



# AB 617 Community Air Grants Guidelines

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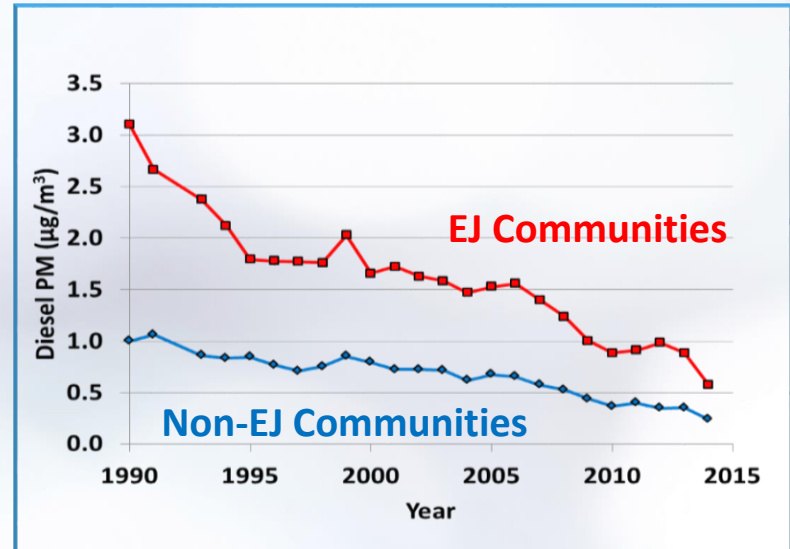
# Presentation Outline

- ✓ Overview of AB 617
- Community Air Grants
  - Goals, Purpose, How to Apply
- Deadlines and Next Steps



# AB 617 Background

- Historical focus on regional air quality
- Significant improvement, but disproportionate burdens remain
- Need for community-level focus
- Address cumulative exposure
- Take advantage of advances in monitoring technologies



# Focus on Community Action

## Community focused framework

- Community-level air quality monitoring
- Community emissions reduction programs
- Accelerated retrofit of pollution controls on industrial facilities
- Enhanced emissions reporting requirements
- Increased penalty provisions for polluters
- Grants to local community groups

# Community Air Grants - Background

- The Community Air Grants Program was created to provide community-based organizations (we refer to these as CBOs) in California with logistical and technical assistance to support their efforts in improving local air quality, in line with the goals of Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617). AB 617 was passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Brown in August 2017.

# Community Air Grants - Background

- **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].

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# Community Air Grants – Purpose

- 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.



# Community Air Grants – Eligibility

- A California community-based organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- A California organization holding a tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Grantee, in partnership with a California community-based organization without Section 501(c)(3) status designated as a sub-grantee.
- A California Native American Tribe. For the purposes of this grant, this includes all Federally Recognized Tribes, and other California Native Americans, in accordance with Governor's Executive Order B-10-11.
- A California faith-based organization that qualifies for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent consistent with law.

# Community Air Grants – How to apply

- To apply, complete 1) **Coversheet**, 2) **Application**, and 3) **Exhibit A: Budget Template**. Submit to:

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California Air Resources Board  
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Sacramento, California 95814

# Community Air Grants – Program Concept

- Projects shall further the purposes of AB 617 in California communities. Such projects could be within the following categories:
  - Informational
  - Participatory
  - Technical

# Community Air Grants – Project Types and Grant Amounts

Conceptual Category	Project Examples	Max Grant Amount
Informational	Community and neighborhood level meetings	Up to \$50,000
Participatory	Sensitive receptor assessments	Up to \$150,000
Technical	Community violation reporting systems	Up to \$500,000

# Community Air Grants

- Funding to support
  - Capacity building – training and support
  - Assistance for community-led air monitoring
  - Technical assistance



# Community Air Grants – MQs and Project Administration

- Three minimum qualifications that if not met will result in an automatic failure of the applicant.
- Some costs are ineligible for reimbursement at this time

