staff also conducted reference checks to further assess organizational capacity and readiness to deliver the proposed project activities.

Round 1 Applications Received

The Air District received 125 applications, requesting a total of \$493,625,595 in funding. Of these, 105 applications passed eligibility review and sought a combined \$378,204,167 from \$105,292,145 in available Round 1 funds. (This includes \$40,000,000 in Benicia Catalyst grant awards already awarded by the Board of Directors.) Overall, demand significantly exceeded available resources: Round 1 was 3.6 times oversubscribed, meaning eligible applicants requested more than three and a half times the funding available.

Attachment 1 provides a list of all eligible applications. The table below summarizes Round 1 applications received, including eligibility assessments and associated funding requests across each grant type.

	Round 1 Total	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed
Applications	125	11	78	36
Projects	229	42	151	36
Funding Requested	\$493,625,595	\$207,308,000	\$279,145,481	\$7,172,114
Ineligible Applications (%)	16%	45%	13%	14%
Eligible Applications	105	6	68	31
Eligible Funding Requested	\$378,204,167	\$125,107,989	\$247,049,834	\$6,046,344
Eligible Projects	181	30	120	31

Benicia and Surrounding Communities

The Air District received 61 applications from the Benicia and Surrounding Communities funding area, requesting a total of \$242,155,742. Following eligibility review, 51 applications advanced, seeking \$201,245,671 in funding. With \$66,540,000 available for awards, the funding pool was 3.02 times oversubscribed, meaning eligible applicants requested just over three times the funding available. Of the total funding available, \$40,000,000 has already been awarded for Benicia Catalyst grants, leaving \$26,540,000 available for Benicia Opportunity and Seed grants.

	Benicia Total	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed
Applications	61	3	41	17
Projects	110	8	85	17
Funding Requested	\$242,155,742	\$90,770,910	\$147,951,379	\$3,433,453
Eligible Applications	51	2	36	13
Ineligible Applications (%)	16%	33%	12%	24%
Eligible Funding Requested	\$201,245,671	\$65,770,910	\$132,969,078	\$2,505,683
Eligible Projects	88	7	68	13

Richmond and Surrounding Communities

The Air District received 64 applications from the Richmond and Surrounding Communities funding area, requesting a total of \$251,469,853. Of these, 54 applications passed eligibility review and requested \$176,958,496 in funding. With \$38,752,145 available for awards, the funding pool was 4.6 times oversubscribed, meaning eligible applicants requested more than four and a half times the funding available.

	Richmond Total	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed
Applications	64	8	37	19
Projects	119	34	66	19
Funding Requested	\$251,469,853	\$116,537,090	\$131,194,103	\$3,738,661
Eligible Applications	54	4	32	18
Ineligible Applications (%)	16%	50%	14%	5%
Eligible Funding	\$176,958,496	\$59,337,079	\$114,080,757	\$3,540,661

Requested				
Eligible Projects	93	23	52	18

Grant Recommendations

A list of recommended grant awards appears on the following pages, with Attachment 2 providing summaries of all applications recommended for funding. The full applications are available on the Air District's website, at <https://www.baaqmd.gov/en/Community-Health/Community-Investments-Office>.

Benicia and Surrounding Communities

Staff recommend the following award recipients go to the Board for consideration and adoption:

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Grant Type	Award Rec.
Benicia Unified School District	-	Benicia	Catalyst	\$10,000,000
City of Benicia	-	Benicia	Catalyst	\$30,000,000
NorthBay Healthcare Corporation	Touro University	Vallejo	Opportunity	\$5,000,000
Public Health Institute - Regional Asthma Management and Prevention	University of California San Francisco, Solano Family & Children's Services, CoCo Kids, Bay Area Community Resources, Lincoln Families	Benicia, Pittsburg, Vallejo	Opportunity	\$2,473,898
University of California Berkeley	City of Martinez	Martinez	Opportunity	\$661,112
City of Benicia	Solano Economic Development Corporation	Benicia	Opportunity	\$5,000,000

Working Waterfront Coalition	Cal Maritime Academy	Poly Bay Point, Clyde, Concord, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill	Opportunity	\$1,755,440
Western States Council of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, Transportation Workers (SMART)	Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104, Emerald Cities Collaborative	Bay Point, Benicia, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill	Opportunity	\$5,000,000
Mt Diablo Unified School District	Mt Diablo Education Foundation, Growing Healthy Kids, Sigler Corporation	Bay Point	Opportunity	\$3,539,738
Sustainable Solano	4th Second, Arts Benicia, Benicia Tree Foundation, City of Benicia	Benicia, Vallejo	Opportunity	\$2,410,392
John Muir Land Trust	-	Bay Point, Concord, Pittsburg	Seed	\$200,000
La Clinica de la Raza	-	Bay Point, Concord,	Seed	\$200,000

		Pittsburg, Vallejo		
Fresh Air Vallejo	-	Vallejo	Seed	\$100,000
Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program	-	Benicia	Seed	\$199,420

Richmond and Surrounding Communities

Staff recommend the below award recipients go to the Board for consideration and adoption. This list includes projects funded with penalty funds and mitigation funds, including the Richmond Community Air Quality Fund.

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Grant Type	Award Rec
County of Contra Costa	Urban Tilth, Community Housing Development Corporation, The Watershed Project, Bay Area Regional Energy Network	North Richmond	Catalyst	\$12,934,417
City of Richmond	STEAM the Streets, GRID Alternatives, Groundwork Richmond, LifeLong Medical Care, Rich City Rides, Richmond Trees, Rising Juntos, RYSE Inc, The Black Neighborhood, The Watershed Project, University of California Berkeley	Richmond	Catalyst	\$10,681,489
City of San Pablo	Safe Organized Spaces Richmond	San Pablo	Opportunity	\$1,355,044

East Bay Economic Development Alliance	Friends of the Port	Richmond	Opportunity	\$962,959
Strategic Energy Innovations	Sustainable Contra Costa, Groundwork Richmond	Richmond, San Pablo	Opportunity	\$1,084,476
Growing Together	Planting Justice, West Contra Costa Unified School District, The Watershed Project	Richmond, San Pablo	Opportunity	\$2,072,123
The Labor Institute	United Steelworkers Local 5, Jobs with Justice San Francisco	Richmond	Opportunity	\$3,547,761
City of Pinole	Rebuilding Together East Bay Network	Pinole	Opportunity	\$4,999,682
Bay Area Community Resources	-	Richmond	Seed	\$200,000
California Center for Movement Legal Services	-	Richmond, San Pablo	Seed	\$199,930
Nepali Association of Northern California	-	El Sobrante, Richmond, Pinole	Seed	\$198,000
Asian Pacific Environmental Network	-	Richmond	Seed	\$200,000
FIERCE Advocates (Families and Individuals Equitably Rooted)	-	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	Seed	\$200,000

in Collective Empowerment)				
Coalition for Clean Air	-	Richmond	Seed	\$116,264

Partial Award Recommendations

Air District staff recommend full award amounts whenever feasible. However, staff recommend partial awards in a limited number of cases, based on factors such as the availability of funds, application scoring, program alignment, project scope, budget considerations, and portfolio balance. During award negotiations, staff will work with partial awardees to refine project scopes, workplans, and budgets, maximizing community impact while ensuring timely, fiscally responsible project delivery.

Future Funding in Richmond and Surrounding Communities

Chevron may pay additional penalty and mitigation funds if it remains out of compliance with Rule 6-5 for the period of July 21, 2026 – July 20, 2027. If such additional funding becomes available, staff will evaluate previously-submitted Round 1 applications that were not selected for funding, and may return to the Board of Directors with recommendations for allocating these new funds, which would be subject to Board approval. This process would not alter or revisit funding decisions already made by the Board.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the Local Community Benefits Fund is derived from the Community Benefits Penalty Funds Policy, which was previously adopted by the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Local Community Benefits Fund R1 - Eligible Applications_v2
2. Local Community Benefits Fund R1 - Recommended Award Summaries_v2
3. CEHJ PPT - Local Community Benefits Fund-September 9, 2026_v4

Bay REPAIR Local Community Benefits Fund: Round 1

Eligible Applications:

Benicia Opportunity and Seed Grants

Richmond Catalyst, Opportunity, and Seed Grants

The tables below summarize all eligible applications received for the Benicia and Surrounding Communities area and the Richmond and Surrounding Communities area, along with key application information and Air District staff funding recommendations. Funding recommendations were developed through a multi-step review process that considered reviewer scores, program alignment, technical and implementation feasibility, and overall portfolio balance. Additional information on these evaluation criteria is provided in the attached memorandum (see pages 6-7). For applications not recommended for funding, the Justification column provides a brief explanation of the factors that informed staff's recommendation.

I. Eligible Applications – Benicia and Surrounding Communities

BENICIA OPPORTUNITY GRANT

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
NorthBay Healthcare Corporation	Touro University	Vallejo	\$5,000,000	142.7	Fund	Fund
Public Health Institute- Regional Asthma Management and Prevention	University of California San Francisco, Solano Family & Children's Services, CoCo Kids, Bay Area Community Resources, Lincoln Families	Benicia, Pittsburg, Vallejo	\$2,473,898	136	Fund	Fund

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
University of California Berkeley	City of Martinez	Martinez	\$661,112	134	Fund	Fund
The Watershed Project	Contra Costa County	Bay Point, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vine Hill	\$1,203,384	132.7	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Our Children's Earth Foundation	Hyphae Design Laboratory, Citizen Air Monitoring Network	Benicia, Crockett, Martinez, Rodeo, Vallejo	\$1,574,692	131.7	Do Not Fund	Technical Feasibility
University of California Davis	Citizen Air Monitoring Network, University of California San Francisco, Columbia University	Crockett, Martinez, Rodeo, Vallejo	\$4,996,085	130.1	Do Not Fund	Technical Feasibility
City of Martinez	Marin Clean Energy	Martinez	\$688,625	129.3	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Center for Transportation and the Environment	Stax Engineering, East Contra Costa Transit Authority	Benicia, Crockett, Martinez, Rodeo	\$5,000,000	129.2	Do Not Fund	Technical Feasibility
City of Benicia	Solano Economic Development Corporation	Benicia	\$5,000,000	128.7	Fund	Fund
Working Waterfront Coalition	Cal Poly Maritime Academy	Bay Point, Concord, Clyde, Crockett,	\$1,755,440	128.3	Fund	Fund

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
		Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill				
East Bay Economic Development Alliance	East Bay Community Foundation, San Jose State University Research Foundation, The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence	Bay Point, Benicia, Crockett, Martinez, Pittsburg, Rodeo, Vallejo	\$4,946,639	127	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Canvasback Missions, Inc	the Design Guild, Butterfly Bearthworks	Vallejo	\$1,995,750	125.7	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Choice in Aging	Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, Disability Rights California, Physicians, Scientists & Engineers for Healthy Energy, University of California Berkeley, Root and Bloom, Teach Earth Action	Bay Point, Benicia, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill	\$5,000,000	123.3	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Western States Council of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and	Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104,	Bay Point, Benicia, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez,	\$5,000,000	123.1	Fund	Fund

