



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

September 11, 2024

BAY AREA  
AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

JOHN GIOIA – CHAIR  
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NOELIA CORZO – VICE-CHAIR  
MARK SALINAS

**MEETING LOCATION(S) FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Bay Area Metro Center  
1st Floor, Yerba Buena Room  
375 Beale Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105**

**Office of Contra Costa County  
Supervisor John Gioia  
Conference Room  
11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D  
El Cerrito, CA 94530**

**Napa County Administration Building  
1195 Third Street, Suite 310  
Crystal Conference Room  
Napa, CA 94559**

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# COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order - Roll Call**

*The Committee Chair shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 3)**

*The Consent Calendar consists of routine items that may be approved together as a group by one action of the Committee. Any Committee member or member of the public may request that an item be removed and considered separately.*

**3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of July 17, 2024**

*The Committee will consider approving the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting of July 17, 2024.*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

**4. James Cary Smith Community Grant Program Update**

*The Committee will receive a presentation about the Air District's James Cary Smith Community Grant Program. The current grant cycle, which launched in 2022 and is scheduled to conclude in 2025, is awarding \$6.4 million to 33 community-based organizations over three years. Grantees are implementing capacity-building projects which improve local air quality and health outcomes in local environmental justice communities. Staff anticipate releasing the next Request for Applications to recruit a new cohort of grantees in October 2024. This item will be presented by Aneesh Rana and Elinor Mattern, Senior Staff Specialists in the Community Engagement Office, along with community grantee representatives Larisa Casillas, Program Director of Leadership Development and Advocacy for Urban Habitat, and Ken Szutu, Founder and Director of the Citizen Action Monitoring Network.*

5. Community Advisory Council Update on the July 25, 2024 CAC Meeting

*The Community Advisory Council will provide an update to the Committee on activities from the July 25, 2024, Community Advisory Council meeting. This item will be presented by John Kevin Jefferson III, a Community Advisory Council Co-Chair.*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

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7. Committee Member Comments

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8. Report of the Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs

9. Time and Place of Next Meeting

*Wednesday, October, 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.*

10. Adjournment

*The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Chair.*

**CONTACT:**

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# BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (415) 749-4941

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

### MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	11	10:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee	Wednesday	11	1:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee	Wednesday	18	10:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee	Wednesday	18	1:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room
Advisory Council Meeting	Thursday	19	9:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Community Advisory Council Meeting	Thursday	19	6:00 p.m.	California State University East Bay Oakland Professional & Conference Center Trans Pacific Center 1000 Broadway, Suite 109 Oakland, CA 94607

#### OCTOBER 2024

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	2	10:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	9	10:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee	Wednesday	9	1:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee	Wednesday	16	10:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee	Wednesday	16	1:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room
Advisory Council Meeting	Wednesday	30	9:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room

**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members  
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine  
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: September 11, 2024

Re: Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice  
Committee Meeting of July 17, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the attached Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice  
Committee meeting of July 17, 2024.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Attached for your review and approval are the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health,  
and Justice Committee meeting of July 17, 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine  
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Marcy Hiratzka  
Reviewed by: Vanessa Johnson



ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of July 17, 2024

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
375 Beale Street, Suite 600  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 749-5073

Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee  
Wednesday, July 17, 2024

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

*This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at [www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas](http://www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas)*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Committee Chairperson John Gioia; Committee Vice Chairperson Noelia Corzo; and Directors Mark Salinas and Shamann Walton.

Absent: Directors Joelle Gallagher.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2024**

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments

None.

#### Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Corzo, to **approve** Minutes of the Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee of May 8, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Corzo, Gioia, Salinas, Walton.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gallagher.

