Wildfire Response:
Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Population Grant Program (AB 836)

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Objective of AB 836

Help fund ventilation retrofit projects or portable air cleaners to provide vulnerable communities access to facilities with cleaner air when wildfire or other smoke events impacts the region.

$3M of the $5M from AB 836 was allocated to Bay Area Air Quality Management District.
## Project Types

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| • Funding for facility ventilation retrofits and high efficiency air filtration systems (MERV 13 or greater)  
  • **Location**: in smoke burdened areas and those in or near historically underserved communities | • Funding for portable air cleaners and replacement filters  
  • **Location**: Priority given to historically underserved communities  
  • **No upfront costs** | • Funding for HEPA or MERV 13 or greater replacement filters  
  • **Location**: in smoke burdened areas and those in or near historically underserved communities |
Facility Types

Criteria

1. Facilities located in schools in or near historically underserved communities
2. Facilities that are close to and provide easy access for vulnerable populations
3. Facilities that have a reasonable capacity to meet the possible clean air center needs of vulnerable populations
4. Facilities that are ready for ventilation and filtration installation, upgrades, or retrofits

Recommended types

Community Center
Library
School
Senior Center
Sports Center
Eligible Applicants

• **New** - County or city-level agency in coordination with communities/schools/CBOs, etc.
• Have to own the property or provide evidence from property owner allowing to install and operate Clean Air Center
• Religious institutions are not eligible
• One application per county or city
Applications from County-level agencies will be prioritized when considering funding awards. Within each county, applications will be prioritized and considered in the following order:

1. Portable air cleaners in historically underserved communities
2. Portable air cleaners for vulnerable populations across the County
3. HVAC air filter replacements in or near historically underserved communities
4. Facility upgrades in or near historically underserved communities
Historically Underserved Communities

Communities scoring in the top 30% of CalEnviroScreen 4.0

https://arcg.is/0jTT4j
Smoke Burdened

Multiple days at or above EPA's "Unhealthy" category of AirNow Air Quality Index (or Air Quality Index of 150 or higher) in the past five years.

www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/air-quality-index-report
Application Process

Clean Air Centers

01 Application per Project type
- One application per retrofit
- One application for all portable air cleaners
- One application for all air filter replacements

02 Evaluation
Air District reviews application for eligibility and completeness.

03 Installation/Reimbursement
- Retrofits: Max 24-months to complete installation.
- Reimbursement within 60 days of installation.
- Air Filters: Ordering and shipping of units by Air District within 30 days.

04 Operations
Minimum 5-year operations and maintenance of Clean Air Center required.

DUE Jul. 15, 2022
Reporting Requirements
Clean Air Centers

01 Installation
Status update every 6-months for retrofits only

02 Completion
Project completion report after clean air center setup

03 Operations
Annual report for 5-years after project completion.

04 Records
Retention
Maintain all records for minimum 5-years after final payment.
ROADMAP 2022

Clean Air Centers
Solicitation No. 2

MILESTONES:
• Release updated guidelines

MILESTONES:
• Applications due Jul 15
• Evaluation of applications by BAAQMD and CARB

MILESTONES:
• Open solicitation Jun 15

MILESTONES:
• Notice of proposed awards released
• Deploy Clean Air Centers
Help identify locations for Clean Air Centers that would best serve your community during a wildfire or other smoke events.

This map will remain open for the duration of the program on our website at:

Link to map: [https://rspcerp.mysocialpinpoint.com/clean-air-centers#/](https://rspcerp.mysocialpinpoint.com/clean-air-centers#/)

Comments

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