

What are Community Air Grants?

Community Air Grants provide funds to California community-based organizations (CBOs) and California Native American tribes to support community-driven projects to tackle air pollution issues. These grants are a key part of the Community Air Protection Program which is implemented by air districts and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Empowering communities and tribes to reduce air pollution in the places that are the most overburdened by high air pollution is one tool to advance environmental justice in California.

Who can apply?

- California CBOs with a 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue tax designated non-profit status and NOT affiliated with a local, municipal, city, county, or state governmental agency or entity
- California CBOs in partnership with a California CBO without 501(c)(3) status as a sub-grantee
- California Native American Tribes

What can these grants be used for?

- Support community operated air monitoring
- Data collection and analysis, including community-based participatory research projects
- Community engagement and outreach related to participating in the Community Air Protection Program
- Hiring technical experts
- Travel and logistical support for hosting and/or attending meetings related to the Community Air Protection Program
- Local Community Emissions Reduction Plan (L-CERP) projects: community developed plans that detail the air quality priorities and recommended actions to address those priorities.
 - These projects include the following activities:
 - Building partnerships
 - Community education to understand local air quality
 - Setting air quality community priorities
 - Action development to improve air quality

Community Air Grants Quick Facts

\$35 million in funding has been awarded since 2018.

\$16 million in total funding is expected to be available in the next grant cycle request for applications in 2024.

Grants have been awarded to 69 local organizations and 8 California Native American Tribes.

The grant term for implementation is typically 24 to 30 months depending on the project type.

Educational projects: \$300,000 max per project

Technical projects (e.g., monitoring and data collection or assessment) and

Targeted projects (e.g., specific focus such as Local Community Emissions Reduction Plan): \$500,000 max per project

We are hosting workshops in the spring/summer of 2024 for our 5th grant cycle!

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Have more Questions?

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