**ACTION ITEM**

**4. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW CAC MEMBERS**

CAC Co-Chairperson, Mayra Pelagio, gave the presentation *CAC Recommendation for New CAC Members*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; Sejal Babaria; Patrick Messac; Dominick Ramirez; creation; prior to first meeting; outreach; applications; and selected applicants.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the diversity of the current Council Members; and appreciation for staff preparing a recruitment that generated so much interest.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Corzo, to recommend the Board of Directors **appoint** the following individuals to the Community Advisory Council, effective September 4, 2024: Sejal Babaria, Alameda County seat for 2 years; Patrick Messac, Alameda County seat for 2 years; Dominick Ramirez, Youth seat for 2 years; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Corzo, Gioia, Salinas, Walton.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gallagher.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**5. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE ON THE MARCH 21, 2024 AND MAY 16, 2024 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

CAC Co-Chairperson, Ken Szutu, gave the presentation *Overview of the March 21 and May 16 Community Advisory Council Meetings*, including: requested action; outline; introduction of CAC Co-Chairs; March 21, 2024 CAC meeting action and informational items; and May 16, 2024 CAC meeting action and informational items.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed appreciation for the Council Co-Chairs.

Committee Action

No action taken.

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

Alexander Crockett, General Counsel, gave the staff presentation *Environmental Justice Law Fellowship Program*, including: outcome; outline; presentation for information only; program overview; content of program; eligibility and selection criteria; outreach, recruitment, and selection; naming opportunity; and next steps.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether a person is eligible to apply *before* earning their State Bar of California License; whether fellows will receive Air District fringe benefits; funding sources for this program, and how the program would be financially sustained over time; the suggestion of collecting donations or raising funds through a non-profit organization to fund this program; the suggestion of recruiting fellows as early as college undergraduates; the maximum number of fellows per year; and appreciation for providing opportunities for new environmental law attorneys.

Committee Action

No action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**9. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer for Equity and Community Programs, announced that the inaugural three-year grant cycle of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program is currently underway; Year 2 launched in 2023, and Year 3 launched in 2024. \$6.6 M is being awarded to 33 grantees in this third and final year. The Air District is evaluating the program and next steps.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the California Endowment’s “Building healthy Communities” (ten-year) program, and how its legacy in capacity building empowered disadvantaged communities and community-based organizations.

**10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Marcy Hiratzka  
Clerk of the Boards

**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members  
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine  
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: September 11, 2024

Re: James Cary Smith Community Grant Program Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action is requested at this time.

BACKGROUND

The Air District operates a unique, multiyear grant program supporting community-based organizations to implement capacity-building projects in environmental justice communities. The Community Grant Program was launched in 2009, and was renamed in 2016 to honor James Cary Smith. Mr. Smith was the Air District's former Community Outreach Manager, and passed away in 2015 from ALS. The program extends his vision of a more engaged and empowered community.

The Air District has refined its approach to grantmaking over the past decade based on findings from program evaluations, recommendations from community partners, and best practices for equity-based grantmaking. From 2019 to 2021, the Air District operated two community grant programs concurrently: the James Cary Smith (JCS) Community Grant Program, and the Community Health Protection Grant Program. To reduce confusion and strengthen partnerships with community-based organizations, in 2021, the Air District's Board of Directors authorized a realignment of community grants. Staff then consolidated the two grant programs to create one aligned JCS Community Grant Program, with the goal of maximizing the ability of environmental justice communities to engage fully with the Air District and other public agencies.

As part of the program realignment, the Air District increased the maximum amount for individual grants, provided multiyear grants, and offered ongoing support and technical assistance to organizations during the application process and the grant cycle. Year 1 of the current grant cycle launched in 2022 and funded 33 grantees, and a subset of the original grant cohort has been eligible to continue funded projects. Eligible grantees must have demonstrated progress toward project goals and deliverables and continue capacity-building projects in environmental justice communities where there are no programs to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 617. Due to these geographic constraints, there has been a decrease in the number of

grantees over the course of the program, which was anticipated. Year 3 is currently funding 20 grantees, and is anticipated to conclude in Summer 2025. Year 3 will overlap with the next JCS Request for Applications, scheduled to launch in October 2024 to recruit a new cohort of grantees.

The Air District prioritized funding for projects based in local environmental justice communities, including communities awaiting AB 617 designation, and projects based in communities with an overall score of 70 to 100 in CalEnviroScreen 4.0. Grantees are using JCS Community Grant Program funds to develop and deepen capacity-building efforts that seek to address air quality concerns in communities that have historically faced inequitable pollution impacts. Attachment 1, Table 1, provides additional information on funded projects.

