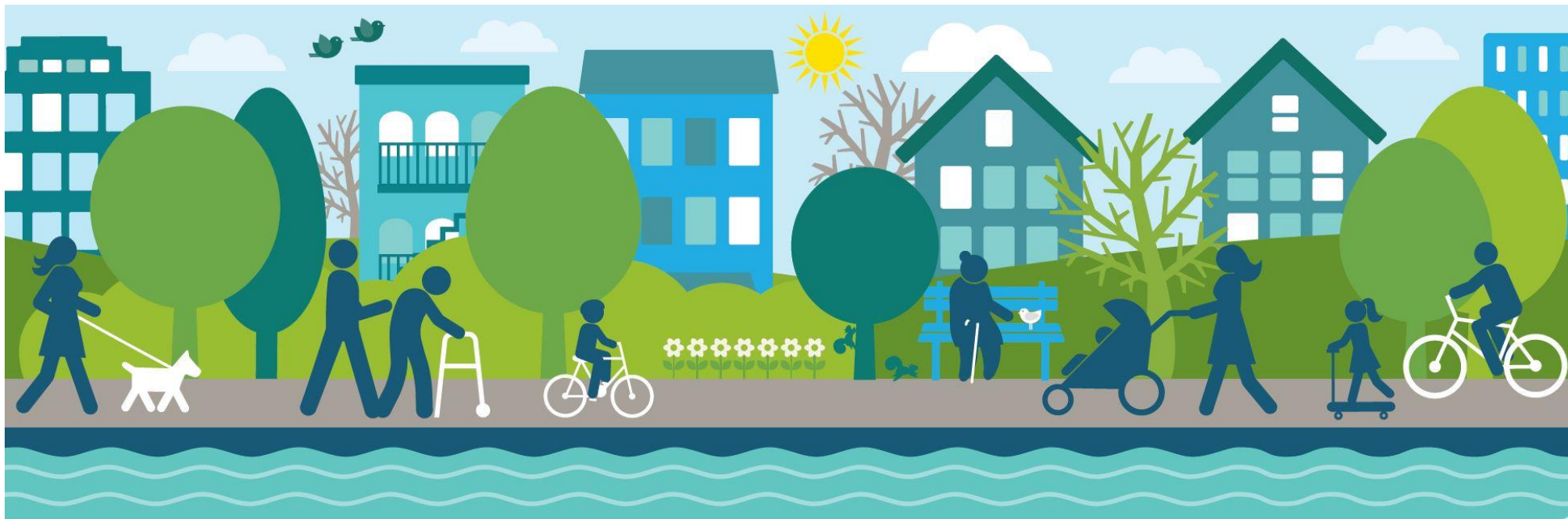




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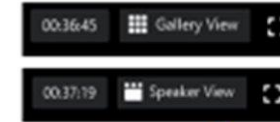
James Cary Smith Community Grant Program

Informational Webinar for Cycle 2 - October 22, 2024



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Agenda

- Air District Overview
- Community Grant Program Background
- James Cary Smith Community Grant Program – Cycle 2
- Who can apply, Eligible activities, & Important dates
- Resources & Application Assistance
- Questions & Answers



Air District Overview

- The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District, or BAAQMD) is the government agency responsible for protecting air quality in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- The Air District regulates stationary sources of air pollution in the nine counties that surround the bay.
- The Air District improves air quality to protect public health, reduce historical and environmental inequities, and mitigate climate change and its impacts.

Community Grant Program Background



- The Air District has offered community grant funding to local organizations for over a decade.
- The James Cary Smith Community Grant Program is named for Jim Smith, the Air District's former Community Outreach Manager who passed away in 2015.



James Cary Smith

JCS Community Grant Program – Cycle 2



- \$1.5 million available to community-based organizations through Cycle 2 of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program
- Maximum amount for an individual grant is \$300,000 over three years, with a maximum of \$100,000 per year
- The grant program supports the full involvement and leadership of communities most directly impacted by environmental injustices to influence policy and improve air quality



Who Can Apply

- California community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) status, **or** CBOs in partnership with a fiscal sponsor that is a California community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Current and recent Air District grantees can apply
- Unlike Cycle 1, applicants can propose projects in any of the four designated Assembly Bill 617 communities: Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco; East Oakland; West Oakland; and the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo area.



Evaluation of Proposals

- Applications will be reviewed after the submittal deadline.
- Applications that do not meet all minimum requirements will be disqualified from the application review process.
- Eligible applications will be evaluated and ranked according to the scoring criteria shared in the Request for Applications.



