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Bay Area Air District

Air District Opens Applications for People's Air Grant Program

$3 million available to support air quality and public health projects in impacted communities

Dear Bay Area Community,

The Air District is pleased to announce a grant opportunity for community-based groups, local 501(c)(3) organizations, public agencies, and California Native American Tribes to support projects in impacted communities that reduce exposure to air pollution and address public health impacts.

The People's Air Grant Program will distribute funding from the Air District's Community Benefit Fund, established through a one-time application approved by the Board of Directors. These funds are not derived from penalty funds, and will provide up to $400,000 per organization over two years, with a maximum of $200,000 per year. Projects must be located within the Air District's nine-county Bay Area jurisdiction.

Eligible projects will achieve any combination of the following objectives:

- Provide education regarding the health impacts of air pollution and pollution mitigation initiatives
- Conduct community-driven air quality monitoring
- Support health care resources and services in order to improve health outcomes for people experiencing health impacts related to air pollution exposure
- Implement mitigation initiatives designed to decrease air pollution or exposure in order to reduce negative health outcomes

Applications will be accepted until May 29, 2026 at 5 PM Pacific Time. For additional information and to apply, please visit www.baaqmd.gov/peoplesairgrant.

Important Dates

Webinars

- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 | 10 AM – Optional Informational Webinar (registration link)
- Thursday, April 9, 2026 | 1 PM – Optional Application Preparation Webinar (Zoom link)

Application Timeline

- April 17, 2026 | 5 PM – All questions about grant applications due
- April 30, 2026 | 5 PM – All responses to grant application questions will be posted
- Friday, May 29, 2026 | 5 PM Pacific Time – Grant applications due

Award & Implementation Timeline

- July 2026 – Notices of Grant Awards Sent
- Summer – Fall 2026 – Finalize Grant Agreements
- January 2027 – January 2029 – Grant Term

Both webinars will be recorded and posted to the following webpage, along with grant application questions and answers: www.baaqmd.gov/peoplesairgrant.

Simultaneous language interpretation for webinars is available upon request with at least 72 hours' notice before each event. To request interpretation, please contact Lisa Flores at lflores@baaqmd.gov or 415-749-4642.

A version of this notice and the Request for Applications will be available in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese at the following webpage: www.baaqmd.gov/peoplesairgrant.

For general questions or assistance, please contact peoplesairgrant@baaqmd.gov.

Working to protect public health, air quality, and the global climate,
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