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Transportation Workers (SMART)	Emerald Cities Collaborative	Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill				
Mt Diablo Unified School District	Mt Diablo Education Foundation, Growing Healthy Kids, Sigler Corporation	Bay Point	\$5,000,000	119	Fund	Fund
Kaiser Foundation Research Institute, Kaiser Permanente Research Northern California	Breathe CA, Solano County Health and Social Services- Public Health Division, Public Health Institute- Regional Asthma Management and Prevention	Benicia, Vallejo	\$3,946,468	118	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Sustainable Solano	4th Second, Arts Benicia, Benicia Tree Foundation, City of Benicia	Benicia, Vallejo	\$2,410,392	116.3	Fund	Fund
Solano Transportation Authority	Solano County Public Health, City of Benicia, City of Vallejo	Benicia, Vallejo	\$1,660,000	115.7	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Vallejo City Unified School District	Opterra Energy Services	Vallejo	\$4,987,304	111.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet	Pittsburg Unified School District, Oransi, Clarity Movement Co	Pittsburg	\$3,008,095	109.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
City of Vallejo	Touro University California, Solano Community Foundation	Vallejo	\$5,000,000	109.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Contra Costa County-Conservation and Development Department	Bay Area Regional Energy Network, Marin Clean Energy, Contra Costa County- Contra Costa Health Environmental Health Division, City of Vallejo, City of Pittsburg	Bay Point, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vine Hill	\$5,000,000	106.6	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Solano Community College District	Opterra Energy Services	Vallejo	\$2,155,041	105.2	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Contra Costa Community College District	Opterra Energy Services	Bay Point, Pittsburg	\$4,917,342	104.8	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Solano Community Foundation	Flavor Insights LLC	Benicia, Vallejo	\$4,019,302	104.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission	Child Start Inc., Resource Management	Vallejo	\$5,000,000	103.1	Do Not Fund	Scoring
GRID Alternatives	New Horizons Career Development Center	Benicia, Crockett, Rodeo, Tormey	\$2,399,900	102	Do Not Fund	Scoring

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Rodeo Sanitary District	Opterra Energy Services	Rodeo, Tormey	\$4,917,342	100.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Benicia Unified School District	City of Benicia	Benicia	\$5,000,000	100.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
The Climate Initiative	University of California Riverside, University of California Berkeley, Corsi-Rosenthal Foundation	Bay Point, Benicia, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill	\$4,797,582	99.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Pittsburg Unified School District	KYA Services LLC	Pittsburg	\$5,000,000	97.2	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program	City of Benicia, University of California Los Angeles	Benicia	\$5,000,000	92.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Meals on Wheels Diablo Region	Meals on Wheels Solano County	Benicia, Vallejo	\$5,000,000	87.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
John Swett Unified School District	KYA Services LLC	Crockett	\$5,000,000	82.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Benicia Makerspace	Solano Community Foundation	Benicia	\$4,597,185	59	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Martinez Unified School District	LilypadEV.com	Martinez	\$522,035	49.8	Do Not Fund	Scoring

BENICIA SEED GRANT

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 100)	Staff Rec.	Justification
John Muir Land Trust	N/A	Pittsburg, Bay Point, Concord	\$200,000	98	Fund	Fund
La Clinica de La Raza	N/A	Vallejo, Bay Point, Pittsburg	\$200,000	97.5	Fund	Fund
Fresh Air Vallejo	N/A	Vallejo	\$100,000	97	Fund	Fund
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Dominic Conference	N/A	Benicia	\$200,000	96	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Benicia Makerspace	N/A	Benicia	\$139,685	94.5	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
White Pony Express	N/A	Bay Point, Concord, Martinez, Pittsburg, Rodeo	\$200,000	92.5	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Benicia Historical Society, Inc.	N/A	Benicia	\$200,000	84.5	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Cool the Earth	N/A	Vallejo, Pittsburg	\$200,000	83.5	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Greenbelt Alliance	N/A	Vallejo	\$200,000	80.5	Do Not Fund	Implementation Feasibility
Benicia Main Street	N/A	Benicia	\$200,000	78	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program	N/A	Benicia	\$199,420	69.3	Fund	Fund
Plug In America	N/A	Benicia	\$100,000	57	Do Not Fund	Scoring

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 100)	Staff Rec.	Justification
The Tim and Jeannie Hamann Foundation	N/A	Benicia, Vallejo	\$283,289	32	Do Not Fund	Scoring

II. Eligible Applications – Richmond and Surrounding Communities

RICHMOND CATALYST GRANT

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
County of Contra Costa	Urban Tilth, Contra Costa Health Services, Community Housing Development Corporation, Richmond LAND, The Watershed Project, Bay Area Regional Energy Network	North Richmond	\$14,846,558	123	Fund	Fund
City of Richmond	STEAM the Streets, GRID Alternatives, Groundwork Richmond, LifeLong Medical Care, Rich City Rides, Richmond Community Foundation, Richmond Trees, Rising Juntos, RYSE Inc, The Black Neighborhood, The	Richmond	\$15,000,000	122.2	Fund	Fund

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
	Watershed Project, University of California Berkeley					
Contra Costa Community College District	Opterra Energy Services, MCE Community Choice Energy, Strategic Energy Innovations	San Pablo	\$14,890,521	116.8	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Richmond Community Foundation	Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County, Viridi Parente Inc	Richmond	\$14,600,000	91.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring

RICHMOND OPPORTUNITY GRANT

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
City of San Pablo	Safe Organized Spaces Richmond	San Pablo	\$1,355,044	137.5	Fund	Fund
University of California, San Francisco	Public Health Institute, CocoKids, Bay Area Community Resources	Bayview, East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante, Montalvin Manor, North Richmond, Pinole, Richmond, Rollingwood, San Pablo, Tara Hills	\$2,200,831	133.7	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Ridgeline	West Contra Costa Unified School District	Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo	\$4,900,145	130	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Richmond Police Activities League	City of Richmond Employment and Training Department	Richmond	\$4,844,250	128	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
East Bay Economic Development Alliance	East Bay Community Foundation, Friends of the Port, San Jose State University Research Foundation, The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence	Richmond	\$4,977,286	126.9	Fund	Fund
Strategic Energy Innovations	Sustainable Contra Costa, Groundwork Richmond	Richmond, San Pablo	\$1,084,476	126	Fund	Fund
Just Cities Institute	Safe Organized Spaces Richmond, Eviction Defense Center, Bay Area Legal Aid	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	\$4,982,135	125.6	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
San Pablo Economic Development Corporation	Contra Costa Community College District	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	\$4,477,499	125.3	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Our Children's Earth Foundation	Communities for a Better Environment, Hyphae Design Laboratory	El Sobrante, North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	\$864,835	125.3	Do Not Fund	Technical Feasibility
Growing Together	Trust for Public Land, Planting Justice, West Contra Costa Unified School District, The Watershed Project, Cycles of Change, Local Motion	Richmond, San Pablo	\$5,000,000	124.8	Fund	Fund
Caliber East Bay Real Estate	Caliber: Beta Academy, Blueprint	San Pablo	\$4,730,125	122	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
The Labor Institute	United Steelworkers Local 5, Jobs with Justice San Francisco	Richmond	\$3,547,761	121.7	Fund	Fund
Contra Costa Community College District	Opterra Energy Services	Richmond, San Pablo	\$3,978,147	120	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Urban Tilth	Rich City	Richmond	\$4,949,844	119.8	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance
Physicians, Scientists & Engineers for Healthy Energy	Alliance of Californians For Community Empowerment Institute, Association for Energy Affordability, University of California Berkeley	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	\$4,994,461	119	Do Not Fund	Portfolio Balance

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
City of Pinole	Rebuilding Together East Bay Network	Pinole	\$4,999,682	118	Fund	Fund
California Emerging Technology Fund	Tech Exchange, EVOAK!	Richmond	\$1,837,410	116	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Western States Council of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART)	Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104, Emerald Cities Collaborative	Bayview, East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante, Montalvin Manor, North Richmond, Pinole, Richmond, Rollingwood, San Pablo, Tara Hills	\$5,000,000	114.9	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Community Health for Asian Americans	ABLE Community Development Foundation	Richmond	\$1,950,383	113	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Aliados Health	LifeLong Medical Care	Richmond, San Pablo	\$5,000,000	109	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Building Decarbonization Coalition	QuEST Inc, The Ortiz Group LLC	Bayview, East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante, Montalvin Manor, North Richmond, Pinole, Richmond, Rollingwood, San Pablo, Tara Hills	\$4,909,500	108.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Cool the Earth	City of Richmond, RFC Connects	Richmond	\$3,092,960	108.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Amethod Public Schools	Bay City Mechanical	Richmond	\$5,000,000	106.8	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Contra Costa Fire Protection Department	City of Richmond Fire Department	Richmond	\$2,914,020	106.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
East Bay Regional Park District	Trust for Public Land	Richmond	\$2,850,000	104.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
East Bay Broadband Consortium	Richmond Public Library	Richmond	\$1,191,876	104.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Contra Costa Transportation Authority	Contra Costa County Public Works, Voltpost, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 302, City of San Pablo, City of Richmond	Richmond, San Pablo	\$1,929,894	103.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Meals on Wheels Diablo Region	City of San Pablo Community Services Department	El Sobrante, North Richmond, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo	\$5,000,000	103.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring
All Positives Possible	University of California Davis	Richmond	\$4,992,000	100.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
City of Richmond	Parchester Village Neighborhood Council, Meritage Homes Corporation	Richmond	\$5,000,000	97.7	Do Not Fund	Scoring
The Foundation for Clean Air	IQAir	Richmond	\$776,193	88.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 150)	Staff Rec.	Justification
East Brother Light Station, Inc.	Rosie the Riveter Trust, Bay Area Girls Club, Working Waterfront Coalition	Richmond	\$750,000	86.3	Do Not Fund	Scoring

RICHMOND SEED GRANT

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 100)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Bay Area Community Resources	N/A	Richmond	\$200,000	94.5	Fund	Fund
California Center for Movement Legal Services	N/A	Richmond, San Pablo	\$199,930	91	Fund	Fund
Nepali Association of Northern California	N/A	El Sobrante, Pinole, Richmond	\$198,000	90.5	Fund	Fund
Asian Pacific Environmental Network	N/A	Richmond	\$200,000	89.5	Fund	Fund
FIERCE Advocates	N/A	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	\$200,000	86	Fund	Fund
Brighter Beginnings	N/A	Richmond	\$120,771	85.5	Do Not Fund	Program Alignment
Coalition for Clean Air	N/A	Richmond	\$116,264	84.5	Fund	Fund
TransForm	N/A	North Richmond, Richmond	\$200,000	81	Do Not Fund	Scoring
White Pony Express	N/A	Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo	\$200,000	77.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Funding Request	Score (out of 100)	Staff Rec.	Justification
Plug In America	N/A	Richmond	\$100,000	76.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring
The Fountain Project	N/A	Richmond	\$200,000	74.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Bayview Community Concerned Citizens	N/A	North Richmond, Pinole	\$200,000	73	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Cancer Support Community San Francisco Bay Area	N/A	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	\$200,000	72	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Safe Organized Spaces Richmond	N/A	Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo	\$200,000	69.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Richmond Museum Association, Inc.	N/A	Richmond	\$561,000	67.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment	N/A	Richmond, San Pablo	\$200,000	65.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Rosie the Riveter Trust	N/A	Richmond	\$50,000	50.5	Do Not Fund	Scoring
Lions Center for the Visually Impaired	N/A	Bayview, East Richmond Heights, Montalvin Manor, North Richmond, Richmond, Rollingwood, San Pablo, Tara Hills	\$194,696	48	Do Not Fund	Scoring

Bay REPAIR Local Community Benefits Fund: Round 1

Recommended Award Summaries:

Benicia Opportunity and Seed Grants

Richmond Catalyst, Opportunity, and Seed Grants

September 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The Air District received 125 grant applications. Of these, 105 applications passed eligibility review. To develop funding recommendations, Air District staff applied a multi-step review process that considered reviewer scores, program alignment, technical feasibility, implementation feasibility, and portfolio balance. Project summaries below reflect submitted application materials and proposed grant term activities.