Preferential Geographies

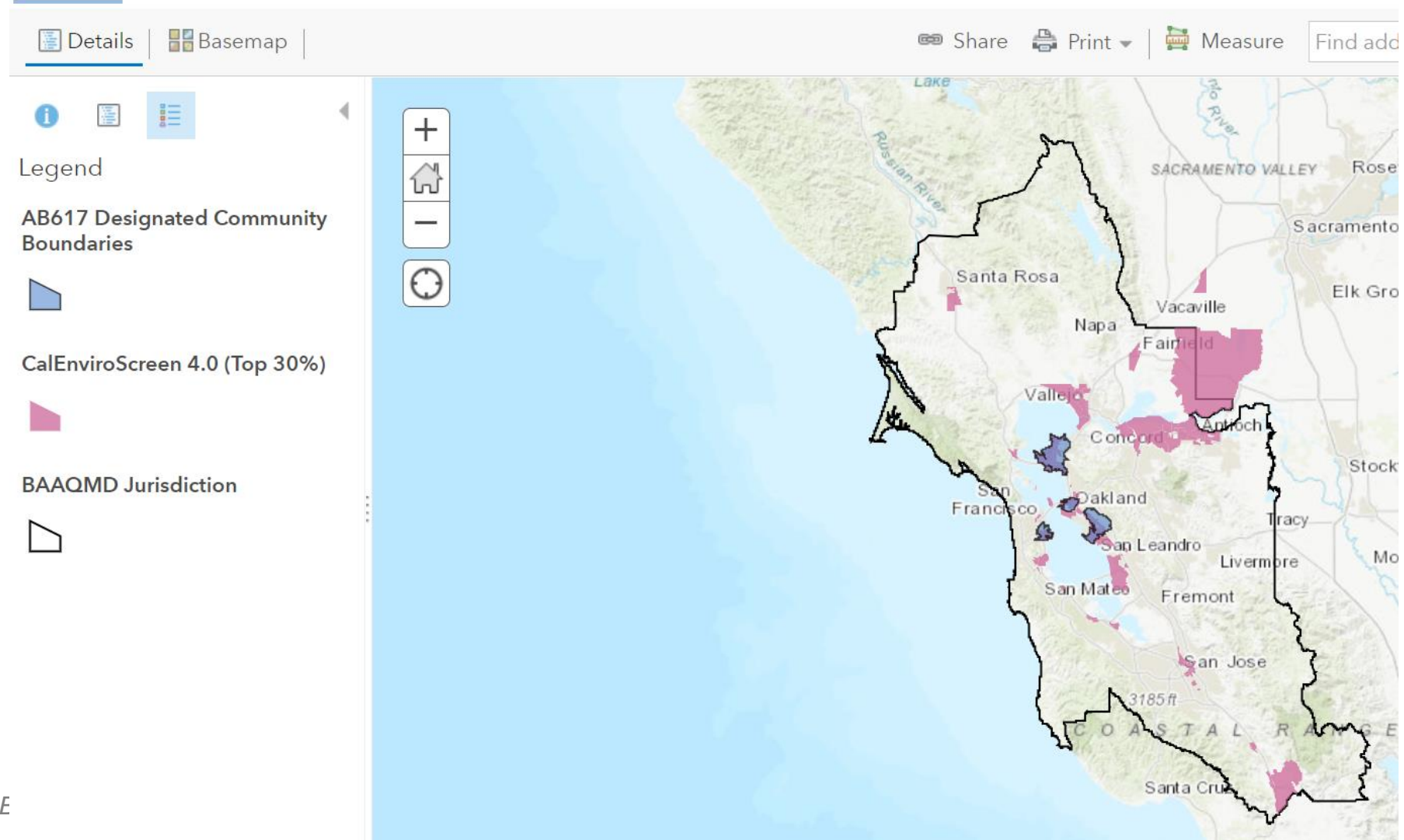
Preference will be given to proposed projects serving one or more communities that:

- Are awaiting Assembly Bill 617 designation (including the Pittsburg-Bay Point area; San Jose; San Leandro; the Tri-Valley including cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon; Vallejo), **OR**
- Have an overall score of 70 to 100 in CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (<https://arcg.is/abX4W>), **OR**
- Are identified as environmental justice communities using a screening methodology other than CalEnviroScreen 4.0.

CalEnviroScreen 4.0



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Eligible Activities

Funded work can include any combination of the following:

- **Community Organizing:** Design and implement strategies to organize communities around air quality and other environmental justice issues.
- **Authentic Participation:** Support the full involvement and leadership of environmental justice (EJ) communities to influence policy and improve air quality.

Eligible Activities – Community Organizing



This can include any of the following strategies to organize communities around air quality and other EJ issues:

- Education
- Outreach
- Community needs assessments
- Leadership development
- Community mobilizing
- Coalition building



Eligible Activities – Authentic Participation

This can include any of the following strategies to support the full involvement and leadership of EJ communities:

- Provide communities with resources & info
- Plan activities that help communities learn about local air quality issues, explore the root causes of air pollution and its impact, and identify agencies that may address their concerns
- Provide advocacy training, leadership training, and/or facilitation training
- Make recommendations to Air District staff



Important Dates

- Nov. 7, 2:00PM – Optional Tips & Tricks Pre-Application Webinar
- Dec. 4, 5:00PM - All questions about grant applications due
- Dec. 12, 5:00 PM - Responses to grant application questions posted
- **January 7, 5:00 PM PST - All grant applications due**
- Quarter 1, 2025 – Notices of Grant Awards sent
- Spring 2025 – Draft and finalize grant agreements
- Summer 2025 – Summer 2028 - Grantees perform work



Resources

- James Cary Smith Community Grant Program: www.baaqmd.gov/communitygrants
- Learn about projects funded by Cycle 1: [link](#)
- Public Funding Resources: [link](#)



Application Assistance

Webinar: Tips and Tricks When Applying for Government Grants

Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 2:00 PM

The technical assistance team will offer tips and tricks to prospective applicants interested in learning more about grant application procedures. Please use the following link to join the webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81694813564.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81694813564)



Questions and Answers