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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



Wildfire Response:  
**Clean Air Centers  
for Vulnerable  
Population Grant  
Program (AB 836)**

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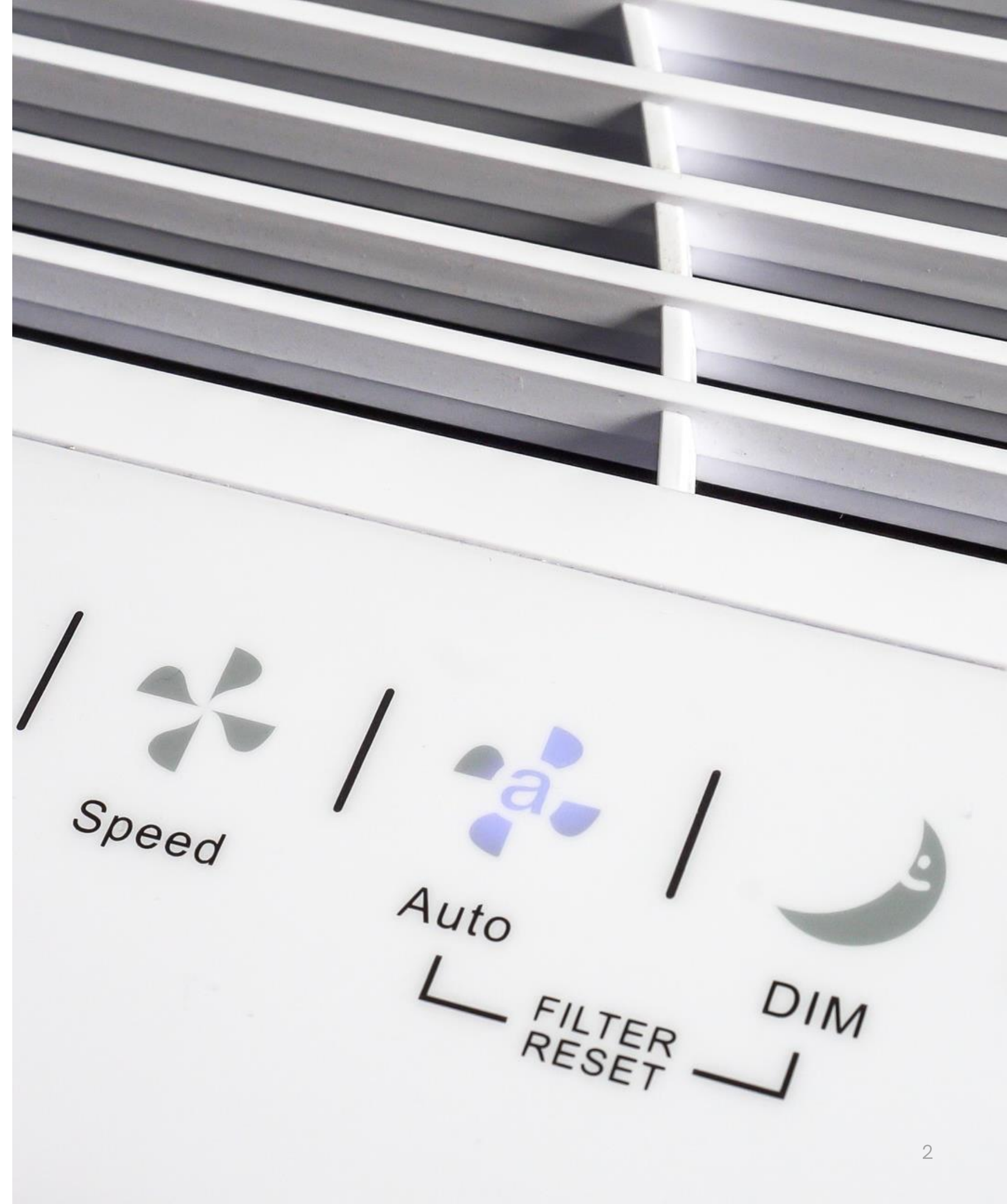
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# Objective of AB 836

Help fund ventilation retrofit projects or portable air cleaners to provide vulnerable communities access to facilities with cleaner air when wildfire or other smoke events impacts the region.

\$3M of the \$5M from AB 836 was allocated to Bay Area Air Quality Management District.