Staff recommend partial awards in a limited number of cases, based on factors such as application scores, reviewer feedback, alignment with program goals and funding priorities, project scope, budget and workplan appropriateness, activity and cost eligibility, applicant capacity, and other considerations related to responsible stewardship of penalty funds. Staff recommend full award amounts whenever feasible. During award negotiations, staff will work with partial awardees to refine project scopes, workplans, and budgets, maximizing community impact while ensuring timely, fiscally responsible project delivery.

BAY REPAIR FOR BENICIA AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Following a review of the 51 eligible applications received in Benicia and surrounding communities, staff recommend awarding funds to 14 applicants. The following recommendations are submitted for Board consideration and adoption:

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Grant Type	Award Rec.
Benicia Unified School District	-	Benicia	Catalyst	\$10,000,000
City of Benicia	-	Benicia	Catalyst	\$30,000,000
NorthBay Healthcare Corporation	Touro University	Vallejo	Opportunity	\$5,000,000

**Bay REPAIR Local Community Benefits Fund: Round 1
Application Summaries**

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Grant Type	Award Rec.
Public Health Institute - Regional Asthma Management and Prevention	University of California San Francisco, Solano Family & Children's Services, CoCo Kids, Bay Area Community Resources, Lincoln Families	Benicia, Pittsburg, Vallejo	Opportunity	\$2,473,898
University of California Berkeley	City of Martinez	Martinez	Opportunity	\$661,112
City of Benicia	Solano Economic Development Corporation	Benicia	Opportunity	\$5,000,000
Working Waterfront Coalition	Cal Poly Maritime Academy	Bay Point, Clyde, Concord, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill	Opportunity	\$1,755,440
Western States Council of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART)	Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104, Emerald Cities Collaborative	Bay Point, Benicia, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine	Opportunity	\$5,000,000

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Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Grant Type	Award Rec.
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Mt Diablo Unified School District	Mt Diablo Education Foundation, Growing Healthy Kids, Sigler Corporation	Bay Point	Opportunity	\$3,539,738
Sustainable Solano	4th Second, Arts Benicia, Benicia Tree Foundation, City of Benicia	Benicia, Vallejo	Opportunity	\$2,410,392
John Muir Land Trust	-	Bay Point, Concord, Pittsburg	Seed	\$200,000
La Clinica de la Raza	-	Bay Point, Concord, Pittsburg, Vallejo	Seed	\$200,000
Fresh Air Vallejo	-	Vallejo	Seed	\$100,000
Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program	-	Benicia	Seed	\$199,420

RECOMMENDED OPPORTUNITY GRANT AWARDEES: APPLICATION SUMMARIES

1) Lead Applicant: NorthBay Healthcare Corporation

- **Application Title:** Vallejo BREATHE Initiative
- **Award Recommendation:** \$5,000,000 (**Award Request:** \$5,000,000)
- **Grant Term:** 3 years
- **Project Location:** Vallejo
- **Co-Applicant(s):** Touro University
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** A public health initiative that combines workforce development, home-based interventions, and expanded clinical care to address

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the health impacts of air pollution in Vallejo. Through the Air Aware Healthcare Workforce program, residents will be trained as Community Health Workers to provide health education and outreach while accessing mentorship and healthcare career pathways. The BREATHE Healthy Homes program will provide home environmental assessments, asthma education, trigger reduction support, high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) purifiers, and other indoor air quality resources to residents at elevated risk of respiratory illness. The project also includes establishing the BREATHE Cardiopulmonary Care Clinic, a dedicated outpatient clinic focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of respiratory and cardiovascular conditions associated with environmental exposures.

2) Lead Applicant: Public Health Institute – Regional Asthma Management and Prevention

- **Application Title:** Childcare Clean Air
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$2,473,897 (**Award Request:** \$2,473,897)
 - **Grant Term:** 3 years
 - **Project Location:** Benicia, Pittsburg, Vallejo
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** University of California San Francisco, Solano Family & Children's Services, CoCo Kids, Bay Area Community Resources, Lincoln Families
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** An air quality initiative serving Benicia, Pittsburg, and Vallejo that will improve indoor air quality in childcare settings and homes through heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades, air filtration, and community education. The project will provide HVAC improvements at two First 5 early childhood resource centers and 3-4 large childcare facilities; deliver tailored educational programming for parents, caregivers, and childcare providers; and distribute HEPA air purifiers and replacement filters to at least 500 childcare facilities. Participating families and caregivers will also receive 200 HEPA air cleaners and replacement filters to help reduce exposure to indoor air pollutants.
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3) Lead Applicant: University of California, Berkeley

- **Application Title:** Healthy Martinez: Monitoring and Education for Frontline Resilience
- **Award Recommendation:** \$682,654 (**Award Request:** \$682,654)
- **Grant Term:** 3 years

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- **Project Location:** Martinez
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** City of Martinez
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** An air quality and public health initiative serving Martinez and nearby refinery-adjacent communities that will expand air, visual, and vibration monitoring; provide residents with education on pollution exposures and mitigation strategies; establish a community-based air quality communication system; distribute air filtration resources to households with elevated fine particulate pollution (PM_{2.5}) levels and implement individual exposure reduction plans for up to 120 Martinez residents. Building on partnerships with Healthy Martinez, University of California Berkeley's Air Quality Modeling and Exposure Lab, and the City of Martinez, the project will address monitoring gaps around the Martinez Refining Company, improve understanding of local air pollution impacts, and equip residents with tools and information to reduce exposure and protect their health.
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4) **Lead Applicant:** City of Benicia

- **Application Title:** Benicia Rebate Program
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$5,000,000 (**Award Request:** \$5,000,000)
 - **Grant Term:** 3 years
 - **Project Location:** Benicia
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** Solano Economic Development Corporation
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** An air quality and just transition initiative featuring a citywide rebate program to accelerate clean energy adoption and reduce residents' exposure to environmental pollutants. The program will provide incentives for eligible upgrades, including heat pump HVAC systems, heat pump water heaters, electrical panel upgrades, roof repairs, rooftop solar and battery systems, electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, insulation, ventilation, and air filtration improvements. Outreach and technical assistance will include virtual and in-person property assessments, multilingual engagement and workshops, targeted outreach to approximately 11,000 households, and ongoing support with rebate applications. Partner Marin Clean Energy (MCE) will provide no-cost technical assistance to support program implementation.
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5) **Lead Applicant:** Working Waterfront Coalition

- **Application Title:** Greening the Maritime Industry
- **Award Recommendation:** \$1,755,400 (**Award Request:** \$1,755,400)

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- **Grant Term:** 3 years
 - **Project Location:** Bay Point, Clyde, Concord, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** Cal Poly Maritime Academy
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** A workforce development initiative that will enroll 165 participants in accelerated training pathways focused on building, operating, maintaining, and repairing electric and low-emission vessels on San Francisco Bay to support a just transition away from the harmful effects of a fossil fuel-based maritime economy. Training opportunities include marine trades, water transportation, low- and zero-emission electronic drive technology, and the design and construction of an electric tugboat. The program combines technical training with wraparound services, including stipends, transportation assistance, childcare support, legal aid, and nutrition services, and uses existing partnerships with local workforce development boards and a coalition-based approach to support participant success and long-term career advancement.
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- 6) **Lead Applicant:** Western States Council of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART)
- **Application Title:** Equitable HP Transition
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$5,000,000 (**Award Request:** \$5,000,000)
 - **Grant Term:** 3 years
 - **Project Location:** Bay Point, Benicia, Concord, Clyde, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104, Emerald Cities Collaborative
 - **Projects:** 3
 - **Application Description:** A portfolio of three interconnected air quality and just transition strategies.
 - o Heat Pump Equity: Expansion of a heat pump HVAC and water heater rebate program that supports compliance with proposed Air District rules.
 - o Community Contractor Growth: A workforce development initiative that equips local contractors with the skills needed to install heat pumps supported through the rebate program.
 - o Workforce Impact Research: A research project that will provide the Air District with policy recommendations to support communities during the transition to heat pumps. Through the E-Contractor Academy and partnerships with organizations including the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, Rubicon Programs, and the Bay Area Regional

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Energy Network (BayREN), the project will provide contractor licensing support, business development services, technical assistance, mentorship, and job placement connections to advance both heat pump adoption and long-term workforce development.