# Community Air Grants – Coversheet

<b>California Air Resources Board (CARB) Community Air Grants APPLICATION COVER SHEET</b>	
<b>Part 1. Applicant Information</b>	
<b>Applicant</b> (501(c)(3) organization/Tribe/faith-based organization) name:  Applicant physical address (Street, City, State, Zip code):  Applicant mailing address (Street, City, State, Zip code):	<b>\$ Grant Funds Requested</b> (rounded to nearest dollar; indicate single (1) or multi-year):
<input type="checkbox"/> Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) status  Tax ID number: ____ - ____	<input type="checkbox"/> California Native American Tribe in accordance with Governors Executive Order B-10-11.  Tax ID number may need to be provided for payment if awarded. Tax ID number may be provided upon agreement of contract if awarded.
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith Based organization  Tax ID number: ____ - ____	
<b>Grant Administrator - Manages Day-to-Day Tasks of Project</b>	
Grant Administrator - Name of Lead Person who will be Implementing Grant (First name, Last name):	Title of Grant Administrator:
Telephone number of Grant Administrator (required): (    )	Email of Grant Administrator (required):

# Community Air Grants – Application

- Applications includes:
  - Background/Project Description
  - Collaboration and Leveraging
  - Program and Technical Alignment
  - Concept Integration
  - Budgeting and Reporting
  - Performance Evaluation
  - Project Timeline



# Community Air Grants – Budget

The budget should include some of the following:

- Direct costs
- Services and Supplies
- Equipment

California Air Resources Board (CARB) Community Air Grants Budget Template						
Organization		<input type="text"/>				
Project Name		<input type="text"/>				
Date		<input type="text"/>				
Description	Rates	Units	Hours	Cumulative Budget	Year 1	
<b>I. DIRECT COSTS</b>						
<b>A. Personnel Costs</b>						
Program Manager				0	<input type="text"/>	
Technician				0	<input type="text"/>	
Accountant				0	<input type="text"/>	
Clerical				0	<input type="text"/>	
Employee Benefits	Rate: 30.0000%			0	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Subtotal Personnel Costs</b>				0	0	
<b>B. Services and Supplies</b>						
<input type="text"/>				0	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>				0	<input type="text"/>	

# Community Air Grants – Criteria Scoring Table and Scale

Criteria Scoring Table	
CRITERIA	POINTS
<b>I. Applicant Background and Project Description - 20 Points Maximum</b>	
<p>Background information* includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of applicant in community.</li> <li>• Proof of the applicant's IRS designation as a 501 (c) 3; or documentation as a California Native American pursuant to Governors Executive Order B-10-11; or documentation of faith-based organization; and list of organization's board of directors, or an organizational chart.</li> <li>• Community description and narrative on air/environmental issues.</li> <li>• Support for applicant's project in the community (evidenced by letter of support).</li> <li>• Applicant's connection to the community.</li> <li>• Concrete examples of applicant representing or advocating in and for their community.</li> <li>• No more than 500 words, or less than two pages.</li> </ul> <p><i>* For projects proposed jointly by a California organization holding a tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the applicant), in partnership with a California community-based organization without Section 501(c)(3) status (the sub-grantee), provide this information regarding the sub-grantee. You may additionally provide this information regarding the applicant, if applicable.</i></p>	0-20 points

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# Community Air Grants – Deadline

- The signed original coversheet with application including budget, and 2 photocopies of each, must be mailed (postmarked) no later than **Thursday, April 12, 2018**. Electronic submittals will not be accepted.

# Community Air Grants – Important Dates

- **March 27, 2018 – teleconference**
- **April 3, 2018 – Q&A will be released**
- **April 12, 2018 – Final deadline for all applications**

# Community Air Grants – Next Steps

- April/May: Solicitation evaluations.
- May: Awardees announced.
- June: Grant Agreements must be signed by grantee and executed by CARB by June 15.
  - CARB anticipates working closely with grant awardees in order to sign and execute agreement.

# Contact Us

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