# Project Types

## Facility Ventilation Upgrade

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- Funding for facility ventilation retrofits and high efficiency air filtration systems (MERV 13 or greater)
- **Location:** in smoke burdened areas and those in or near historically underserved communities

## Portable Air Cleaner

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- Funding for portable air cleaners and replacement filters
- Must be certified by CARB and equipped with HEPA filter.
- **Location:** Priority given to historically underserved communities
- **No upfront costs**

## HVAC Air Filters

- Funding for HEPA or MERV 13 or greater replacement filters
- **Location:** in smoke burdened areas and those in or near historically underserved communities

# Facility Types

## Criteria

1. Facilities located in schools in or near historically underserved communities
2. Facilities that are close to and provide easy access for vulnerable populations
3. Facilities that have a reasonable capacity to meet the possible clean air center needs of vulnerable populations
4. Facilities that are ready for ventilation and filtration installation, upgrades, or retrofits

## Recommended types

Community Center

Library

School

Senior Center

Sports Center

# Eligible Applicants

- *New* - County or city-level agency in coordination with communities/schools/CBOs, etc.
- Have to own the property or provide evidence from property owner allowing to install and operate Clean Air Center
- Religious institutions are not eligible
- One application per county or city



# *New -* Selection Criteria

Applications from County-level agencies will be prioritized when considering funding awards. Within each county, applications will be prioritized and considered in the following order:

1. Portable air cleaners in historically underserved communities
2. Portable air cleaners for vulnerable populations across the County
3. HVAC air filter replacements in or near historically underserved communities
4. Facility upgrades in or near historically underserved communities

