School Community Grants Program
Informational Webinar

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Community Grants Program Overview

- Community Grant Program highlighted as a way to promote the Public Participation Plan.
- This is the 4th cycle of the Program.
- First cycle to use our formal bonfire portal for applications.
School Community Grants

- Grants will serve to encourage collaborative partnerships between the Air District and school communities in air pollution reduction.
Current Funding Cycle

- $50,000
- 20 grants (if everyone applies for the full amount)
- Funding priorities for projects that:
  - Increase the knowledge about the science of air quality
  - Address the connection between air quality and public health
  - Address the impact of air pollution on the global climate
Priority Funding Criteria

Communities highly impacted by air pollution

- AB 617 communities:
  - West Oakland, Richmond/San Pablo Area, Vallejo, Pittsburg/Bay Point Area, East Oakland/San Leandro Area, Eastern San Francisco Area, Tri-Valley Area, San Jose

- Projects in schools serving low-income students.
Some Examples of Eligible Projects

- School Tree Planting Activities
- S.T.E.M. Club Activities
- Spare the Air Idle Free Bay Area Campaigns
- Teaching Materials, such as books, videos, and equipment related to air quality education
- Air Pollution Emergency Preparedness Planning
- Teacher, parent, or student led air quality related projects.
## Proposed Timeline

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<td>December 7, 2018</td>
<td>Release of Program Guidelines / Call for Applications</td>
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<td>Applications due (by 5pm)</td>
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<td>April 2019-June 30, 2020</td>
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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who can apply?**
  - Teachers, parents, or student leaders (principal approval required)
  - Non-profit organizations

- **Can a non-profit organization send in an application on behalf of multiple schools?**
  - No, a non-profit organization cannot submit an application on behalf of multiple schools. A non-profit organization would have to submit one application for each school site it serves.

- **Can this funding be used to purchase incentives?**
  - Yes, but this should not be the entirety of your budget proposal. In the past we have funded ~1/3 of the total amount of the grant on incentives but these were linked to the overall proposal and main goals of the grant.

- **Can these funds be used to pay for stipends?**
  - The grant cannot be used to fund stipends but can be used for compensation. Our legal team distinguishes between these two.
Questions

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