

# Local Community Emissions Reduction Plans – Community Air Grants

## What are Local Community Emissions Reduction Plans (L-CERPs)?

An L-CERP is a type of project that can be funded by a Community Air Grant (CAG) to community-based organizations (CBOs) or tribal governments. An L-CERP is a plan developed by the grant recipient that details the air quality priorities and recommended actions to address those priorities. In an L-CERP, the grantee and their partners define the local community that is the focus of the grant. An L-CERP:

- Should demonstrate how the applicant will seek the feedback and input from community members, particularly those impacted by poor air quality,
- Should reflect the air quality priorities and recommended strategies of impacted residents,
- Is supported through technical assistance funds to build partnerships, understand local air quality, set priorities, and develop actions to improve air quality,
- Can build on previous grants to the same grantee for establishing monitoring networks,
- Should include air district participation, particularly if the L-CERP includes priorities that require the use of air district authorities or resources,
- Should include any other local government, particularly if the L-CERP includes priorities that require the use of authorities of local and land use decision makers, and
- Is not approved by an air district board or the CARB Board.

## What is CARB's role in the development of an L-CERP?

As required by law, CARB administers technical assistance funds to support the participation of communities in the community air protection process through a competitive Community Air Grant request for applications (RFA). For those applicants who are selected for award to develop an L-CERP, CARB will:

- Act as a project officer for the grantee,
- Assign a community liaison for the grantee who will coordinate across CARB divisions to highlight relevant resources as requested by the grantee,
- Consider and address enforcement related priorities established by the community as resources allow, and
- Convene other L-CERP grantees and applicants for peer learning and networking.

## What is the role of the Air District in the development of an L-CERP?

Air districts:

- Should be considered as partners in the development of an L-CERP if the applicant anticipates that L-CERP air quality strategies will require air district implementation,
- May be requested to sign a letter of support,
- May participate in the L-CERP process as a local partner as resources allow; participation can be funded through separate air district operating funds for the AB 617 program, and,
- May consider and address enforcement related priorities established by the community as resources allow.

## How is CARB implementing this approach?

To date, one community-based organization has successfully applied to develop an L-CERP. In the current grant cycle, several additional CBOs and tribal governments have applied to do so. In 2024, CARB will host focused workshops to refine the CAG RFA to build in lessons learned from this approach based on the experience of selected grantees.

## How are communities identified for this approach?

Community based organizations and tribal governments may apply for Community Air Grants to develop an L-CERP.

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