

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. (Note: this includes Benicia Catalyst Grants already awarded by the Board of Directors at its September 2, 2026 meeting.) The following recommendations are submitted for Board consideration and adoption:

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Lead Applicant	Co-Applicant(s)	Location	Grant Type	Award Rec.
Benicia Unified School District	-	Benicia	Catalyst	\$10,000,000 (already awarded)
City of Benicia	-	Benicia	Catalyst	\$30,000,000 (already awarded)
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 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 Hill	Opportunity	\$5,000,000

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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 BENICIA 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 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

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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)

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- **Grant Term:** 3 years
 - **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 (PM2.5) 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.

5) Lead Applicant: Working Waterfront Coalition

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

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- **Projects:** 3
 - **Application Description:** A portfolio of three interconnected air quality and just transition strategies.
 - Heat Pump Equity: Expansion of a heat pump HVAC and water heater rebate program that supports compliance with proposed Air District rules.
 - Community Contractor Growth: A workforce development initiative that equips local contractors with the skills needed to install heat pumps supported through the rebate program.
 - 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 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.
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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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

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- Rio Vista Farm: Expand school greening and community air monitoring programs to better measure air quality and reduce students' exposure to harmful pollutants.
 - 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
 - **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.
 - 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.
 - 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 BENICIA 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.
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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

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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.
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12)Lead Applicant: Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program

- **Application Title:** BCAMP Station Upgrade
- **Award Recommendation:** \$199,420 (**Award Request:** \$199,420)

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- **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

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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	-	North Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo	Seed	\$200,000
Coalition for Clean Air	-	Richmond	Seed	\$116,264

RECOMMENDED RICHMOND 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, and daycare facilities.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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

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hired stewardship workforce, including 15 Block Ambassadors, to maintain improvements, engage residents, and promote long-term community stewardship.

- 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 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.
 - 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.
 - 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

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- are free for seniors and students and available at low cost for all other riders.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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

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strengthen resident leadership and advocacy to advance climate health equity and community-driven solutions.

- 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.
- 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.
 - 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.

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- 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.
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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 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.
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5) **Lead Applicant:** Strategic Energy Innovations

- **Application Title:** Clean Air Leaders

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

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while helping enhance local green-blue spaces.

- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 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.
 - Getting Ready – Advancing a Diverse Economy: Develop an economic development strategy focused on

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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)

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- **Grant Term:** 2 years
 - **Project Location:** Richmond
 - **Co-Applicant(s):** N/A (by design, Seed grants do not require formal partners)
 - **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. 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.
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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.