## DISCUSSION

As part of this agenda item, staff will provide an update on the refocused JCS Community Grant Program, including an overview of the current grant cycle, program evaluation findings, and information about the next Request for Applications. In addition, two JCS community grantees, Urban Habitat and Citizen Air Monitoring Network, will discuss their funded projects and how they are building capacity in local environmental justice communities.

### **Current Grant Cycle (FYE 2022 – 2024)**

The Board of Directors approved 35 JCS Community Grant awards - including the current grant cohort - on November 3, 2021, and on December 1, 2021. These grant awards span up to three years and afford the Board of Directors and staff the flexibility to cancel or suspend funding to grantees in any year. Funding for these grants is currently drawn from the Air District's general funds. On June 7, 2023, the Board of Directors approved the budget for the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2024, which included funding for Year 3 of the JCS Community Grant Program. Year 3 of the program is currently funding the 20 grantees who have demonstrated progress toward project goals and deliverables, and who will continue capacity-building projects in environmental justice communities where there are not programs to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 617.

It is important to note that the capacity-building projects supported by this grant are closely tied to AB 617 efforts. Following the California Air Resources Board's designation of East Oakland on February 11, 2022, the Air District partnered with a Year 1 JCS grantee, Communities for a Better Environment, as well as community steering committee members to develop a Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP) for East Oakland. Since East Oakland's designation, there has been an ongoing focused investment in that community through the CERP process. Therefore, grant projects focused on East Oakland were not eligible to continue past Year 1 of the grant program.

On February 23, 2023, the California Air Resources Board designated Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco as the next Bay Area community to develop a CERP. In January 2024, the Air District partnered with two organizations to launch a community steering committee in Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco to develop a CERP for that area.

Since Bayview Hunters Point’s designation, there has been an ongoing focused investment in that community through the CERP process. Therefore, grant projects focused on Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco were not eligible to continue past Year 2 of the grant program.

**Program Components**

The Air District offers a number of supports to JCS grantees, including convenings and workshops, office hours, and ongoing customized technical assistance. In 2023, staff and grantees launched a JCS Grantee Coalition that meets quarterly, bolstering grantee efforts to share information and collaborate across geographies. Staff also launched a Google Group to help grantees share resources with each other. In addition, the Air District created a Grantee Resource Library to enable grantees to easily share project materials.

**Program Evaluation Findings**

The Air District has contracted with RDA Consulting (“RDA”) to monitor and evaluate the realignment of the JCS Community Grant Program. Since 2022, RDA has conducted annual grantee focus groups and questionnaires, analyzed grantee report data, and interviewed key stakeholders to identify program successes and areas for improvement. Evaluation findings have been positive and demonstrate that the JCS Community Grant Program is helping the Air District effectuate several goals outlined in the new strategic plan framework, including achieving impact and advancing environmental justice.

**Next Grant Cycle (FYE 2025)**

Staff plan to launch the next Request for Applications for the JCS Community Grant Program in October 2024, using FYE 2025 funds. After a selection panel has reviewed and scored proposals, staff will bring the list of projects selected for awards and draft grant agreements to the Board of Directors in Spring 2025 for approval.

**Proposed Timeline**

<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
October 2024	Release new Request for Applications for the JCS Community Grant Program; Work with Board members, community members, and partner organizations to conduct outreach
Oct. - Dec. 2024	Technical assistance for prospective applicants, including optional informational webinars
January 2025	Grant application period closes; Application Review Panel scores grant applications
February 2025	Notification of status of award to applicants
Spring 2025	Staff develop 3-year scopes of work with grantees



May 2025	Board of Directors considers approving grant agreements
2025 - 2028	Grantees execute funded projects

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None. Funding for the next three-year cycle of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program in an amount up to \$1.8 million is included in the FYE 2025 budget, Program 302.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine  
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Aneesh Rana and Elinor Mattern  
Reviewed by: Suma Peesapati

ATTACHMENTS:

1. James Cary Smith Community Grant Awards for Cycle 1 of the Refocused Program (FYE 2022-2024)
2. JCS Community Grant Program Presentation