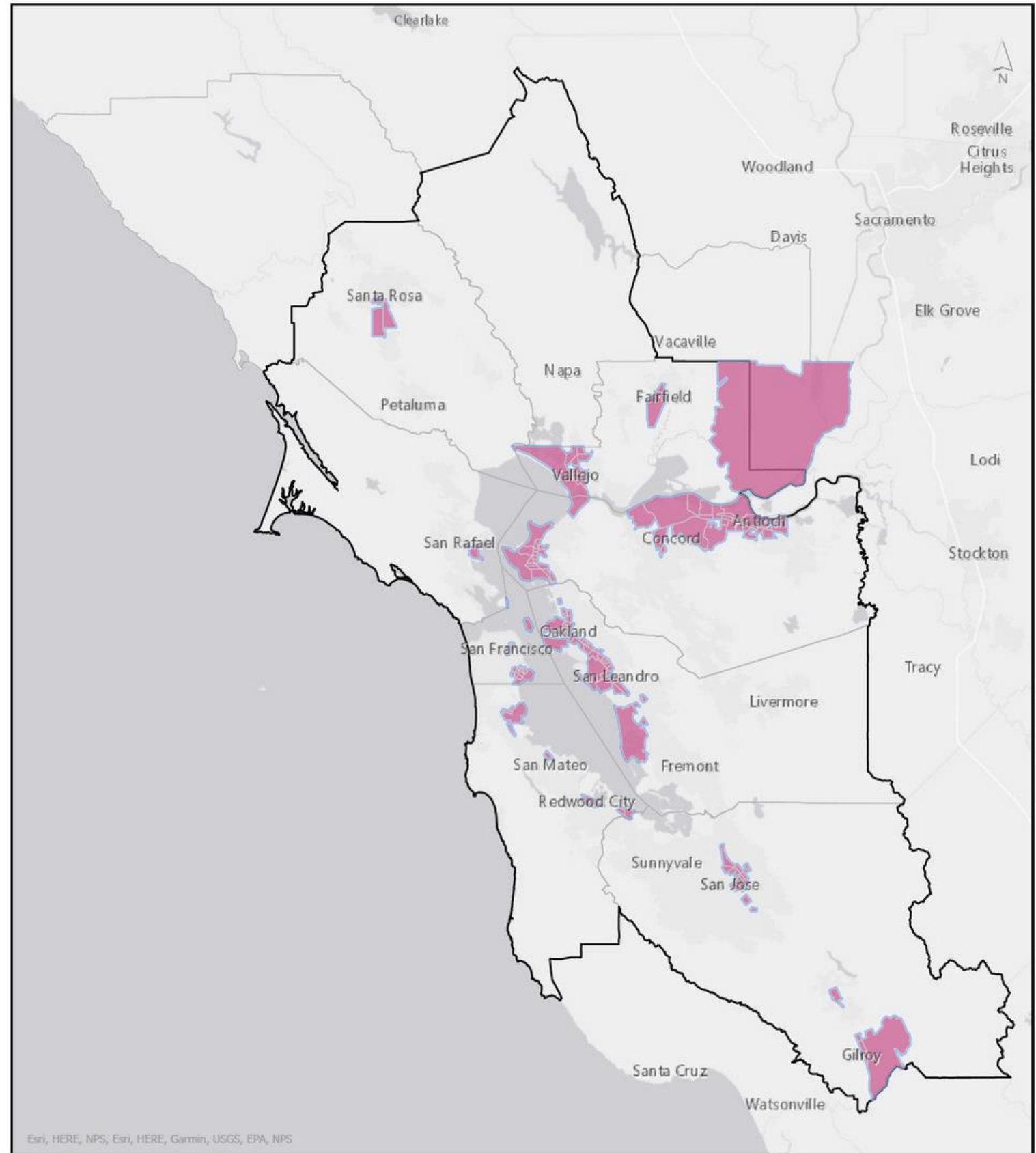
# Historically Underserved Communities

Communities scoring in the top 30% of CalEnviroScreen 4.0

<https://arcg.is/0jTT4j>

## CalEnviroScreen Version 4.0 Results - San Francisco Bay Area

Top 30% CalEnviroScreen Scores  
Percentile  < 70  70 - 100



Esri, HERE, NPS, Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, EPA, NPS

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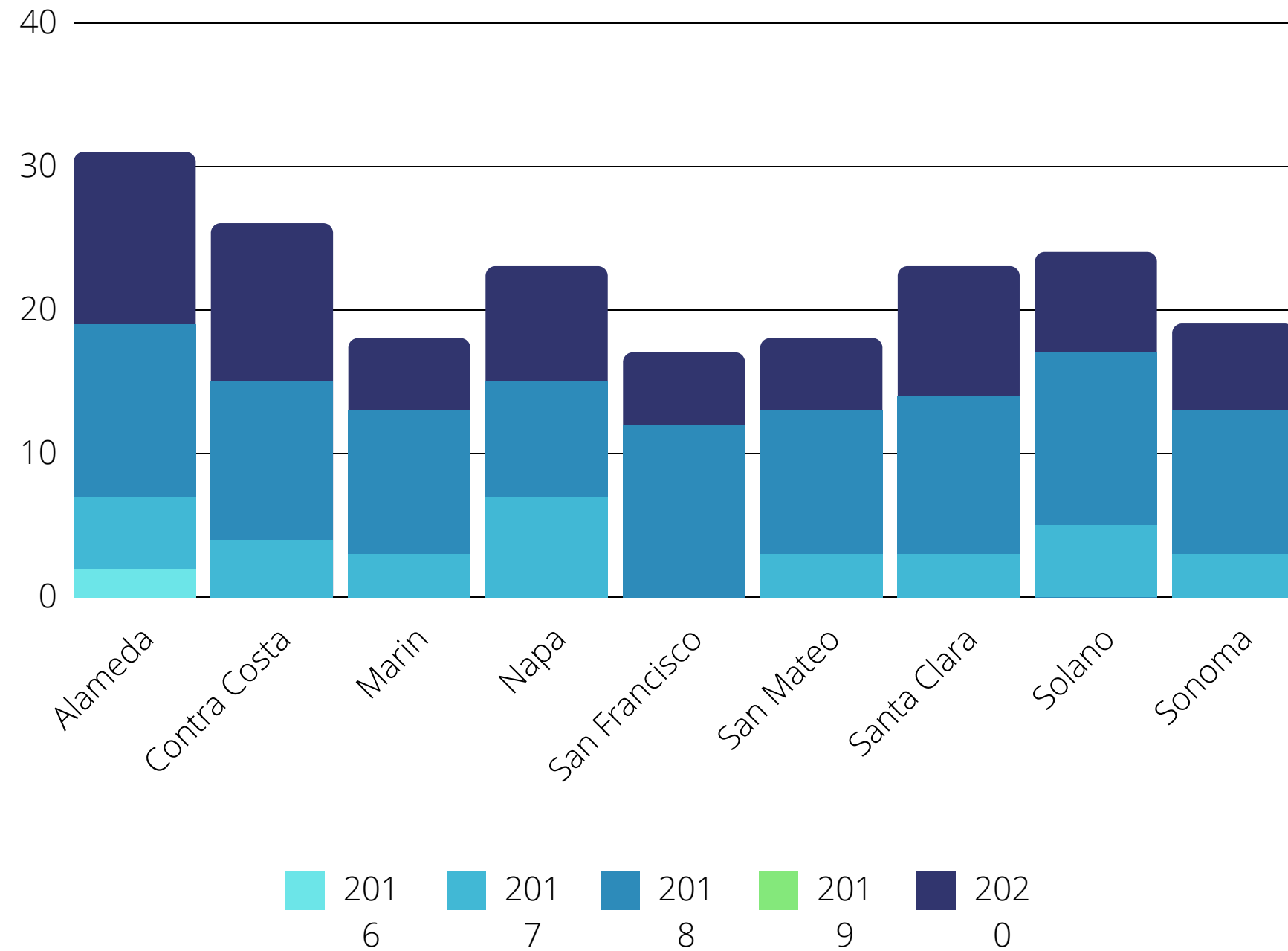
BAAQMD Jurisdiction  1000 ft. Buffer 0 5 10 20 Miles

