

# Bay Area Clean Air Centers

California has experienced some of the deadliest and most destructive wildfires in its history over the last decade. Studies show that climate change is not only causing higher temperatures and longer dry periods, but also lengthening the fire season and increasing the risk of wildfires throughout the state.



The Clean Air Centers Program creates a network of locations where Bay Area residents can find respite from wildfire smoke during poor air quality. Clean Air Centers will provide portable air cleaners or HVAC upgrades to schools and locations throughout the Bay Area that can serve the public when air quality reaches unhealthy levels. More than 75 percent of Clean Air Centers throughout the Bay Area will benefit vulnerable communities most impacted by air pollution.

To better prepare, respond and build resiliency to catastrophic wildfires, the Air District worked with Assembly Member Buffy Wicks to sponsor **Assembly Bill 836: Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Center Incentive Program for Vulnerable Populations**. The purpose of the bill was to establish an expansive network of publicly accessible facilities with high-efficiency air filtration systems for people who may not otherwise have access to clean air during wildfire events. **Governor Newsom signed the bill on October 2019, approving \$5 million towards the program. \$3 million was allocated to the Air District for the nine-county Bay Area region through the California Air Resources Board for the development of a grant program.** This program supplements other Air District efforts and actions from local offices of emergency services and the Red Cross to create a comprehensive network of Clean Air Centers in the region.



**331**   
Clean Air Center locations

**\$5 million approved**   
**STATEWIDE**

**\$3 million**   
allocated to the Air District  
for the nine-county Bay Area region

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