7) **Lead Applicant:** Mt Diablo Unified School District

- **Application Title:** MDUSD Clean Air
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$3,539,738 (**Award Request:** \$5,000,000)
 - **Grant Term:** 3 years
 - **Project Location:** Bay Point
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** Mt Diablo Education Foundation, Growing Healthy Kids, Sigler Corporation
 - **Projects:** 4
 - **Application Description:** A portfolio of four projects that combine student-focused environmental education with investments in clean transportation, school infrastructure, and community-based air quality initiatives, including the replacement of gas heating systems with heat pump technology.
 - o Electric Bus Fleet: Replace diesel school buses with zero-emission electric buses to reduce transportation-related emissions and lower students' exposure to diesel pollution in nearby communities.
 - o STEM Career Exploration: Provide middle school students with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career exploration opportunities through hands-on programming, field trips, and partnerships with local employers, helping build awareness of careers in the clean economy.
 - o Rio Vista Farm: Expand school greening and community air monitoring programs to better measure air quality and reduce students' exposure to harmful pollutants.
 - o Riverview HVAC Upgrade: Improve indoor air quality at a Title I middle school through HVAC and ventilation system upgrades that enhance air filtration and student comfort.
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8) **Lead Applicant:** Sustainable Solano

- **Application Title:** From Soil to Society: A Just Transition Initiative
- **Award Recommendation:** \$2,410,392 (**Award Request:** \$2,410,392)
- **Grant Term:** 3 years
- **Project Location:** Benicia, Vallejo
- **Co-Applicant(s):** 4th Second, Arts Benicia, Benicia Tree Foundation, City of Benicia
- **Projects:** 2

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- **Application Description:** A community capacity-building and just transition initiative serving Benicia and Vallejo that brings residents together to respond to and plan for the impacts of the Valero refinery closure through community-led visioning, youth engagement, urban greening, and environmental education.
 - o Healing Green Spaces: Implement 12 urban greening projects and plant 300 trees across Benicia and Vallejo. The project will also create and expand community gardens and demonstration sites, including a community garden, a food-producing garden, and a native plant learning garden at Arts Benicia, while replacing bare dirt and gravel areas with vegetation to reduce dust and expand green space.
 - o Community Engagement: Engage youth ages 6-14 through EcoArt Camps and support a paid Just Transition Youth Service Corps for ages 14-19. Through at least 30 community engagement events and guidance from Benicia and Vallejo Community Advisory Boards, the project will bring residents together to discuss the refinery closure, air quality, environmental justice, community health, and future economic opportunities. The initiative will engage community members in shaping a shared vision and community-driven strategies for a just transition.
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RECOMMENDED SEED GRANT AWARDEES: APPLICATION SUMMARIES

9) **Lead Applicant:** John Muir Land Trust

- **Application Title:** Family Harvest Farm – Economic Resilience and Public Health Through Workforce Development
- **Award Recommendation:** \$200,000 (**Award Request:** \$200,000)
- **Grant Term:** 2 years
- **Project Location:** Pittsburg
- **Co-Applicant(s):** N/A (by design, Seed grants do not require formal partners)
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** Expand a paid workforce development program at Family Harvest Farm serving transition-age foster youth (ages 18-24) to improve economic opportunity and public health in areas disproportionately impacted by air pollution. Through hands-on training and paid employment in urban agriculture, participants will build workforce skills, explore career pathways, and access jobs in environmental and sustainability-related industries. The program will partner with foster youth-serving organizations to provide referrals, wraparound services, and ongoing support, helping participants address barriers to employment while preparing for future career opportunities.

10)Lead Applicant: La Clinica de La Raza

- **Application Title:** RESPIRA
- **Award Recommendation:** \$200,000 (**Award Request:** \$200,000)
- **Grant Term:** 2 years
- **Project Location:** Bay Point, Concord, Pittsburg, Vallejo
- **Co-Applicant(s):** N/A
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** Implement a train-the-trainer model to develop Community Health Educators and Promotoras/Promotores in Vallejo, Bay Point, and Pittsburg. These trusted community health workers will provide asthma education, conduct home visits, distribute air purifiers to vulnerable residents, co-facilitate community workshops, and help connect residents to health and support services. The effort is supported by a network of community-based and public-sector partners, including Pittsburg Unified School District, the City of Pittsburg, First 5 Contra Costa, Village Community Resource Center, and Monument Impact, to support outreach, referrals, and engagement efforts, with a focus on communities most impacted by environmental health challenges.

11)Lead Applicant: Fresh Air Vallejo

- **Application Title:** EJ Advisory Group
- **Award Recommendation:** \$100,000 (**Award Request:** \$100,000)
- **Grant Term:** 2 years
- **Project Location:** Vallejo
- **Co-Applicant(s):** N/A
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** Establish a community-led Vallejo Environmental Justice Advisory Group to strengthen resident participation in environmental justice, climate resilience, and just transition efforts. Building on years of environmental justice organizing, community capacity-building, and partnerships developed through the EJ4Vallejo initiative, the project will provide leadership and advocacy training, facilitate ongoing community engagement and input on local planning and policy initiatives, and build community capacity to engage with public agencies on environmental justice issues. The project also includes a sustainability plan focused on leadership development, succession planning, and long-term support for the advisory group's continued operation.

12)Lead Applicant: Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program

- **Application Title:** BCAMP Station Upgrade
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$199,420 (**Award Request:** \$199,420)
 - **Grant Term:** 2 years
 - **Project Location:** Benicia
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** N/A
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** Upgrade air monitoring capabilities at the Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program station and improve the accuracy of community air quality data. The project will install enhanced air monitoring equipment and calibrate community-owned PurpleAir monitors to provide more reliable information on PM2.5. It will also create a publicly accessible source of local air quality data and provide residents with more accurate real-time information about air quality conditions. Community outreach, education, and data-sharing activities will help residents better understand local pollution levels, air quality events, and potential health impacts so they can make informed decisions to protect their health.
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BAY REPAIR FOR RICHMOND AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Following a review of the 54 eligible applications received in Richmond and surrounding communities, staff recommend awarding funds to 14 applicants. The following recommendations are submitted for Board consideration and adoption:

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Grant Type	Award Rec.
County of Contra Costa	Urban Tilth, Community Housing Development Corporation, The Watershed Project, Bay Area Regional Energy Network	North Richmond	Catalyst	\$12,934,417
City of Richmond	STEAM the Streets, GRID Alternatives, Groundwork Richmond, LifeLong Medical Care, Rich City Rides, Richmond Trees, Rising Juntos, RYSE Inc, The Black Neighborhood, The Watershed Project, University of California Berkeley	Richmond	Catalyst	\$10,681,489
City of San Pablo	Safe Organized Spaces Richmond	San Pablo	Opportunity	\$1,355,044
East Bay Economic Development Alliance	Friends of the Port	Richmond	Opportunity	\$962,959
Strategic Energy Innovations	Sustainable Contra Costa, Groundwork Richmond	Richmond, San Pablo	Opportunity	\$1,084,476
Growing Together	Planting Justice, West Contra Costa Unified School District, The Watershed Project	Richmond, San Pablo	Opportunity	\$2,072,123
The Labor Institute	United Steelworkers Local 5, Jobs with Justice San Francisco	Richmond	Opportunity	\$3,547,761

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City of Pinole	Rebuilding Together East Bay Network	Pinole	Opportunity	\$4,999,682
Bay Area Community Resources	-	Richmond	Seed	\$200,000
California Center for Movement Legal Services	-	Richmond, San Pablo	Seed	\$199,930
Nepali Association of Northern California	-	El Sobrante, Richmond, Pinole	Seed	\$198,000
Asian Pacific Environmental Network	-	Richmond	Seed	\$200,000
FIERCE Advocates	-	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	Seed	\$200,000
Coalition for Clean Air	-	Richmond	Seed	\$116,264

RECOMMENDED CATALYST GRANT AWARDEES: APPLICATION SUMMARIES

1) Lead Applicant: County of Contra Costa

- **Application Title:** North Richmond Community Resilience Initiative
- **Award Recommendation:** \$12,934,4147 (**Award Request:** \$14,846,557)
- **Grant Term:** 5 years
- **Project Location(s):** North Richmond
- **Co-Applicant(s):** Urban Tilth, Community Housing Development Corporation, The Watershed Project, Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)
- **Projects:** 4
- **Application Description:** Led by Contra Costa County, these place-based projects will improve community resilience, air quality, and building health in North Richmond through investments at both the community scale, such as a resilience center and urban greening efforts, and the neighborhood scale, including retrofits for affordable housing, a senior center, single-family homes,

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and daycare facilities.

- o Community Resilience Center: Complete construction and launch operations of the North Richmond Farm Community Resilience Center as a clean air refuge, emergency preparedness hub, and year-round gathering space for community programs and events. The project will also support a Resident Leaders Program, including a Resident Leaders Manager and training for 5-10 North Richmond residents in civic leadership and community engagement, while supporting resident-led workshops and community improvement projects.
- o Affordable Housing Retrofits: Rehabilitate six long-vacant affordable housing units across three Las Deltas duplexes into safe, climate-resilient, all-electric homes and upgrade the Corrine Sain Family & Senior Center. Improvements will include building envelope upgrades such as new siding, windows, and insulation; electrification of heating, water heating, cooking, and appliances; rooftop solar and battery storage; and enhanced air filtration and air-cleaning systems to improve indoor air quality and resident health.
- o Greener North Richmond: Expand green infrastructure and active transportation improvements in North Richmond through revegetation and community stewardship along the Wildcat Creek Trail. The project will plant 120 shade trees along two miles of priority sidewalks, restore riparian habitat with native vegetation near a school site, and expand walking tour and wayfinding amenities. It will also support a paid, locally hired stewardship workforce, including 15 Block Ambassadors, to maintain improvements, engage residents, and promote long-term community stewardship.
- o Clean Home Retrofits: Provide no- or low-cost clean energy upgrades to 35 single-family homes and five licensed residential daycare facilities in North Richmond to improve indoor air quality, energy efficiency, and resident comfort. The project will leverage existing BayREN programs and U.S. Department of Energy funding to expand access to home and daycare facility improvements in the community.

2) Lead Applicant: City of Richmond

- **Application Title:** Richmond Rising Together
- **Award Recommendation:** \$10,681,489 (**Award Request:** \$15,000,000)
- **Grant Term:** 5 years
- **Project Location(s):** Richmond
- **Co-Applicant(s):** STEAM the Streets, GRID Alternatives, Groundwork

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Richmond, LifeLong Medical Care, Rich City Rides, Richmond Trees, Rising Juntos, RYSE Inc, The Black Neighborhood, The Watershed Project, University of California, Berkeley – Center for Global Healthy Cities

- **Projects:** 10
- **Application Description:** Led by the City of Richmond, this portfolio of projects combines community-wide investments in clean transportation, urban greening, transit access, and climate health planning with targeted programs that improve household resilience, expand access to clean energy, and support resident health. The initiative also includes youth leadership and workforce development programs that build skills, experience, and career pathways in climate resilience, environmental health, clean energy, and community service.
 - o Mobile Energy Storage: Purchase a mobile battery energy storage system to provide clean, emissions-free power at community events, replacing the use of diesel generators and supporting small local vendors. The system will be deployed at regular community events in downtown Richmond and can also be used to support emergency response and community resilience efforts during power outages and other disruptions.
 - o Richmond Moves: Support one year of operations for Richmond's all-electric, on-demand microtransit service, operated by Via Transportation. The program provides affordable transportation for Richmond residents to key destinations, including transit hubs, healthcare facilities, schools, and grocery stores. Rides are free for seniors and students and available at low cost for all other riders.
 - o Rooted: Plant 600 trees and install ten rain gardens to address air pollution, urban heat, and flood risk. The project will also provide training and employment opportunities in urban forestry and green infrastructure for Richmond residents through Groundwork Richmond's Green Team program for youth ages 14-18 and Workforce Development program for young adults ages 18-25.
 - o Total Transit Access: Provide unlimited BayPass Clipper cards to 1,500 Richmond residents, including all participants in Richmond Rising Together workforce development programs, to expand access to affordable and reliable public transportation. The project will be implemented through a pilot partnership with the Clipper BayPass program, operated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Bay Area Rapid Transit, helping reduce transportation barriers to employment, education, and other essential services.
 - o Resilient Homes: Deliver solar, electrification, and energy-efficiency upgrades to 100 income-qualified households in the Iron Triangle, Coronado, and Santa Fe neighborhoods. The project will install 450 kW of

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solar capacity and support home energy improvements that reduce emissions, improve resiliency, and lower energy costs. It will also provide workforce training for 15-20 local residents in solar installation and clean energy careers, leveraging GRID Alternatives' model and experience in partnership with MCE Community Choice Energy.