# Smoke Burdened

Multiple days at or above EPA's "Unhealthy" category of AirNow Air Quality Index (or Air Quality Index of 150 or higher) in the past five years.

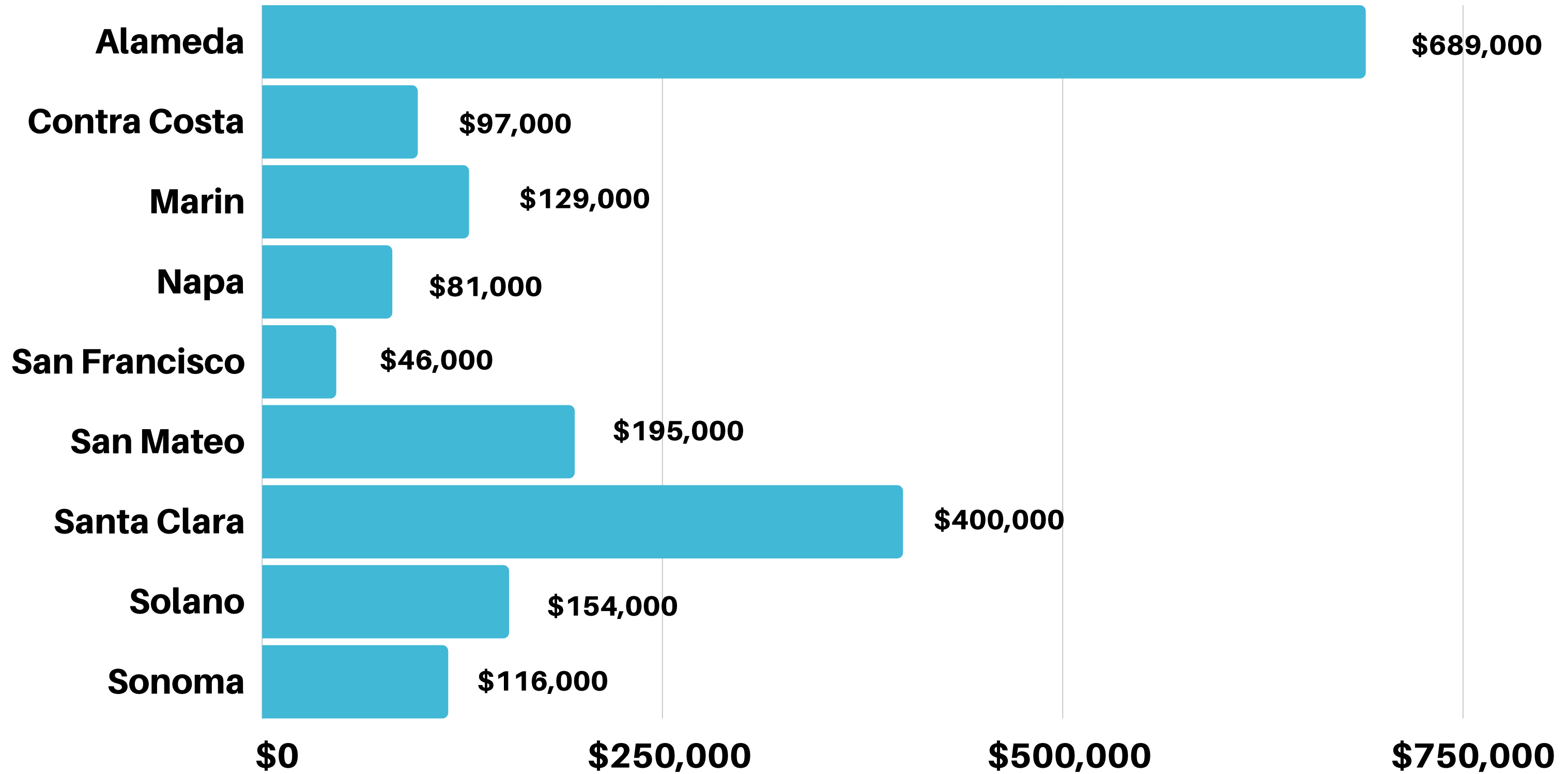
[www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/air-quality-index-report](http://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/air-quality-index-report)

