AB 617 Community Air Grants

Post First Year Learning Sessions

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AB 617 - Community Air Protection Program

AIR MONITORING

Building a Community-Focused Framework



INCENTIVE INVESTMENTS

IMPROVED DATA ACCESSIBILITY



WITH LAND USE

& TRANSPORTATION

AGENCIES

Community Air Grant Program

- California Health and Safety Code, Section 44391.2, subsection (d): The state board shall provide grants to community-based organizations for technical assistance and to support community participation in the implementation of this section and Section 42705.5 [AB 617].
- The purpose of the Community Air Grants Program is to provide community-based organizations in California with logistical and technical assistance to support their efforts in improving local air quality, in line with the goals of AB 617.



2017-2018 Air Grant Solicitation Eligibility Types

- A California community-based organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- A California organization holding a tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Grantee, in partnership with a California community-based organization without Section 501(c)(3) status designated as a sub-grantee.
- A California Native American Tribe. For the purposes of this grant, this includes all Federally Recognized Tribes, and other California Native Americans, in accordance with Governor's Executive Order B-10-11.
- A California faith-based organization that qualifies for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent consistent with law.



2017-2018 Project Categories and Types

- Informational up to \$50,000
 - To support general awareness of AB 617, including but not limited to, conducting popular education on air quality topics, partnership and coalition building, and facilitating interaction with government agencies
- Participatory up to \$150,000
 - To support community participation in governmental decision making on specific AB 617 elements such as: monitoring, action plans, emission reduction programs, statewide strategies, Best Available Retrofit Control Technologies implementation, enforcement concepts, data reporting and communication, and any other elements of AB 617.
- Technical up to \$500,000
 - To support community science projects focusing on AB 617 aspects such as: community technology assessments, community technical training (monitoring and technical education including data collection and analysis), community led community air protection efforts, community air monitoring support.



2018-2017 Scoring

- 1. Applicant Background and Project Description (20 points)
- 2. Collaboration and Leveraging (10 points)
- 3. Programmatic and Technical Alignment (25 points)
- 4. Concept Integration (10 points)
- 5. Budget and Reporting (15 points)
- 6. Performance Evaluation (10 points)
- 7. Project Timeline (10 points)



Air Grant Roles and Responsibilities

Grantee:

Meet provisions of Air Grant agreement

- Kick-off meetings to discuss: Scope of Work, Schedule, and Milestones
- Terms and Conditions
- Project reporting to CARB
- Insurance requirements
- Board Resolutions

CARB:

Oversee and administer Air Grant program and each project

- Administer grant to ensure provisions of agreement are met
- Provide guidance to grantee
- Project reporting per Funding Guidelines for Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments
- Ensure program requirements are met



Anticipated schedule for next round of funding:

- Public meetings/process Starting December 2018
- Draft Guidelines for 30 day public comment period Winter 2019
- Solicitation start Late Winter/Early Spring 2019
- Project selection Summer 2019



Dialogue Questions

- What were some difficulties while filling out your application? What were some useful aspects?
- 2. Do you feel that your project was in line with the goals of AB 617? What clarification should we use going forward on the goals?
- 3. How can we improve the application process?
- 4. Explain your understanding of the purpose of the Community Air Grants.
- 5. What would you like to see funded, in support of AB 617? Which type of grant process is most accessible for you?
- 6. How did you hear about the program?



Thank you!

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