



Request for Proposals

Issued by the Butte County Air Quality Management District

Community Air Protection Support Grants - 2021

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Proposal Due Date: May 7, 2021 by 4:30pm

Proposed Board Approval Date: April 27, 2021

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) was awarded Fiscal Year 2018/19 & 2019/20 funds to implement the goals of AB 617 and the statewide Community Air Protection (CAP) Program - a community focused action framework to improve air quality and reduce exposure to criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants, especially in California's most burdened communities. The District is making up to a total of **\$75,000** available to community groups, non-profit organizations, businesses, and local agencies to implement projects that meet the goals of AB 617.

The District is requesting project proposals **valued between \$500 and \$15,000** that meet the criteria listed on Page 2 of this request. Funding criteria and priorities are based on the state CAP Blueprint (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp-blueprint>). Additional information is also available at www.bcaqmd.org/cap. Please note that this grant opportunity is separate from the "Community Air Protection Incentives" opportunity announced in March of 2021.

To Apply

Complete the Community Air Protection Support Grants Application located at <https://bcaqmd.org/cap/>.

Completed application packages and inquiries can be submitted to:

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Eligible Projects

To meet the goals AB617 and the Community Air Protection Program, the following projects may be considered for funding:

- Projects reducing emissions of criteria pollutants (particulates, smoke, engine exhaust emissions such as NOx), toxic air contaminants, or greenhouse gases;
- Projects reducing exposure to criteria or toxic air pollutants, particularly for sensitive populations.
- Projects that indirectly reduce emissions of, or exposure to, air pollutants through outreach and community engagement;
- Community air monitoring activities.

Examples of projects include (but are not limited to):

- Projects that promote active (walking, biking, etc.) or shared transportation;
- Urban forest health;
- Projects promoting zero-emission technology & electrification;
- Education and outreach programs related to air quality;
- Alternatives to open burning;
- Projects reducing wildfire risk or reducing exposure to wildfire smoke;
- Installing a low-cost particulate sensor for a community location;

Project Prioritization

In the event that the District receives more project proposals than funding allows, the District will prioritize projects in the following manner:

1. Projects benefitting Disadvantaged Communities;
2. Projects benefitting Low-Income Communities;
3. All other projects.

Within each of the above categories, projects benefitting sensitive populations and projects that can be funded before June 30, 2021 will be prioritized.

A map of Disadvantaged Communities (SB 535) and Low-income Communities (AB 1550) is available at <https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/lowincomemapfull.htm>.