

Bay Area Air District: People's Air Grant Program

Key Questions

What is the People's Air Grant Program?

- The People's Air Grant Program will distribute funding from the Air District's Community Benefit Fund, a one-time allocation approved by the Board of Directors. These funds do not come from penalty funds and will support projects in impacted communities to reduce exposure to air pollution and address public health.
- The program will distribute \$3,000,000 in funding to projects serving impacted communities.
- Applications opened on March 12, 2026.
- For more info, please visit www.baaqmd.gov/peoplesairgrant.

What is the Local Community Benefits Fund - is it different?

- The Air District's Local Community Benefits Fund is different from the People's Air Grant Program. It directs penalty funds and other funds from enforcement actions into Bay Area communities impacted by air quality violations through grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$40 million.
- Through the Bay REPAIR (Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience) program, funding will support community-driven projects that reduce air pollution, improve health outcomes, and build economic resilience for a just transition away from the harmful effects of a fossil-fuel economy.
- Round 1 will distribute up to \$95,000,000 in funds to Benicia, Richmond, and surrounding communities.
- Applications opened on January 29, 2026.
- For more info, please visit www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-investments-office.

Could my organization/entity be eligible for both grants?

- Yes, some entities may be eligible for both grants. Please visit the [People's Air Grant Program](#) webpage and [Community Investments Office](#) webpage for detailed eligibility information.

Which grant program should I apply for?

- This will depend on where your proposed project would be, the type of project you seek to implement, and the dollar amount requested. Please visit the [People's Air Grant Program](#) webpage and [Community Investments Office](#) webpage for detailed information.
- Applicants can apply for both programs if they are eligible.
- Applicants would need to complete two separate applications to be considered for both programs.