

# 2019 Community Air Grants Program

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COMMUNITY AIR GRANT DRAFT GUIDELINES WORKSHOP

MAY 24, 2019

# Program Background

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- Community Air Grants and the AB 617 process:
  - AB 617
  - Budget Acts of 2017 and 2018
  - California Health and Safety Code

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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].*

# Year 1 Results



- 65 applications received
- \$18.9M funding requested
- Nearly \$10M awarded
- Statewide distribution, variety of project sizes and types

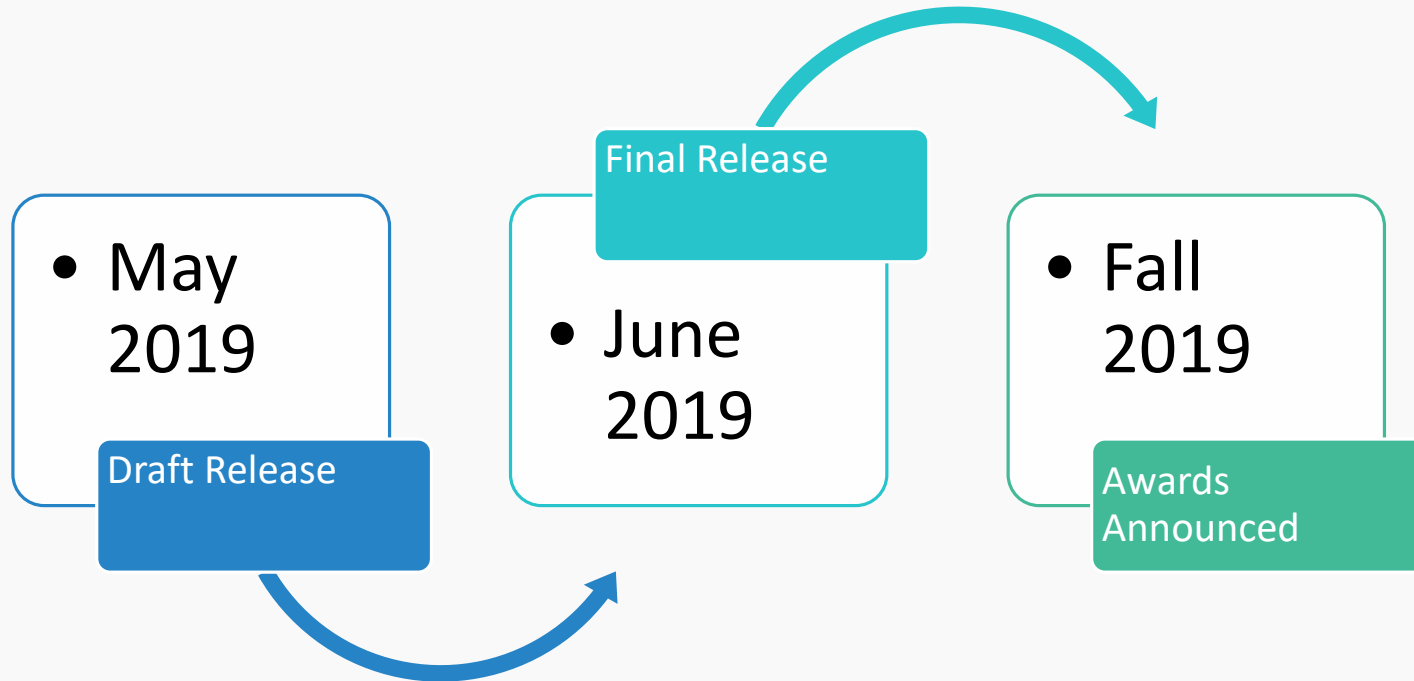
# Where we are now

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- **Draft Guidelines** released for Year 2
- Public Comment Period:
  - May 14 – May 29
- Final Solicitation
  - June 2019 – September 2019
  - 90-day application window

# Year 2 Timeline

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# Program Design

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“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.” *(pg. 2 Draft Guidelines)*

# Program in Practice

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- Projects that seek to support, enhance, and participate in the utilization of the Blueprint guidance document.
- Effective engagement and/or participation in AB 617 Community Steering Committees or AB 617 Technical Advisories, or other mechanisms under AB 617 implementation.
- Comment on AB 617 community monitoring plans and/or community emission reduction programs.