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Table 1 - James Cary Smith Community Grant Program – Cycle 1 of the Refocused Program  
Grant Amounts Disbursed for Years 1 & 2 (FYE 2022-2023) and Awarded for Year 3 (FYE 2024)**

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Location(s)</b>	<b>Amount Disbursed: Year 1</b>	<b>Amount Disbursed: Year 2</b>	<b>Amount Awarded: Year 3</b>
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet	Raising Awareness of E-Mobility Strategies for Community Action	San Jose, East Oakland, Pittsburg/Bay Point	\$99,500	\$71,900	\$71,900
Bayview YMCA	Bayview Hunters Point Air Quality Advocates	Bayview Hunters Point, Southeastern San Francisco	\$100,000	\$75,000	Not eligible
Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast	Community Action for Increasing Health Equity	San Jose	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Brightline Defense	The Brightline "Our Community, Our Air" Alliance	Eastern San Francisco	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Citizen Air Monitoring Network	Incentivized learning leading to the internship and workforce development	Vallejo	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Communities for a Better Environment	Freedom to Breathe - Community Outreach & Leadership Development	East Oakland	\$99,856	Not eligible	Not eligible
Community Climate Solutions	Empowering San Jose Residents to Reduce Air Pollution	San Jose	\$90,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Earth Team	Youth For Clean Air	Antioch, Pittsburg, East Oakland, San Leandro	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
East Bay Bike Coalition	Community Organizing for Mobility Justice	Concord, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Antioch	\$63,900.52	\$73,575.55	\$76,174.32
Greenaction for Health & Environmental Justice	Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Air Quality Project	Bayview Hunters Point, Eastern San Francisco	\$100,000	\$100,000	Not eligible
Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corp	The East Oakland Green and Bike Ways Project	East Oakland	\$50,000	Not eligible	Not eligible

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Location(s)</b>	<b>Amount Disbursed: Year 1</b>	<b>Amount Disbursed: Year 2</b>	<b>Amount Awarded: Year 3</b>
HOPE Collaborative	Environmental Justice Community Cohort	East Oakland	\$100,000	Not eligible	Not eligible
International Children Assistance Network	Vietnamese Community Air Quality Ambassadors	San Jose	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
La Clínica de La Raza	Air Quality Community Advocates Project	Pittsburg/Bay Point, Vallejo	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Latinos United for a New America	Approaching Environmental Justice through Education on the East Side	San Jose	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Livable City	Our SoMa Project	South of Market area of San Francisco	\$44,000	Not eligible	Not eligible
Marin City Climate Resilience	Marin City Air Quality Needs Assessment and Community Engagement	Marin City	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Mycelium Youth Network	Youth-Led Community Planning for Air Quality	East Oakland and San Francisco	\$83,600	Not eligible	Not eligible
Rise South City	Mobile Pollution Education, Outreach, and Empowerment	Downtown South San Francisco	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment	Youth Joining Together for Air Justice	East Oakland, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Antioch, East SF Bayview Hunters Point	\$100,000	N/A - only applied for Year 1 funding	N/A - only applied for Year 1 funding
San Francisco Transit Riders	30 x 30: The Rapid Rider Network	San Francisco	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
San Leandro 2050	Empowering Disadvantaged Neighborhoods, Improving Air Quality, and Addressing Climate Change in San Leandro	San Leandro	\$92,193	N/A - only applied for Year 1 funding	N/A - only applied for Year 1 funding
Sequoia Foundation	Building Capacity of Students to Improve Air Quality in East Oakland	East Oakland	\$98,801	Not eligible	Not eligible