- o Asthma Health: Support 15 community-recruited Health Promoters each year to provide home visits, HEPA air filtration, and asthma self-management education for 100 high-risk households. The project will expand an established program based at the William Jenkins Health Center and support community outreach activities that connect residents with asthma prevention resources and services.
- o Climate Ambassadors: Support three cohorts of the Climate Ambassadors for Change youth fellowship program, providing participants with environmental education, job-shadowing opportunities through Richmond Rising Together projects, and workforce development experiences that build skills and career pathways in climate and sustainability fields.
- o Richmond ACT (Advancing Climate Transformation Together): Engage low-income families, immigrants, seniors, and unhoused residents in community-led research and climate health planning in the Iron Triangle, Atchison Village, and Cutting Boulevard corridor. Led by Rising Juntos, the project will connect residents to health resources, assess local air quality and clean energy needs, increase awareness of climate and environmental justice issues, and develop a Richmond Climate Health Road Map. The initiative will also strengthen resident leadership and advocacy to advance climate health equity and community-driven solutions.
- o Facilities Pathways: Provide paid internships for ten Richmond youth focused on air quality monitoring, emergency preparedness, and community outreach through the RYSE Center. The project will build workforce skills and leadership experience while strengthening local capacity to support emergency response and year-round resilience activities at a youth-serving community resilience hub.
- o Environmental Data Fellows: Support two cohorts of paid youth Environmental Data Fellows who will receive environmental justice education and gain hands-on experience interpreting data and conducting field-based work related to air quality, environmental health, and climate resilience. The program will focus on Richmond neighborhoods disproportionately affected by environmental burdens, including Iron Triangle, North Richmond, Santa Fe, and Coronado.

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3) Lead Applicant: City of San Pablo

- **Application Title:** City of San Pablo's Wellness Initiative
- **Award Recommendation:** \$1,355,044 (**Award Request:** \$1,355,044)
- **Grant Term:** 2 years
- **Project Location:** San Pablo
- **Co-Applicant(s):** Safe Organized Spaces Richmond
- **Projects:** 2
- **Application Description:** An environmental health initiative that combines urban greening, community air quality education, and clean air refuge and outreach services for unhoused residents during poor air quality events.
 - o McNeil Park: Transform a former elementary school site into a 4.8-acre park that provides recreational, public health, and environmental benefits for San Pablo residents. The project will include a playground, soccer field, basketball court, amphitheater, senior fitness stations, fitness trail, picnic areas, two electric vehicle charging stations with four charging ports, active transportation improvements, green infrastructure, and stormwater upgrades, while creating approximately 80 temporary jobs.
 - o Healthy Corridors Program: Expand access to air quality education, clean air refuges, and supportive services for unhoused residents through a peer-led outreach and workforce development program. The project will support encampment cleanups, provide air quality and fire safety education, distribute health and safety supplies, and offer shuttle transportation to clean air refuges during poor air quality events. Outreach will be delivered by current and formerly unhoused staff, connecting residents to critical resources while creating employment, workforce development, and leadership opportunities.

4) Lead Applicant: East Bay Economic Development Alliance

- **Application Title:** Richmond Blue-Green Economic Resilience Initiative
- **Award Recommendation:** \$962,959 (**Award Request:** \$4,977,286)
- **Grant Term:** 3 years
- **Project Location:** Richmond
- **Co-Applicant(s):** Friends of the Port
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** A just transition initiative that will establish the Craneway Pavilion at Richmond's Ford Point, under Friends of the Port's

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nonprofit leasehold, as a blue economy incubator and community resource for the Path to Clean Air (PTCA) area. The project will recruit clean energy tenants, develop a long-term activation and governance plan, convene investors and industry partners, and create workforce pathways that connect local residents to jobs and opportunities in the blue economy. In partnership with Communities for a Better Environment, the project will conduct robust community engagement and develop a long-term strategy for community involvement. A Craneway Advisory Panel, representing PTCA residents, community-based organizations, small businesses, maritime industry leaders, labor and union representatives, and youth, will help guide the hub's future development and governance.

5) Lead Applicant: Strategic Energy Innovations

- **Application Title:** Clean Air Leaders
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$1,084,475 (**Award Request:** \$1,084,475)
 - **Grant Term:** 3 years
 - **Project Location:** Richmond, San Pablo
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** Sustainable Contra Costa, Groundwork Richmond
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** An environmental health and air quality initiative that expands youth environmental education, leadership development, and stewardship opportunities through three existing youth programs and partner organizations at four designated school sites. Participants will receive training in environmental literacy, air quality monitoring, leadership, and community stewardship, with support from partners including Sustainable Contra Costa County's Sustainable Leaders in Action program and Groundwork Richmond's Green Team. The project will install 66 air quality sensors, expand regional community air monitoring, distribute 175 air purifiers, plant 60 community trees, and connect approximately 200 youth to green career pathways through career exploration and conference participation.
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6) Lead Applicant: Growing Together

- **Application Title:** Our Living Future
- **Award Recommendation:** \$2,072,123 (**Award Request:** \$5,000,000)
- **Grant Term:** 3 years
- **Project Location:** Richmond, San Pablo
- **Co-Applicant(s):** Planting Justice, West Contra Costa Unified School District, The Watershed Project
- **Projects:** 2
- **Application Description:** A workforce development and urban greening initiative

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that creates pathways to green careers while improving environmental health and climate resilience in Richmond and San Pablo.

- o Blue-Green Careers: Expand youth workforce development opportunities through partnerships with the Career Technical Education pathway at John F. Kennedy High School, engaging 90 Richmond youth through the Youth Watershed Stewards program and 15 interns through the Green Collar Corps. Participants will receive hands-on training in green stormwater infrastructure and environmental stewardship while helping enhance local green-blue spaces.
- o Planting Our Future: Plant 3,000 trees across Richmond and San Pablo through engagement with 20 West Contra Costa Unified School District school communities. The project will create paid training and career pathways in tree production, urban forestry, and arboriculture for 60 local residents while expanding urban canopy and improving neighborhood environmental quality.

7) Lead Applicant: The Labor Institute

- **Application Title:** Getting Ready
- **Award Recommendation:** \$3,547,761.00
- **Award Request:** \$3,547,761.00
- **Grant Term:** 3 years
- **Project Location:** Richmond
- **Co-Applicant(s):** United Steelworkers Local 5, Jobs with Justice San Francisco
- **Projects:** 3
- **Application Description:** A workforce and just transition initiative that prepares Richmond workers and communities for a cleaner, safer, and more resilient economy through worker safety, workforce planning, and economic diversification strategies.
 - o Getting Ready – Oil Workers for Safety: Support a Transition Safety Steward to educate Chevron Richmond refinery workers on toxic air emissions monitoring, strengthen emissions tracking and prevention practices, provide peer-to-peer training on just transition for 200 refinery workers, and facilitate labor-community dialogue on workplace safety, air quality, and hazard reduction. Led by United Steelworkers Local 5.
 - o Getting Ready – Worker Resilience and Futures Initiative: Develop a worker-led transition planning framework for Richmond refinery workers, including skills assessments, workforce training, identification of hiring pathways for workers affected by the industry transition, and research on credentialing and certification opportunities. The project will also convene

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key stakeholders and coordinate with California's Displaced Oil and Gas Worker Pilot Program and Fund to support workforce transition planning and economic resilience. Led by Jobs with Justice San Francisco.

- o Getting Ready – Advancing a Diverse Economy: Develop an economic development strategy focused on diversifying Richmond's economy across 3-5 industries. The project will identify investment opportunities and build the knowledge and capacity of 75 Richmond workers and residents to participate in climate-resilient economic development planning. Led by Jobs with Justice San Francisco in partnership with labor and community organizations, including SEIU 1021, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, and United Steelworkers Local 5.

8) Lead Applicant: City of Pinole

- **Application Title:** Improving Air Quality & Health through Whole Home Decarbonization in the Pinole REPAIR Corridor
- **Award Recommendation:** \$4,999,682 (**Award Request:** \$4,999,682)
- **Grant Term:** 3 years
- **Project Location:** Pinole
- **Co-Applicant(s):** Rebuilding Together East Bay Network
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** A residential decarbonization and workforce development initiative that will deliver clean energy and energy-efficiency upgrades to 189 homes in a pollution-bearing Pinole corridor off the I-80 freeway. The project will install measures including rooftop solar with battery storage, heat pump water heaters, heat pump heating and cooling systems, EV charging infrastructure, roof replacements, and electrical panel upgrades. In partnership with GRID Alternatives, the initiative will also provide workforce training for 25 local residents and create a replicable model for equitable residential decarbonization.

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9) Lead Applicant: Bay Area Community Resources

- **Application Title:** Roots to Resilience
- **Award Recommendation:** \$200,000 (**Award Request:** \$200,000)
- **Grant Term:** 2 years
- **Project Location:** Richmond
- **Co-Applicant(s):** N/A (by design, Seed grants do not require formal partners)

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- **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** An urban greening, environmental monitoring, and youth leadership initiative that engages Richmond and North Richmond youth in environmental justice and community-based research while expanding tree canopy and improving local air quality. The project will support 6-8 Youth Research Fellows (ages 16-24) through a two-year program focused on air quality science, environmental justice, community data analysis, air monitoring, and leadership development. Fellows will help develop a community-owned environmental data report and advocacy framework using Community-Based Participatory Action Research. The project will also plant 150 trees through community planting events and conduct ongoing monitoring of air quality, heat, and tree canopy conditions to inform local urban greening efforts.
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10)Lead Applicant: California Center for Movement Legal Services

- **Application Title:** Decarbonized Tenant Housing
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$199,930 (**Award Request:** \$200,000)
 - **Grant Term:** 2 years
 - **Project Location:** Richmond, San Pablo
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** A community education, tenant advocacy, and decarbonization initiative serving low-income residents in Richmond and San Pablo. In partnership with the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment and Rising Juntos, the project will provide decarbonization education through community health centers, Promotoras/Promotores-led outreach, informational workshops, and Know Your Rights resources. The initiative will also support landlord education on electrification incentive programs and offer legal clinics, tenant information sessions, and legal representation to help renters navigate building electrification projects and understand their rights and protections during the transition to clean energy.
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11)Lead Applicant: Nepali Association of Northern California

- **Application Title:** Safe Air at Home
- **Award Recommendation:** \$198,000 (**Award Request:** \$198,000)
- **Grant Term:** 2 years
- **Project Location:** Richmond, Pinole, El Sobrante
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** An environmental health and air quality education initiative serving Nepali-speaking families in Richmond, Pinole, and El Sobrante.

