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Opening of Air District school grants program to support climate & air quality education

Call for new proposals now open

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is offering grants of up to \$2500 to public K-12 school teachers as well as student and parent leaders to increase understanding of air quality and climate issues in school communities.

These grants will also serve to encourage collaborative partnerships between the Air District and school communities focused on air pollution reduction, the relationship between air quality and public health, and the impact of air pollution on the global climate.

“The recent Camp Fire was a dramatic demonstration of how climate change and air pollution can significantly impact us in our everyday lives at home, work or school,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Our classroom grants will boost the understanding and curiosity of Bay Area students to the impacts air pollution has on our climate and our health.”

Examples of eligible activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Teacher, parent or student-led air quality related projects at school sites
- Air pollution emergency preparedness plan development
- Financial support for school S.T.E.M. activities related to air quality and climate change
- Idle Free Bay Area campaigns at school sites
- Support for air quality science fairs
- Poster contests and creation of air quality-themed calendars
- Teaching materials such as books, videos and equipment related to air quality education
- School tree planting projects
- Professional development for air quality or climate-related science education
- Using air sensors to collect and interpret data for educational purposes

Applications are now being accepted and must be uploaded electronically by 5 p.m. on January 31, 2019.

To learn more or to apply, please go to www.baaqmd.gov/communitygrants. For further information, contact Ana Vasudeo at 415 749-8732 or communitygrants@baaqmd.gov.

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