BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

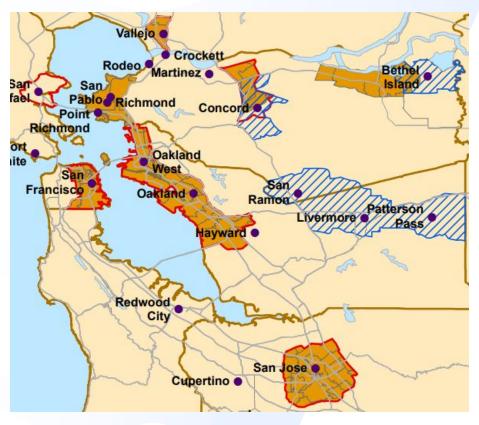
Communities highly impacted by air pollution

> 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 lowincome students.

CARE Communities:





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

Tentative Dates	Action
December 7, 2018	Release of Program Guidelines / Call for Applications
January 31, 2019	Applications due (by 5pm)
February 18, 2019	Grantees notified
April 2019	Grant agreements in place
April 2019-June 30, 2020	Execute work
June 30, 2020	Final invoices and reports due



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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