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The project will provide bilingual education and outreach on indoor and outdoor air quality, promote household practices that reduce pollution exposure, and expand access to clean air resources through an Air Filter Library and a Nepali-English mobile app. The initiative will also conduct a 40-household pilot program to monitor indoor air quality and health indicators, while developing and distributing culturally and linguistically appropriate educational materials to support community awareness and action.

12)Lead Applicant: Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)

- **Application Title:** Richmond Asian Wellness and Resilience Center
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$200,000 (**Award Request:** \$200,000)
 - **Grant Term:** 2 years
 - **Project Location:** Richmond
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** A community engagement and leadership development initiative that will engage frontline Asian immigrant and refugee residents in Richmond in planning a new Asian Wellness and Resilience Center. Led through a community visioning process, the project will identify community needs and priorities, build leadership capacity among APEN members, and develop a feasibility report and implementation roadmap for the center. The initiative will also explore next-phase development opportunities to advance a long-term community resilience center.
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13)Lead Applicant: FIERCE Advocates

- **Application Title:** Clean Air Sanctuary
 - **Award Recommendation:** \$200,000 (**Award Request:** \$200,000)
 - **Grant Term:** 1 year
 - **Project Location:** Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo
 - **Projects:** 1
 - **Application Description:** An environmental health initiative that provides clean air resources, health education, and tenant advocacy services for families and caregivers. The project will distribute 150 air purifiers, replacement filters, and smoke-day kits; provide non-clinical home health screenings and respiratory health education; and integrate air quality information into doula services, pregnancy education, and climate-smart nutrition workshops. The project will also provide tenant advocacy support and outreach to around 150 participants and caregivers to help reduce exposure to environmental health risks.
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14)Lead Applicant: Coalition for Clean Air

- **Application Title:** Air Quality Bootcamp
- **Award Recommendation:** \$116,264 (**Award Request:** \$116,264)
- **Grant Term:** 1 year
- **Project Location:** Richmond
- **Projects:** 1
- **Application Description:** An air quality education and community leadership initiative that will equip Richmond residents and community-based organizations with the knowledge and skills to understand air pollution, interpret air quality data, and advocate for cleaner air. The project will recruit and train 30 residents and community-based organization staff through a bilingual 2.5-day Air Quality Bootcamp focused on emissions, air monitoring, and community advocacy. Additional activities include developing bilingual educational materials, conducting outreach through partner organizations, and hosting two online community forums to support ongoing learning and engagement. The model builds on successful programs previously implemented in Fresno, Oakland, and Los Angeles.



Bay REPAIR Local Community Benefits Fund: Award of Round 1 Funds

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

September 9, 2026

Emi Wang, Officer

Letitia Carpenter, Senior Staff Specialist

Lisa Hu, Senior Staff Specialist

Community Investments Office

Recommended Action

Recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board award \$26,540,000 in Local Community Benefit Funds awards for Benicia and Surrounding Communities and \$38,752,145 in grant awards for Richmond and Surrounding Communities (*Note: An additional \$40,000,000 was already awarded for Benicia Catalyst grant awards*)

Recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board authorize the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to execute grant agreements for the recommended projects

Outline

- Bay Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience (Bay REPAIR) Local Community Benefits Fund Overview
- Round 1 Application Review and Scoring Process
- Benicia & Surrounding Communities: Application Overview and Award Recommendations
- Richmond & Surrounding Communities: Application Overview and Award Recommendations
- Recommended Action

Core Strategies

Reduce Air
Pollution and
Improve
Health
Outcomes

Build
Economic
Resilience for
a Just
Transition

Grant Awards – Round 1

	Seed	Opportunity	Catalyst
Total Funding	\$105,292,145		
Grant Size	\$100,000 - \$200,000	\$500,000 - \$5 million	\$10 million - \$40 million
Grant Term	Up to 2 years	Up to 3 years	Up to 5 years
Eligible Applicants	Open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, no Co-Applicants	Lead Applicant must partner with at least 1 Co-Applicant(s)	Lead Applicant must partner with multiple Co-Applicants (Benicia exemption: no Co-Applicant required)
Eligible Communities	Benicia and surrounding Communities; Richmond and surrounding communities	Benicia and surrounding Communities; Richmond and surrounding communities	Benicia; Richmond and surrounding communities

Benicia Catalyst Grants

- Given the small number of Benicia Catalyst Grant applications received, the Air District expedited its review of this category
- The Board of Directors considered Benicia Catalyst award recommendations at its September 2, 2026, meeting (\$40 million was awarded then for Benicia Catalyst Grants)

All Other Grant Types

- Today's Committee meeting will focus on the remaining grant categories in Round 1 of the Bay REPAIR Local Community Benefits Fund
 - Benicia and Surrounding Communities: Seed & Opportunity Grants
 - Richmond and Surrounding Communities: Seed, Opportunity & Catalyst Grants

Applications Received – Round 1

	Round 1 Total	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed
Applications	125	11	78	36
Projects	229	42	151	36
Funding Requested	\$493,625,595	\$207,308,000	\$279,145,481	\$7,172,114
Ineligible Applications (%)	16%	45%	13%	14%
Eligible Applications	105	6	68	31
Eligible Funding Requests	\$378,204,167	\$125,107,989	\$247,049,834	\$6,046,344
Eligible Projects	181	30	120	31

(Note: Includes Benicia Catalyst applications already awarded by the Board of Directors)

Activity Type – Round 1 Eligible Applications



(Note: Categories are not mutually exclusive; a single application may include multiple activity types)

Project Type – Round 1 Eligible Applications



(Note: Categories are not mutually exclusive; a single application may include multiple project types)



Application Review Process

Application Deadline

125 applications received

Eligibility Review

105 applications deemed eligible

Individual Scoring

55 Community & Technical Reviewers scored applications independently

Scoring Panels

Reviewers divided into 20 reviewer teams, 1000+ hours of review

Recommendation Development

Staff considered reviewer scores, program alignment, technical feasibility, implementation feasibility & portfolio balance

Due Diligence

Compliance checks

Grant Recommendations

Recommendations developed for Board of Directors consideration

Eligibility Review

- All eligible applications were evaluated through a multi-stage review process by Air District staff, a consultant partner, and Community and Technical Reviewers
- **Completeness Check:** Air District staff identified missing or incomplete items from applicants, applicants re-submitted materials within 48 hours
- **Eligibility Review:** Air District staff and consultant partner Ground Works Consulting reviewed materials for eligibility per Grant Guidelines
 - Applicant type eligibility, geographic eligibility, project eligibility, and documented financial capacity to manage grant funds

Community & Technical Reviewers

- Eligible grant applications were scored by a pool of 55 reviewers using the published scoring rubric
- **Community Reviewers (24):** recruited via application process, using criteria like relevant experience and expertise, community connection and rootedness, and community-focused vision for program impact
 - Included 7 members of the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Path to Clean Air Community Steering Committee (6 current, 1 former)

Community & Technical Reviewers

- **Technical Reviewers (31):** recruited from Air District staff (15) and partner agencies/organizations (16) with relevant technical expertise
 - o Included local and regional agency representatives from the Association of Bay Area Governments, East Bay Regional Park District, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
 - o Many city and county staff were unable to participate due to conflicts of interest with applicants

Application Scoring

- Reviewers completed confidentiality and conflict-of-interest disclosures; only reviewers without conflicts scored applications
- Ground Works Consulting provided training on the scoring criteria and bias awareness
- Each reviewer independently reviewed assigned applications using the scoring criteria
- Reviewers met 1-2 times for facilitated check-ins to clarify questions, share perspectives, and discuss insights

(Note: Alignment of Reviewers' scores and comments was neither required nor expected)

Reviewer Pool

- 20 reviewer teams evaluated applications
- Seed applications were reviewed by 2 Reviewers (1 Community and 1 Technical)
- Opportunity applications were reviewed by 3 Reviewers (1 Community and 2 Technical)
- Catalyst applications were reviewed by 4 Reviewers (2 Community and 2 Technical)

How Recommendations Were Made

Reviewer Scores Were the Starting Point

- Reviewers scored assigned applications based on criteria provided
- Reviewers evaluated projects individually and did not consider the broader application portfolio
 - Each reviewer was responsible for scoring between 2-13 applications
- Air District staff used reviewer scores as the foundation for funding recommendations
- Due to the highly competitive applicant pool, staff also considered additional programmatic and implementation factors

How Recommendations Were Made

Staff Review Focused on Key Criteria

1. Application Scoring
2. Program Alignment
3. Technical Feasibility
4. Implementation Feasibility
5. Portfolio Balance

How Recommendations Were Made

1. Application Scoring

- Applications were first reviewed based on reviewer scores
- Projects below the 50th percentile generally were not advanced unless they showed exceptional strengths in other review areas

2. Program Alignment

- Projects had to align with Local Community Benefits Fund goals and community-identified priorities
- Applications needed to demonstrate clear benefits related to air quality, public health, or just transition outcomes

How Recommendations Were Made

3. Technical & Implementation Feasibility

- Air District staff subject matter experts assessed technical soundness
- Staff evaluated organizational capacity, financial management, partnerships, and readiness to implement

4. Portfolio Balance

- Staff considered the full portfolio to ensure a balanced set of investments
- Factors included project type, organization type, geographic distribution, and a mix of planning, capacity building, and implementation activities

Examples of Portfolio Balance Factors Considered by Staff

- Balanced distribution across organizations
 - *Example: One applicant submitted proposals in four grant categories*
- Balanced distribution across project types
 - *Example: Multiple applications proposed similar urban greening projects*
- Balanced distribution across communities
 - *Example: Projects were recommended across eligible Round 1 communities*

