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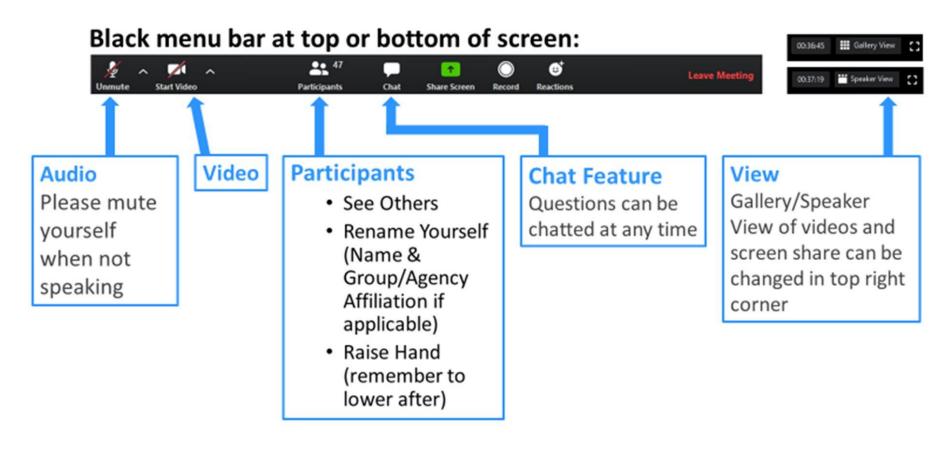


# James Cary Smith Community Grant Program

Informational Webinar - August 31, 2021 Elinor Mattern & Aneesh Rana



#### **Zoom Information**



## Webinar Info & Participation Principles



- This webinar will be recorded and posted online.
- Questions about the grant program will also be posted online.

- One person speaks at a time.
- Please mute yourself when you're not speaking.
- Technology happens please be flexible and patient.

#### Agenda



- Background on Community Engagement grants
- Current funding cycle
- Who can apply
- Eligible activities
- Important dates
- Application assistance
- Questions & answers

#### Background



- The Community Engagement Office has offered grant funding to local organizations for over a decade.
- Since 2019 Two concurrent grant programs
- In 2021 Conducted program evaluation with grantees

### **Current Funding Cycle**



- One refocused James Cary Smith Community Grant program
- \$750,000 available for organizations per year
- \$100,000 per year maximum for an individual grant
- Potential for funding for up to three years
- Grants must be used to design and implement strategies that foster authentic community participation in planning activities that improve a community's environmental health.

#### Who Can Apply

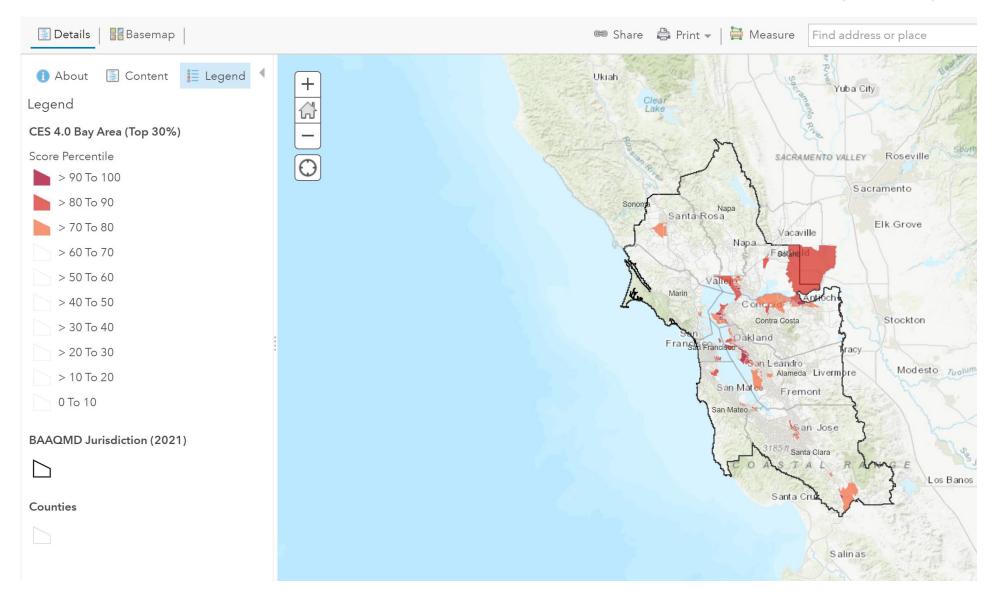


- Community-based groups and/or 501(c)(3) nonprofits with proposed projects located within the Air District's jurisdiction
- Priority will be given to disadvantaged communities please see CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (<a href="https://arcg.is/1Cu5Sj">https://arcg.is/1Cu5Sj</a>)
- Projects in West Oakland and the Richmond/San Pablo area are not eligible due to ongoing projects authorized by California Assembly Bill 617.
- Considerations for projects in East Oakland

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### **Building Capacity**



Projects should build community leadership around air quality concerns, and strengthen the ability of communities to lead future emissions and exposure reduction efforts.

Build Capacity to Lead

#### **Eligible Activities**



#### Needs Assessment

Community Organizing

 Research and report on what a community needs to engage in local air quality decision making.

### Eligible Activities (cont.)



Needs Assessment

**Community Organizing** 

 Leadership development, community mobilizing and coalition building.

Build Capacity to Lead

### Eligible Activities (cont.)



 Provide communities with resources and information needed to meaningfully participate in decisions that impact local environmental health.



Build Capacity

#### **Important Dates**



- Sept.16, 10:00AM Tips & Tricks Pre-grant Application Webinar
- Sept. 22, 5:00PM All questions about grant applications due
- Sept. 27, 5:00 PM Responses to grant application questions posted
- October 1, 5:00 PM PST All grant applications due
- Fall 2021 Grants awarded
- Winter 2021 Finalize grant agreements
- January 2022 December 2022 Grantees perform work

#### **Application Assistance**



Help is available in English, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Tagalog:

- 如需中文資訊,請致電415-796-6440 x 1。
- Para obtener información en español, por favor llame al 415-796-6440 x 2.
- Để biết thông tin bằng tiếng Việt, vui lòng gọi 415-796-6440 x 3.
- Para sa impormasiyon sa Filipino, pakitawagan ang 415-796-6440 x 4.



# Questions

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