Grantee	Project Name	Project Location(s)	Amount Disbursed: Year 1	Amount Disbursed: Year 2	Amount Awarded: Year 3
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition	Local Teams	North San Mateo County, Redwood City, North Fair Oaks, East Palo Alto, East San José	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN)	SOMCAN's Community Ambassadors Program	South of Market area of San Francisco	\$100,000	Not eligible	Not eligible
Strategic Energy Innovations	Youth Community Advocacy and Action through Energize Schools' Earth Day Challenge and Energy and Air Quality Challenge	East Oakland, San Leandro, Eastern San Francisco, Pittsburg/Bay Point, San Jose, Tri-Valley, Vallejo	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sustainable Contra Costa	East County Clean Air Coalition	Antioch, Pittsburg/Bay Point	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
TransForm	Know How to Go: Let's Go Further	East Oakland	\$90,108	Not eligible	Not eligible
Tri-Valley Air Quality Climate Alliance	Ensuring Future Air Quality in the Tri-Valley	Tri-Valley, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Urban Habitat	Improving Environmental Health by Cultivating Community Leaders	Eastern San Francisco, Vallejo, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Eastern San Jose, and Tri-Valley	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Valley Verde	Community Compost Initiative	Downtown San Jose, East San Jose, Alviso	\$65,500	\$65,500	\$65,500
White Pony Express	Improving Air Quality in Contra Costa County Through Food Rescue	Pittsburg/Bay Point	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Youth UpRising	Marginalized Youth Leadership Excellence and Development (YU LEAD)	East Oakland	\$60,875	Not eligible	Not eligible
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,893,334 Disbursed</b>	<b>\$1,860,976 Disbursed</b>	<b>\$1,688,574 Awarded</b>



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# **James Cary Smith Community Grant Program Update**

**Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee  
September 11, 2024**

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# Presentation for Information Only

- No action requested at this time

# Presentation Outline

- James Cary Smith (JCS) Community Grant Program  
Info & Background
- Overview of current grant cycle (2022 - 2025)
- Program evaluation findings
- Upcoming Request for Applications (Fall 2024)
- Grantee perspectives: Project impact

# James Cary Smith

- The Community Grants Program is named for Jim Smith, the Air District's former Community Outreach Manager.
- Mr. Smith passed away in 2015 from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and the program extends his vision of more engaged and empowered communities.



*James Cary Smith*



# JCS Community Grant Program

- Unique, multiyear grant program supporting community-based organizations – the majority of them Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-led – to implement capacity-building projects in environmental justice (EJ) communities.
- The Air District has embraced recommendations from community partners and external evaluators to strengthen and refine its community grant program over the past ten years.

# Background on Grant Program

- From 2019 - 2021, the Air District operated two community grant programs concurrently: James Cary Smith Community Grant Program & Community Health Protection Grant Program.
- To reduce confusion and strengthen partnerships with community-based organizations (CBOs), in 2021 the Air District consolidated the programs, creating one aligned JCS Community Grant Program.
- The inaugural 3-year grant cycle launched in 2022, and will conclude in Summer 2025. The next Request For Applications (RFA) is scheduled for Fall 2024.

# Current Grant Cycle

- Grants awarded to projects based in Bay Area EJ communities
- Wide range of capacity-building projects serving diverse populations
- Multiyear grants; up to \$100,000 per grantee per year
- \$6.4 million to 33 projects over 3 years

# 2021-2022 JAMES CARY SMITH COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDEES



# Approaches to Building Capacity

## Assessing Community Needs

Gathering information on community priorities, concerns, and values

## Supporting Leaders

Sustaining engagement with multiple touchpoints over time

## Facilitating Community Education

Connecting with community members to introduce topics of air quality and environmental justice

## Activating Community Outreach Workers

Community leaders increasing community participation and capacity

# Program Components

- Ongoing customized support for grantees via workshops, office hours, and technical assistance
- Grantee Coalition meetings held quarterly
- Grantee Google group to share resources & funding opportunities
- Grantee Resource Library



# Evaluation Findings

- Grant funds are **developing community leaders**
- Grant funding is **leveraging local capacity and expertise**
- Grant funds are **reaching and impacting diverse communities**
- The Air District **expanded the grant program's reach into EJ communities**

# Upcoming Request for Applications

- Anticipate releasing next RFA in October 2024
- Multilingual outreach campaign
- Multiple technical assistance opportunities



# Next Steps

<b>October 2024</b>	Release a new RFA for the JCS Community Grant Program; conduct outreach
<b>October - December 2024</b>	Technical assistance for prospective applicants, including optional informational webinars
<b>January 2025</b>	Grant application period closes; Application Review Panel scores grant applications
<b>February 2025</b>	Notification of status of award to applicants
<b>Spring 2025</b>	Staff develop 3-year scopes of work with grantees
<b>May 2025</b>	Board of Directors considers approving grant agreements
<b>2025 – 2028</b>	Grantees execute funded projects

# Grantee Perspectives

- Urban Habitat
- Citizen Air Monitoring Network



## Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI)

Trained and supported 29 advocates and leaders from East Palo Alto, Mountain View, North Richmond, Oakland, Pittsburg, Richmond, San Francisco, San Jose, and Santa Rosa.