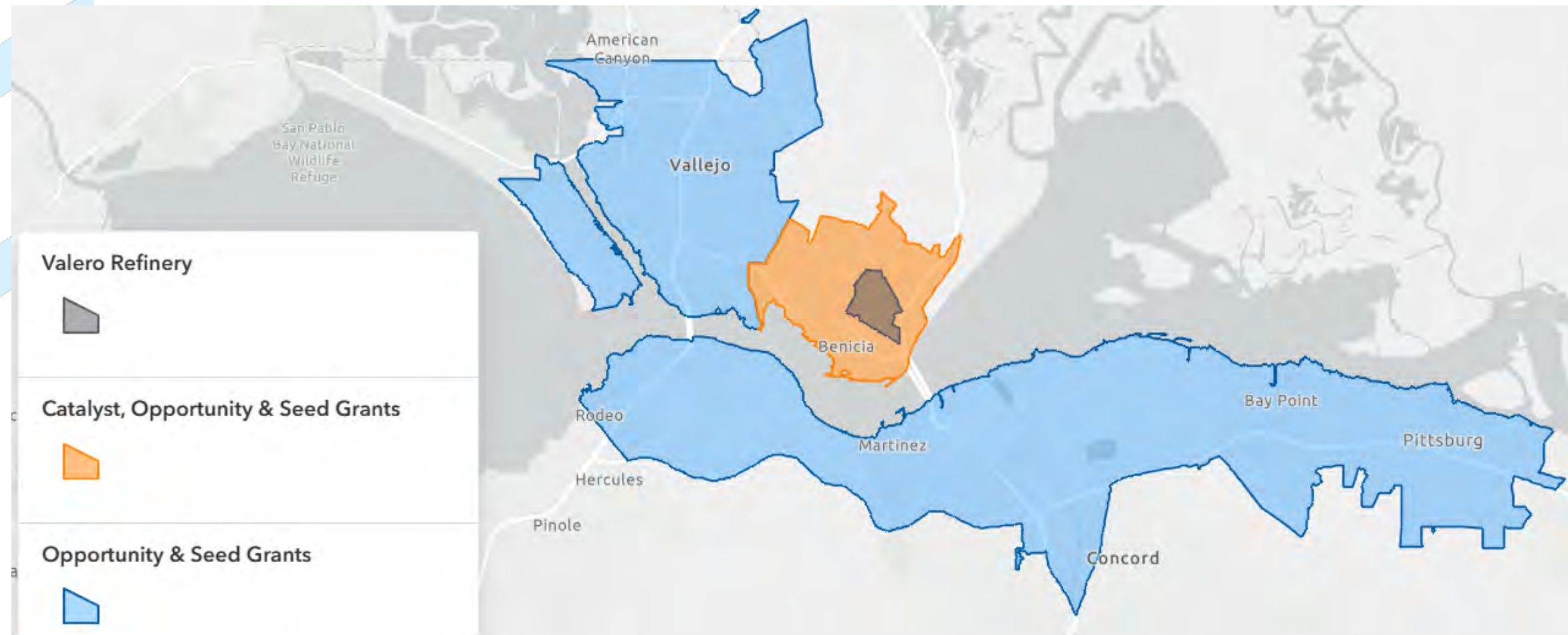
Reference Checks

- Air District staff conducted reference checks for Catalyst Grant applicants to assess their ability to successfully deliver proposed projects

Partial Awards

- Full funding awards are preferred
- Staff recommend partial awards in a limited number of cases
- Partial awards reflect considerations such as availability of funds, application scoring, program alignment, project scope, budget considerations, and portfolio balance

Benicia and Surrounding Communities



Grant Awards – Benicia and Surrounding Communities

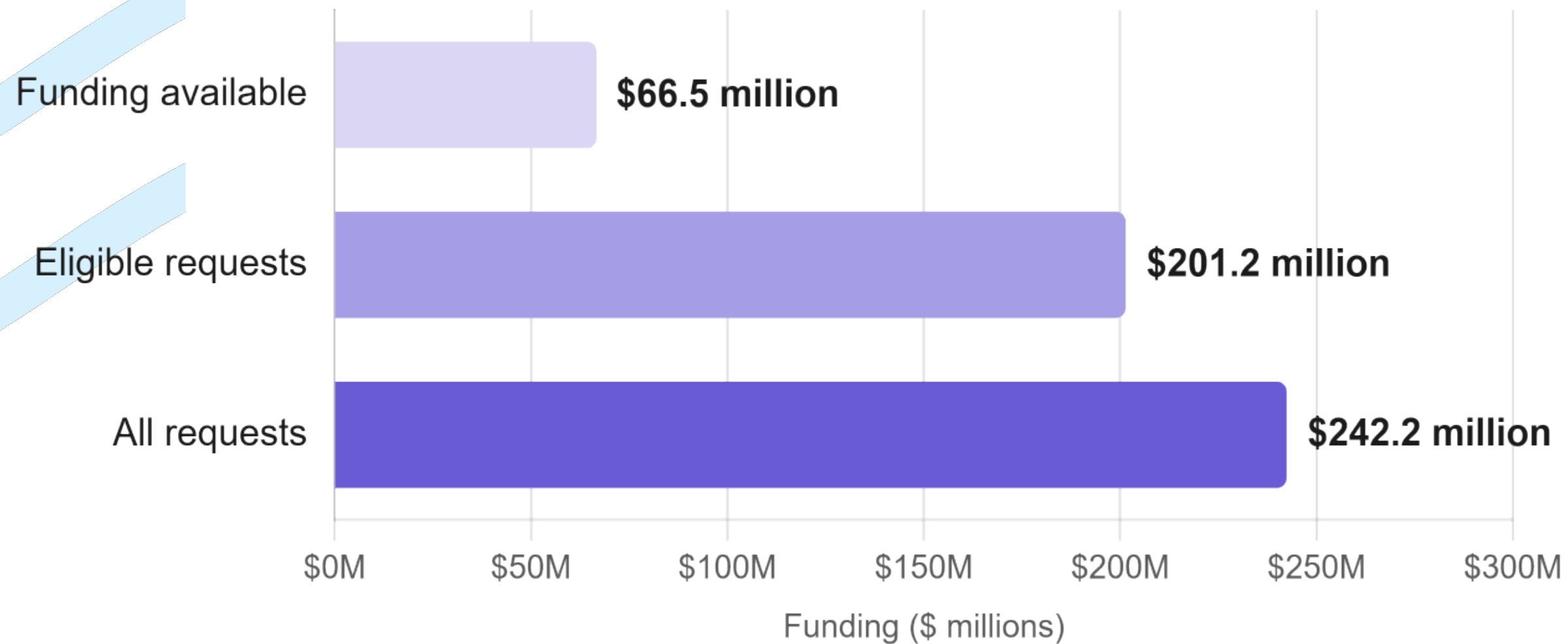
	Seed	Opportunity	Catalyst
Total Funding	\$66,540,000		
Grant Size	\$100,000 - \$200,000	\$500,000 - \$5 million	\$10 M - \$40 million
Grant Term	Up to 2 years	Up to 3 years	Up to 5 years
Eligible Applicants	Open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, no Co-Applicants	Lead Applicant must partner with at least 1 Co-Applicant(s)	Exemption: no Co-Applicant required
Eligible Communities	Benicia and surrounding communities	Benicia and surrounding communities	Benicia

(Note: Includes \$40 million for Benicia Catalyst grants)

Applications Received – Benicia and Surrounding Communities

	Total	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed
Applications	61	3	41	17
Projects	110	8	85	17
Funding Requested	\$242,155,742	\$90,770,910	\$147,951,379	\$3,433,453
Ineligible Applications (%)	16%	33%	12%	24%
Eligible Applications	51	2	36	13
Eligible Funding Requests	\$201,245,671	\$65,770,910	\$132,969,078	\$2,505,683
Eligible Projects	88	7	68	13

Oversubscription – Benicia and Surrounding Communities



Anticipated Community Benefits of the Recommended Investments

- **Reducing air pollution and improving health outcomes** through community health worker training, respiratory care, indoor air filtration, asthma education and home visits, and enhanced air quality monitoring
- **Accelerating home and building electrification** through rebate and technical assistance programs covering heat pumps, solar and battery systems, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- **Building clean energy workforce pathways** through training in heat pump installation, electric vessel operation, and contractor upskilling

Anticipated Community Benefits of the Recommended Investments (cont.)

- **Expanding economic opportunity** through paid workforce training in clean energy, urban agriculture, and youth service corps programs that prepare participants for careers in a transitioning economy
- **Advancing community-led just transition planning** through resident advisory boards and expanded environmental justice engagement
- **Delivering air quality and public health benefits across communities** through investments reaching residents at home, in clinics, in schools, and through workforce and advisory programs

Benicia Opportunity Grant Recommendations

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location(s)	Award
NorthBay Healthcare Corporation	Touro University	Vallejo	\$5,000,000
Public Health Institute-Regional Asthma Management and Prevention	University of California San Francisco, Solano Family & Children's Services, CoCo Kids, Bay Area Community Resources, Lincoln Families	Benicia, Pittsburg, Vallejo	\$2,473,898
University of California Berkeley	City of Martinez	Martinez	\$661,112
City of Benicia	Solano Economic Development Corporation	Benicia	\$5,000,000
Working Waterfront Coalition	Cal Poly Maritime Academy	Bay Point, Clyde, Concord, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill	\$1,755,440

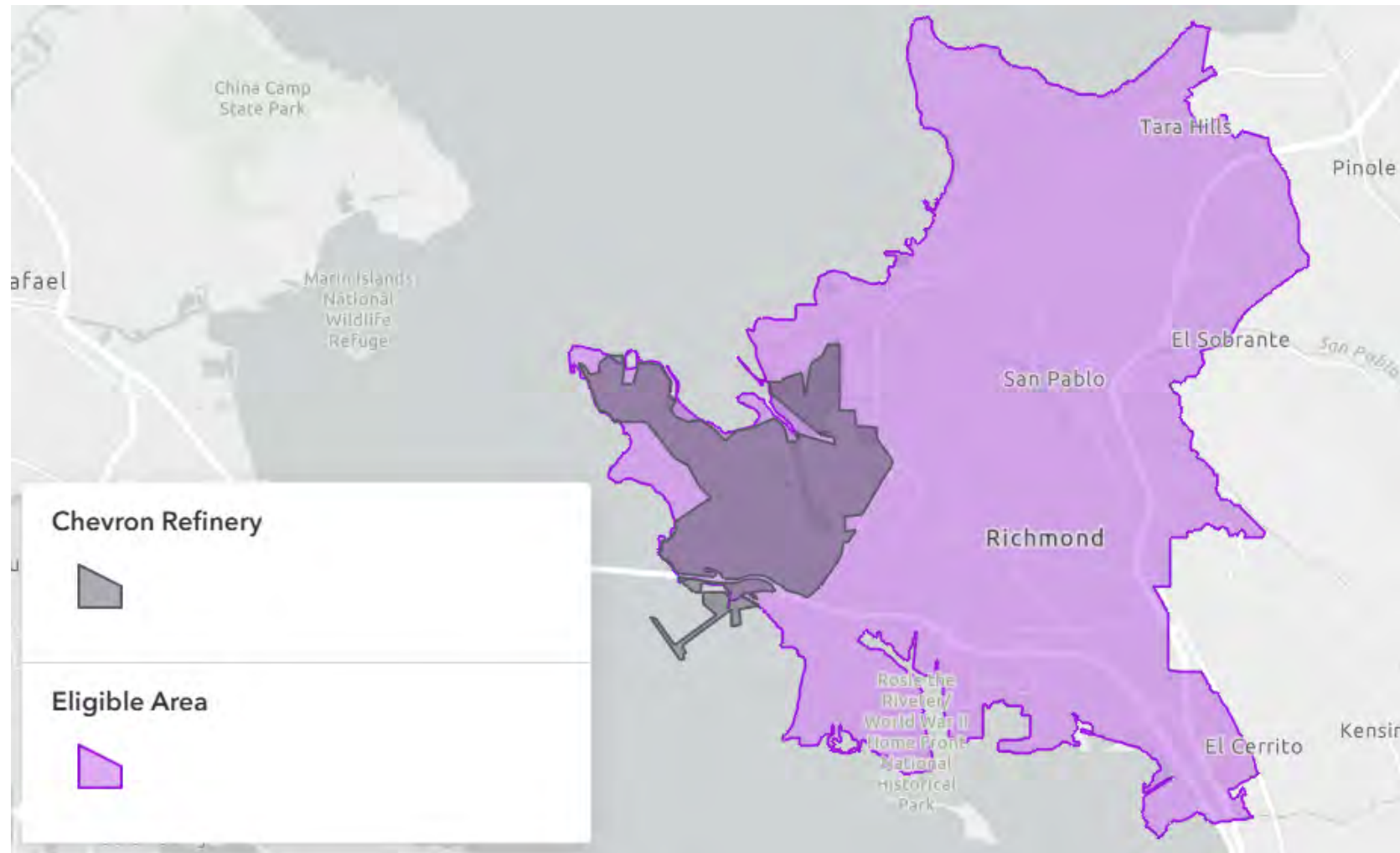
Benicia Opportunity Grant Recommendations (cont.)

