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### **Air District offers \$250,000 in community grants**

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

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that the Board of Directors has set aside \$250,000 to fund community science projects through the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program for fiscal year ending 2018.

The grant program will fund locally-based projects designed to reduce and mitigate air pollution impacts while encouraging and increasing community education and engagement. Grants are intended to enable non-governmental community-based organizations to implement projects that increase education, outreach and leadership about air quality improvement issues. Grants will also fund mitigation projects and community-based participatory air quality research.

“The James Cary Smith Grant program allows the Air District to work together with communities on local projects to reduce air pollutants and mitigate the health impacts of air pollution,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Through partnership and engagement, we can develop community-based solutions that improve health in Bay Area communities while also reducing our regional global climate impact.”

A Community Grant Program webinar will be held on Thursday, November 9, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. where prospective applicants can ask questions about their proposals. Please visit the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program [website for more information](#).

Grant proposals will need to demonstrate a focus in one or more of the program areas: education and engagement; air-pollution impact mitigation projects; community/citizen science air quality projects. The Air District will award grants of up to \$25,000 for project implementation. Small grants of up to \$1,000 are also available to Bay Area teachers for in-classroom support for on-going air science related projects or curriculum application.

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

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

Applications are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2017.

To learn more and apply, please go to:

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/grant-funding/residents/community-grants-program> or call (415) 749-8423.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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