

# **AB 617 Community Air Protection Program Fact Sheet**

Reducing Local Air Pollution Through Community-Centered Strategies

Established in 2017 by Assembly Bill 617, the Community Air Protection Program is fundamentally transforming the way local air districts engage with underserved communities to substantially improve air quality in areas that need it the most.

### How the Program Improves Air Quality





Incentive funding



Enforcement and enhanced permitting of polluting sources



Community monitoring projects



Land use and planning



Community air grants

### **How It Works**



Community advocates and air districts nominate communities for the program



CARB considers nominations for selection annually



Air districts partner with members of selected communities to form a community steering committee



Air districts and committees co-develop and implement community emissions reduction program with support from CARB



CARB awards grants for technical assistance, air monitoring, and capacity-building efforts



Air districts award funding for incentive projects in support of community priorities



Expanded focus since October 2023 is spreading resources over a five-year period, to 64 new communities that haven't been selected in the past by the program

### By the Numbers

19

communities originally selected serving 4 million people 64

new communities identified for support over the next five years

47%

percentage of the state's priority populations served by the program \$1.63 billion

funds appropriated to air districts for 9,000 incentives projects, including over 2,000 incentive projects for residents

## \$347 million

funds appropriated to air districts to develop and implement community emissions reduction programs with selected communities 64

community monitoring projects happening across the state in 2025 through the statewide mobile monitoring initiative

### \$51 million

funds appropriated for Community Air Grants, including 137 grants awarded to 77 nonprofits and eight tribes to support air monitoring, capacity-building, and partnerships

#### **Emissions Reductions**

Lifetime emissions reduced from incentive projects

oxides of nitrogen (NOx)

→ 23,000 tons

reactive organic gases (ROG)

→ 1,600 tons

particulate matter (PM)

→ 900 tons

greenhouse gases (GHGs)

→ 280,000 metric tons

Annual emissions reductions from CARB rules across 15 Community Emissions Reduction Programs

NOx PM2.5 diesel PM

◆1,500 tons/year ◆28 tons/year ◆28 tons/year

Emissions reduced over the next 10 years from 42 rules expedited by air districts and 28 committed rules

NOx PM2.5 volatile organic compounds

44,300 tons 

744,600 tons

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Hear from community members about how AB 617 is working



Program strategies, maps, and funding details