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location(s)	Award
Western States Council of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART)	Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104, Emerald Cities Collaborative	Benicia, Bay Point, Clyde, Concord, Crockett, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Pittsburg, Port Costa, Rodeo, Vallejo, Vine Hill	\$5,000,000
Mt Diablo Unified School District	Mt Diablo Education Foundation, Growing Healthy Kids, Sigler Corporation	Bay Point	\$3,539,738
Sustainable Solano	4th Second, Arts Benicia, Benicia Tree Foundation, City of Benicia	Benicia, Vallejo	\$2,410,392

Benicia Seed Grant Recommendations

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location(s)	Award
John Muir Land Trust	-	Bay Point, Concord, Pittsburg	\$200,000
La Clinica de la Raza	-	Bay Point, Concord, Pittsburg, Vallejo	\$200,000
Fresh Air Vallejo	-	Vallejo	\$100,000
Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program	-	Benicia	\$199,420

Richmond and Surrounding Communities



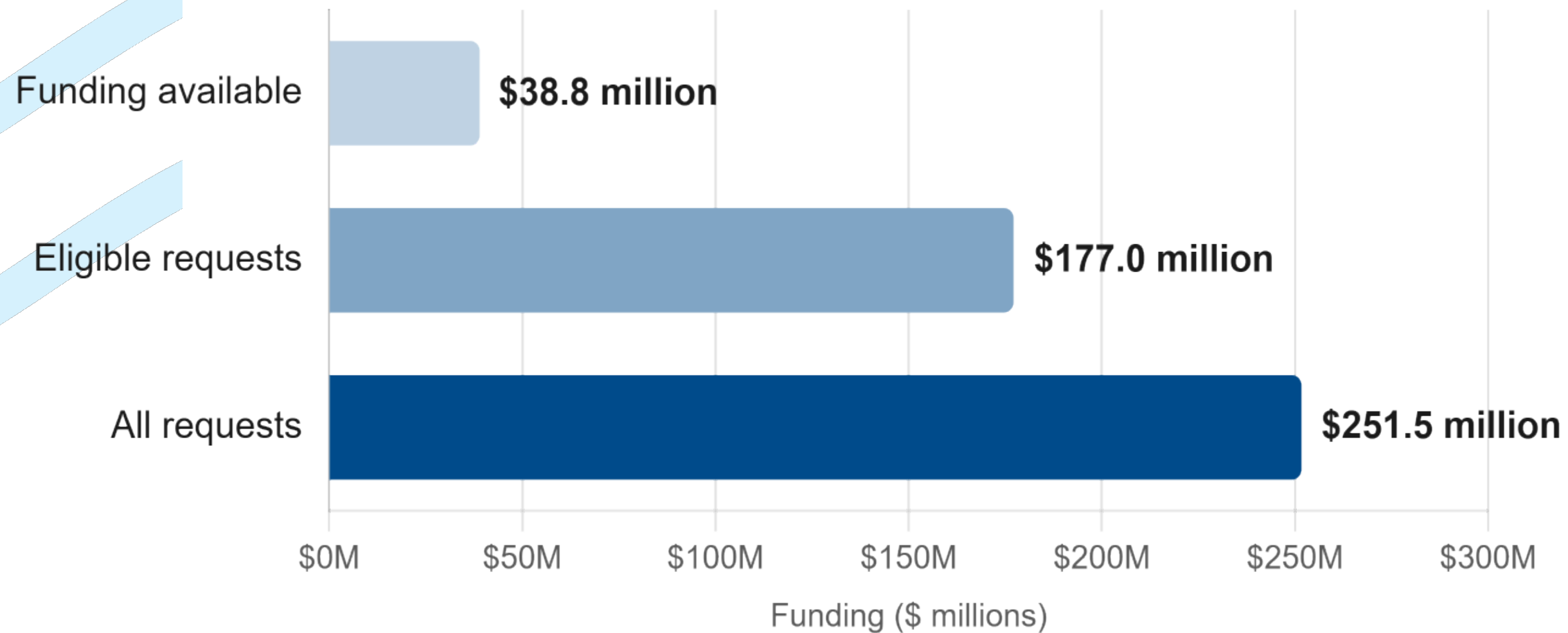
Grant Awards – Richmond and Surrounding Communities

	Seed	Opportunity	Catalyst
Total Funding	\$38,752,145		
Grant Size	\$100,000 - \$200,000	\$500,000 - \$5 million	\$10 million - \$15 million
Grant Term	Up to 2 years	Up to 3 years	Up to 5 years
Eligible Applicants	Open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, no Co-Applicants	Lead Applicant must partner with at least 1 Co-Applicant(s)	Lead Applicant must partner with multiple Co-Applicants
Eligible Communities	Richmond and surrounding communities	Richmond and surrounding communities	Richmond and surrounding communities

Applications Received – Richmond and Surrounding Communities

	Total	Catalyst	Opportunity	Seed
Applications	64	8	37	19
Projects	119	34	66	19
Funding Requested	\$251,469,853	\$116,537,090	\$131,194,103	\$3,738,661
Ineligible Applications (%)	16%	50%	14%	5%
Eligible Applications	54	4	32	18
Eligible Funding Requests	\$176,958,496	\$59,337,079	\$114,080,757	\$3,540,661
Eligible Projects	93	23	52	18

Oversubscription – Richmond and Surrounding Communities



Anticipated Community Benefits of the Recommended Investments

- **Reducing air pollution and improving public health** through indoor air filtration, air monitoring, environmental health education, respiratory healthcare services, and residential and transportation electrification
- **Advancing a just transition** through workforce training, clean energy career pathways, and youth leadership development programs
- **Strengthening community capacity for environmental justice** through resident engagement and community-led planning

Anticipated Community Benefits of the Recommended Investments (cont.)

- **Enhancing local climate resilience** through investments in parks, urban greening, and resilience hubs
- **Delivering air quality benefits across AB 617 Path to Clean Air communities** in homes, schools, daycare and senior centers, workplaces, and through community-based programs

Richmond Catalyst Grant Recommendations

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location(s)	Award
County of Contra Costa	Urban Tilth, Community Housing Development Corporation, The Watershed Project, Bay Area Regional Energy Network	North Richmond	\$12,934,417
City of Richmond	STEAM the Streets, GRID Alternatives, Groundwork Richmond, LifeLong Medical Care, Rich City Rides, Richmond Trees, Rising Juntos, RYSE Inc, The Black Neighborhood, The Watershed Project, University of California Berkeley	Richmond	\$10,681,489

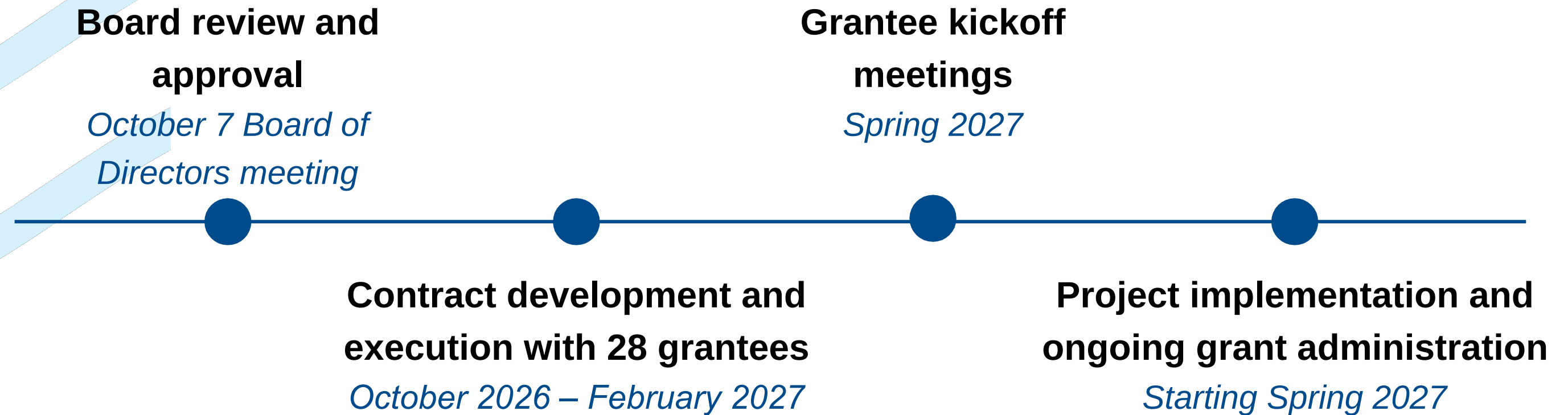
Richmond Opportunity Grant Recommendations

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location(s)	Award
City of San Pablo	Safe Organized Spaces Richmond	San Pablo	\$1,355,044
East Bay Economic Development Alliance	Friends of the Port	Richmond	\$962,959
Strategic Energy Innovations	Sustainable Contra Costa, Groundwork Richmond	Richmond, San Pablo	\$1,084,476
Growing Together	Planting Justice, West Contra Costa Unified School District, The Watershed Project	Richmond, San Pablo	\$2,072,123
The Labor Institute	United Steelworkers Local 5, Jobs with Justice San Francisco	Richmond	\$3,547,761
City of Pinole	Rebuilding Together East Bay Network	Pinole	\$4,999,682

Richmond Seed Grant Recommendations

Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location(s)	Award
Bay Area Community Resources	-	Richmond	\$200,000
California Center for Movement Legal Services	-	Richmond, San Pablo	\$199,930
Nepali Association of Northern California	-	El Sobrante, Richmond, Pinole	\$198,000
Asian Pacific Environmental Network	-	Richmond	\$200,000
FIERCE Advocates (Families and Individuals Equitably Rooted in Collective Empowerment)	-	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	\$200,000
Coalition for Clean Air	-	Richmond	\$116,264

Anticipated Next Steps



Recommended Action

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Questions & Discussion

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