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Air District offers \$4.5 million in grants to public agencies for 2018 Climate Protection Grant Program

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is now accepting applications from public agencies for the 2018 Climate Protection Grant Program. A total of \$4.5 million is available for climate protection grants and individual award amounts are limited to between \$100,000 and \$300,000.

Under the 2018 Climate Protection Grant Program, the Air District will fund activities in two categories:

- 1. reducing greenhouse gases, or GHGs, from existing buildings or
- 2. fostering innovative strategies with long-term impacts in reducing GHG emissions.

"Many public agencies across the Bay Area are already implementing or planning creative solutions to reduce greenhouse gases," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "Working alongside these agencies to reduce emissions will allow us to make great strides in fighting climate change with examples that can be replicated throughout the Bay Area and the state."

The grant program prioritizes projects that make progress towards achieving the Air District's 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas reduction targets while accelerating the implementation of the Air District's 2017 Clean Air Plan and supporting local climate protection efforts.

Only public agencies located within the nine counties of the Bay Area are eligible to apply for the 2018 Climate Protection Grant Program. Public agencies that apply can also partner with third parties such as private businesses and non-profit organizations.

Potential applicants may review the <u>Grant Program Guidelines</u>, which further describe these program areas and outline the Climate Protection Grant Program's goals and objectives, eligibility and application requirements, and evaluation criteria. The Air District will also host a series of in-person workshops around the Bay Area to present more information about the program.

The deadline for completed applications is May 11, 2018.

For more information about the webinar and workshops and to apply for the program, visit the Climate Protection web page at http://www.baaqmd.gov/plans-and-climate/climate-protection/local-government-support/2018-climate-protection-grant-program. Questions may be submitted to: climate@baaqmd.gov.

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