Experienced an increase in content knowledge, newfound confidence to serve as commissioners, and broadened their professional network of advocates and organizers.

Multi-year support gives organizations ability to budget for future, and for us, space to experiment, learn, and adjust as needed.



*Hillary*



*Alondra*



*Sejal*



Vallejo - A refinery community without a refinery

- Asthma rate three times the state average
- 2016 P66 Oil Spill and Toxic fume incident

Raising awareness - Clean Air Ambassador Program

- Train the trainer
- Practice what we learn

JCS Grant

- Enables long term planning - 501(c)(3), University of California (UC) Davis cooperation, Community Advisory Council (CAC)
- Great support

# Questions?

**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members  
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine  
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: September 11, 2024

Re: Community Advisory Council Update on the July 25, 2024 CAC Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action requested at this time.

BACKGROUND

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) held a special meeting on July 25, 2024. Meetings of the CAC are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. In July, the meeting was held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

DISCUSSION

Agenda items for the July CAC Meeting included Selection of a Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee and an Update on the Air District's Strategic Plan.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine  
Executive Officer/APCO

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. CAC Update of July 25 Meeting CEHJ Presentation



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# **Overview of the July 25 Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting**

**Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting  
September 11, 2024**

**John Kevin Jefferson III  
Community Advisory Council Co-Chair**



# Presentation Outcome and Outline

- **Requested Action:** None; Informational Item
- **Introduction of CAC Co-Chair Jefferson**
- **CAC Update on the July 25, 2024 meeting:**
  - **Action Item**
    - Selection of a Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee
  - **Informational Item**
    - Air District Strategic Plan Update

# July 25, 2024 CAC Special Meeting

- Special meeting held due to conference room construction and moving the CAC meeting date from its regular third Thursday
- **Action Item:** Selection of a Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee
- **Purpose of Ad Hoc Committee:**
  - Collaborate with staff and community stakeholders in developing an agenda of Compliance and Enforcement topics to be discussed during the 2025 CAC meetings
  - Develop a process to respond to and share real-time Compliance and Enforcement information on the set of priorities established by the Ad Hoc committee

# July 25, 2024 CAC Special Meeting (cont.)

- **Current members of the Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee approved by the CAC:**
  - Co-Chair Ken Szutu
  - Council Member Ms. Margaret Gordon
  - Council Member Dr. Jeff Ritterman
- **Alternates:**
  - Co-Chair Kevin Jefferson
  - Council Member William Goodwin
- **New CAC Members will also be asked of their interest in joining**

# July 25, 2024 CAC Special Meeting (cont.)

- **Informational Item:** Air District Strategic Plan Update
- **Dr. Philip M. Fine presented on:**
  - Purpose and Scope of Strategic Plan
  - CAC and Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy Ad Hoc committee roles
  - Draft Strategic Plan framework
  - Accountability through resource alignment, action plans and reports
  - Reflections on Benefits of Collaboration with staff and CAC members
  - Public workshops July 30 & August 1. Public comment ended August 5
  - Action planning collaboration resumes with EJ Ad Hoc in September

# Reflections on the benefits of collaboration on the Strategic Plan

- Dr. Meredith Bauer, DEO of Engineering and Compliance shared about the benefits of working collaboratively with the EJ Policy Ad Hoc
- Rio Molina, Co-Chair of the EJ Policy Ad Hoc shared a collection of reflections from CAC members on both benefits and lessons learned

*“Some of the key benefits were individuals collaborating on realistic strategies and processes to help advance environmental justice issues. Community raising those concerns while leaning on Division Directors to honestly and strategically map out a process or procedure that is EJ lead.”*

*- CAC EJ Policy Ad Hoc Member*

# Questions