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### **Air District funds \$4.5 million for public agency climate protection grants**

*Fostering innovative strategies that reduce greenhouse gases over the long-term*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air District Board of Directors has approved \$4.5 million to fund projects at 15 regional public agencies to reduce greenhouse gases from existing buildings, and or develop innovative strategies for long-term reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

All projects conform to *Spare the Air, Cool the Climate*, the Air District’s clean air plan, and accelerate the reduction of criteria air pollution as well as greenhouse gases. The selected projects are innovative approaches which hold promise as strategies that can be replicated throughout the region and beyond.

“These grants invest in on-the-ground, proactive carbon reducing projects identified by environmental professionals already at work throughout the Bay Area’s public sector,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Drawing on that expertise and providing new funding will help continue to move the Bay Area forward on the path toward meeting the region’s climate protection goals.”

The projects include \$400,000 to the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) a collaboration of the nine counties that make up the San Francisco Bay Area, led by the Association of Bay Area Governments. BayREN implements effective energy saving programs on a regional level and will develop a program to use electric hot water heat pumps instead of traditional natural gas water heating tanks.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority has been awarded \$263,000 to use automated sensor technology to help reduce contamination in compost.

Marin County, working along with other jurisdictions has been awarded \$206,000 to develop marketing and model policies to promote low-carbon concrete building materials in local municipalities.

The collection of new policies, projects, technological applications and collaborations receiving funding through these grants represents a wealth of benefit to the Bay Area and beyond.

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2018 climate grants include:

Applicant	County	Project	Grant Amount
San Francisco Dept. of Environment	San Francisco	Refrigeration upgrades in corner markets	\$ 166,175
Bay Area Renewable Energy Network (BayREN)	Multi-county	Reg'l market transformation for electric heat pump water heaters	\$ 400,000
Contra Costa County	Contra Costa	Web-based community engagement	\$ 198,617
City of San Jose	Santa Clara	City-based heat pump water heater project	\$ 325,000
Marin County	Marin	Building decarbonization pilot project	\$ 296,997
Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County	San Mateo	Zero-carbon accessory dwelling units	\$ 296,000
San Mateo Community College District	San Mateo	Climate Corps Fellows reducing GHGs in community colleges	\$ 300,000
Marin County	Marin	Develop market for low-carbon concrete	\$ 206,456
City of Palo Alto	Santa Clara	Refrigerated appliance recycling	\$ 132,000
Alameda County Waste Management Authority	Alameda	Reducing contamination in compost	\$ 263,658
Silicon Valley Clean Energy	Santa Clara	County-based heat pump water heaters	\$ 325,000
City of Brisbane	San Mateo	Commercial building ordinance to reduce energy use	\$ 200,000
East Bay Community Energy	Alameda	Resilient solar for critical facilities	\$ 300,000
Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority	Sonoma	E-bike incentive and marketing	\$ 250,460
City of Santa Clara	Santa Clara	Replace diesel generators with battery storage in data centers	\$ 300,000
City of Palo Alto	San Mateo	Replace wall furnaces with electric heat pumps	\$ 296,220
City of Fremont	Alameda	Distributed energy to decarbonize buildings	\$ 245,000

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](#). For more information about Spare the Air, visit [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

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