

# The Bay Area Air District's James Cary Smith Community Grant Program

## Cycle 2 Project Summaries (Grant Term: July 2025 – July 2028)

Awardees are listed in alphabetical order. For additional information about the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program, please visit [www.baaqmd.gov/communitygrants](http://www.baaqmd.gov/communitygrants).

Grantee	Project Name	Project Location(s)	Project Description	Total Grant Amount
<a href="#"><u>All Positives Possible</u></a>	Air Guardians Outreach Project	Vallejo (Solano County)	Equipping disadvantaged and low-income communities in the Sereno Village Richardson Park Neighborhood in Vallejo with the tools, knowledge, and leadership skills needed to address air pollution and environmental injustices through an immersive Air Guardians gaming experience, workshops, and toxic tours.	\$300,000
<a href="#"><u>Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast</u></a>	Building Capacity and Equity for Clean Air and Healthy Lungs	San Jose, South San Francisco, and Gilroy (Santa Clara County and San Mateo County)	Using a Community Action Model to develop the capacity of emerging community leaders through meaningful engagement in public meetings and community education in the counties of Santa Clara and San Mateo, with a focus on disadvantaged and environmental justice communities in San Jose, South San Francisco, and Gilroy.	\$300,000
<a href="#"><u>Brightline Defense Project</u></a>	Our Community, Our Air Program	Eastern San Francisco	Organizing, training, and building the capacity of Single-Room Occupancy tenant leaders, Spanish-speaking community leaders, and youth leaders to assess local needs and host air quality workshops for community members in Eastern San Francisco geographies, and meaningfully engage in public decision-making processes.	\$300,000
<a href="#"><u>California Interfaith Power &amp; Light</u></a>	Faith-Led: Building Resilient Communities for Clean Air and Climate Action	Alameda County, San Mateo County, and/or Santa Clara County	Building capacity among faith groups to address air pollution and its impacts; engaging congregations to address air pollution, with a focus on disadvantaged communities within Alameda County, San Mateo County, and/or Santa Clara County.	\$300,000

<a href="#"><u>Citizen Air Monitoring Network</u></a>	Clean Air Ambassador Program for Carquinez Strait Communities	Vallejo, Crockett, and Rodeo (Solano County and Contra Costa County)	Expanding the Clean Air Ambassador Program, which is already established in Vallejo, to train community members in Crockett and Rodeo on air quality and engage in local air quality-related projects. The program includes a five-month leadership curriculum and a four-month community project phase.	\$300,000
<a href="#"><u>Climate Action Pathways for Schools</u></a>	Empowering Student-Led Climate Action Pathways in Morgan Hill's Schools & Fostering Authentic Participation by the City's Environmental Justice Communities	Morgan Hill (Santa Clara County)	Expanding its partnership with the Morgan Hill Unified School District to encompass environmental justice and city planning work to establish, with the City of Morgan Hill, the City's first Environmental Justice Element. The project will hire and train high school student interns to develop sustainability and decarbonization projects in their schools, and engage in the City's environmental justice and planning process.	\$293,560
<a href="#"><u>El Concilio of San Mateo County</u></a>	Climate Ready Ambassadors: Construyendo promotores del medio ambiente en San Mateo County (Building environmental promotores in San Mateo County)	North Fair Oaks/ Redwood City, North Central San Mateo, and North County (San Mateo County)	Increasing climate and environmental justice organizing capacity for Spanish-speaking Latinos in San Mateo County environmental justice communities through a Climate Ambassadors promotores training program. The project's initial focus will be on North Fair Oaks, Redwood City, and the North Central neighborhood of City of San Mateo, followed by expansion to North San Mateo County including South San Francisco and San Bruno.	\$294,527
<a href="#"><u>La Clínica de La Raza</u></a>	Air Quality Community Advocates (AQCA) Project	Pittsburg/Bay Point, Vallejo (Contra Costa County and Solano County)	Implementing a Community Action Model led by Spanish-speaking Promotor@s in Pittsburg/Bay Point and Vallejo to increase public awareness of air quality issues and health effects of air pollution, advocate for their communities, and improve health outcomes.	\$300,000

<a href="#"><u>Multicultural Center of Marin</u></a>	Building Community Leadership	Canal Neighborhood of San Rafael (Marin County)	Building community leadership and power to advance climate justice and community resilience in the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael through monthly leadership trainings for Spanish-speaking community members to collaboratively create and implement a curriculum focused on environmental justice and advocacy skills.	\$299,346
<a href="#"><u>PODER (Fiscal sponsor: Tides Center)</u></a>	Bicis del Pueblo/Bikes for the People - Building Skills, Advancing Environmental Justice	Mission and Outer Mission/Excelsior Neighborhoods (San Francisco)	Supporting low-income youth and families in San Francisco's Mission and the Outer Mission/Excelsior neighborhoods to incorporate bicycle use, providing community education on the health and environmental benefits of cycling and the impacts of climate change, and supporting community members to monitor the equitable implementation of the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency's <i>Biking and Rolling Plan: Active Communities</i> .	\$300,000
<a href="#"><u>San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility</u></a>	Building Capacity to Secure Equity and Justice in Residential Electrification	San Francisco	Empowering eight community-based organizations to identify and build a coalition of residents from San Francisco environmental justice communities through the Building Electrification Ambassador Program to produce and disseminate culturally relevant educational materials regarding electrification, expand outreach and education, and advocate for their communities.	\$300,000
<a href="#"><u>Urban Habitat</u></a>	Building the capacity of Rising Juntos' members to engage in climate and air quality processes	Pittsburg/Bay Point (Contra Costa County)	Partnering with Rising Juntos to increase the capacity of their members in East Contra Costa County to improve air quality and public health through community workshops in English and Spanish.	\$200,000