# Project Types and Assistance Concepts

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## **Educational**

- To support community participation in governmental decision making on specific AB 617 elements such as: community engagement and education supporting Blueprint document; conducting popular education on air quality topics; partnership and coalition building for the purposes of AB 617; facilitating interaction and cultivating working relationships with government agencies...(pg. 5)

## **Technical**

- 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. (pg. 6)

# Funding Amounts

## Educational

- Up to \$2M for all Education Projects
  - Up to \$100K per project

## Technical

- Up to \$3M for all Technical Projects
  - Up to \$300K per project

## Overall

- \$5M Total for Year 2

# Draft Guideline Contents

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- Application Coversheet
- Minimum Qualifications Statement of Understanding (Checklist for Applicants)
- Application
- Exhibit A: Budget Template
- Exhibit B: Scoring Table (for your reference)
- Exhibit C: Draft Grant Agreement (for your reference)
- Exhibit D: Standard Payee Data Form 204
- Attachment A (for all projects)
- Attachment B (for Technical projects only)

### Minimum Qualifications Statement of Understanding (Checklist for Applicants)

This checklist represents the minimum qualifications needed for an application to be considered for review and scoring. Failure to meet these requirements will result in an automatic disqualification from the Community Air Grants Application Process.

	The Application Cover Sheet must be completed and signed. The signature must be original and only signed by the designated authorized Signature Authority. No stamped or photocopied signatures will be accepted. The application must be signed by the Applicant representative authorized to enter into a grant for the Applicant. If Applicant is applying in partnership with a community-based organization sub-grantee, the sub-grantee's contact information must also be provided, but the sub-grantee does not need a representative to sign the application.
	Only Applications from eligible applicants will be considered (See page three of the Guidelines).
	Projects must be located in and benefit disadvantaged and/or low income communities, as identified pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 39711 and 39713 (added and amended by Senate Bill 535 and AB 1550), or on Tribal lands.
	The Application must be postmarked no later than <b>Weekday, Month Day, 2019.</b>
	Administrative costs cannot exceed 20%.
	Exhibit A: Budget must be included.
	Exhibit D: Standard Payee Data Form 204 must be included.
	Attachment A CEQA Documentation – For all projects.
	Attachment B – Technical Project Work Plan
	If Applicant has a Governing Board, then Resolution approving the project must be included.
	CARB Air Grant funding request must adhere to the funding ranges per project type.
	This Form: "Minimum Qualifications Statement of Understanding"

## What's new Year 2

## FY 2018-19 Community Air Grants Attachment B

### Technical Work Plans

In addition to the Scope of Work, applicants that propose a Technical Project will be required to submit a technical work plan. Applicants must follow one of the examples below, depending on their project. Please complete either option I or option II.

#### **I. Work plan for Technical type projects proposing a community-led air-monitoring component:**

Applicants proposing an Air Grant project with a community-led air monitoring component<sup>1</sup> will be required to prepare an initial air monitoring technical work plan to provide information on how the proposed project will address community air pollution concerns. The work plan must be submitted as part of the application, and will consist of a modified version of the first five elements of Appendix E of CARB's Community Air Protection Blueprint Guidance\* (outlined below). Awarded projects will be required to complete the additional nine elements (14 in total) prior to the implementation of any community-led monitoring.

The work plan shall address the first Five Elements for Air Grant projects:

- 1) Community support and participation
  - a. Details partnerships, support, and level of community involvement in proposed monitoring project.
  - b. Identifies project contact person to address questions on the monitoring plan.
- 2) State the community-specific purpose for monitoring
  - a. Identifies the community-specific air monitoring need(s).
  - b. Provides background information on how the need was discovered.
  - c. Documents, to the extent possible, relevant to the information from previous, ongoing, and proposed air monitoring (regulatory, research, or other) and

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## Other Requirements:

- Projects *must* be wholly located in and benefit disadvantaged and/or low-income communities, as identified pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 39711 and 39713 (added and amended by [Senate Bill 535 and AB 1550](#)), or on Tribal lands (*pg. 7*).
- For projects that propose to work with local air districts on specific project components (e.g. co-location of community air sensors at district air monitoring sites), letters of commitment are required from the participating or sponsoring air district, describing the nature and extent of their commitment to the project (*pg. 7*).

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## Scoring and Evaluation:

- 10 Scoring Criteria Categories
- Grant applications that meet the minimum qualifications will be divided into two categories based on their project type: Educational or Technical. Both types will then be evaluated and scored (*pg. 10*).

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## Priorities:

- Projects demonstrating partnership building and coordination, leveraging, in-kind support, or other forms of collaboration will be prioritized by receiving higher scores.
- Projects that foster workforce development (job creation and/or job training) will be prioritized by receiving higher scores.
- Projects located in AB 617 selected communities with no previous Air Grant project solely serving that community, will be prioritized by receiving higher scores.



# Purpose of this workshop and public comment period

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- Provide verbal or written comments on draft guidelines.
- Discuss your priorities and ideas for example projects.
- Answer your questions on draft guidelines.
- Provide information, tools, and contacts.

# Contact Us

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- Website:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program/community-air-grants>

- Draft Guidelines Comment Log:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bclogs.php>

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Thank you for joining us!

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