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California Clean Air Day returns to the Bay Area in October

Microgrants are now available for community events that help clean the air

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is announcing that the sixth annual California Clean Air Day will take place on October 4. The event is a statewide day of action where millions of Californians participate in cleaning the air.

Bay Area residents, community groups, businesses and local government agencies are invited to participate by visiting www.cleanairday.org and taking the Clean Air Day pledge, which signifies a commitment to take actions that lead to cleaner air in their communities.

“When Californians from all walks of life come together to improve the quality of the air we breathe, our communities and our climate benefit,” said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. “Clean Air Day unites us in the fight for clean air and inspires us to take meaningful actions that protect both air quality and the climate.”

Hosted by the Coalition for Clean Air, Clean Air Day is an accessible opportunity that allows for virtual and in-person participation. Grants of up to \$1,000 are now available through a microgrant program to support community groups, agencies and nonprofits organizing Clean Air Day community events. Applications are due on August 17 by 5 p.m. on the [California Clean Air Day website](http://www.cleanairday.org).

Individual actions, when taken as a whole, can make a big impact. In 2022, nearly 2 million people and over 650 organizations pledged to do their part to improve air quality. This year, Clean Air Day will place a special focus on engaging and supporting youth in cleaning the air with education programs in schools and student-led efforts to raise awareness of air pollution issues.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](http://www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](https://twitter.com/baaqmd), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/baaqmd), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/baaqmd) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/baaqmd).

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