SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (SEP) PROGRAM

Community Outreach and Enforcement Section (COES)
CARB’s SEP Program

SEPs are community-based projects funded from a portion of the penalties received during CARB settlement of enforcement actions.

- Improve public and community health
- Reduce emissions and/or exposure
- Increase environmental compliance
- Raise public awareness through education
SEP Policy Project Categories

- Pollution Prevention or Reduction
- Environmental Restoration and Protection
- Environmental Education or Compliance Training
- Community Monitoring
- Trans-Boundary
- Other (accepted on a case-by-case basis)
SEP Policy Criteria

- Reduce direct or indirect air emissions and the public’s exposure to air pollution
- Improve the environment
- Relate to the violation and not benefit the violator
- Go above and beyond federal, State, and local regulatory requirements
- Be technically, economically, and legally feasible
SEPs Funded by County (2017-2019)

Total amount committed/funded: $8.6 Million

SEP Categories:
- Pollution Prevention
- Environmental Restoration
- Environmental Education
- Community Monitoring
- Other (Exposure Reduction)
Examples of SEPs in Funded in California

- Paid environmental education internships
- School air filtration systems
- Planting trees
- School environmental education programs
- Conducting research (e.g., air monitoring, truck traffic survey)
- Writing articles to inform community about air pollution and resources
SEP Highlight: BreathMobile

- A free mobile asthma clinic
- Serves pre-school and K - 12 school aged children with asthma
- Visits every 4 - 6 weeks
- Provides full service asthma evaluation, treatment, and education
- 283 patients seen
• South Coast Air Quality Management District is partnering with IQAir
• Install and maintain high-performance air filtration systems in schools located in disadvantaged communities
• Reduce the amount of PM in classrooms of disadvantaged communities
How to Apply

• To submit a Supplemental Environmental Project proposal form, go to https://calepa.ca.gov/sep-proposal-form/

• Contact CARB SEP Team to request SEP Proposal Form
SEP Proposal

SEP proposals must include:

• Organization name and contact information of the SEP administrator
• Project name, location, and detailed description
• Environmental issue to be addressed by the project
• Environmental benefits
• Estimated project cost and timeline
• If partnering with another agency, SEP proposal must include a support letter.

Air-related CalEPA proposals will be sent to CARB for evaluation to determine if the project meets CARB's Supplemental Environmental Policy Selection Criteria.
Funding Process

- Case investigator presents SEP list to violator
- Violator selects a SEP to fund
- Investigator prepares and sends Settlement Agreement for violator to review and sign
- SEP Team prepares and sends SEP Oversight Agreement for recipient to review and sign
- SEP Oversight Agreement & Settlement Agreement are signed by CARB Authority
- SEP funds are disbursed to SEP recipient
Funding Process (Full versus Partial)

• **Full funding:** When a violator selects a SEP for full funding, the proposal is removed from the available SEP list.

• **Partial funding:** If the proposal is selected for partial funding, the remaining amount is updated on the available SEP list and continues to be available for selection.
Reporting Requirements

Quarterly reports

• Must include expenditure reports for the length of the project which are expected to match the budget submitted in the SEP Proposal.

Final report

• Must include narrative of accomplishments and challenges encountered during the implementation of the project.
SEP Program Contact Information

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