No. of Days with AQI > 150  
(2016-2020)





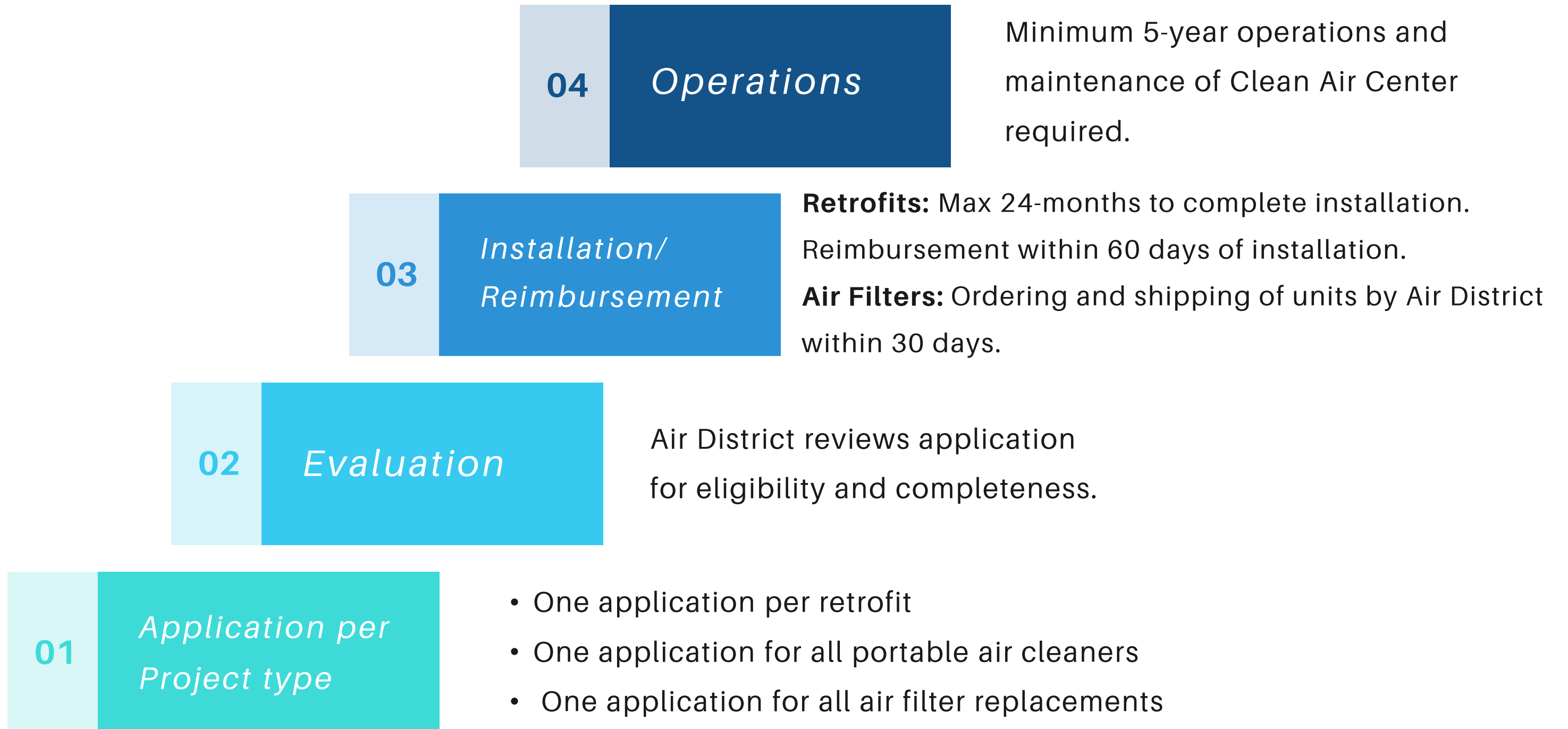
# Remaining Funding Allocation



# Application Process

## Clean Air Centers

**DUE**  
**Jul. 15,**  
**2022**



# Reporting Requirements

## Clean Air Centers



# ROADMAP 2022

## Clean Air Centers Solicitation No. 2

### MILESTONES:

- Release updated guidelines

MAY

JUN

12

JUL

AUG

### MILESTONES:

- Applications due Jul 15
- Evaluation of applications by BAAQMD and CARB

### MILESTONES:

- Open solicitation Jun 15

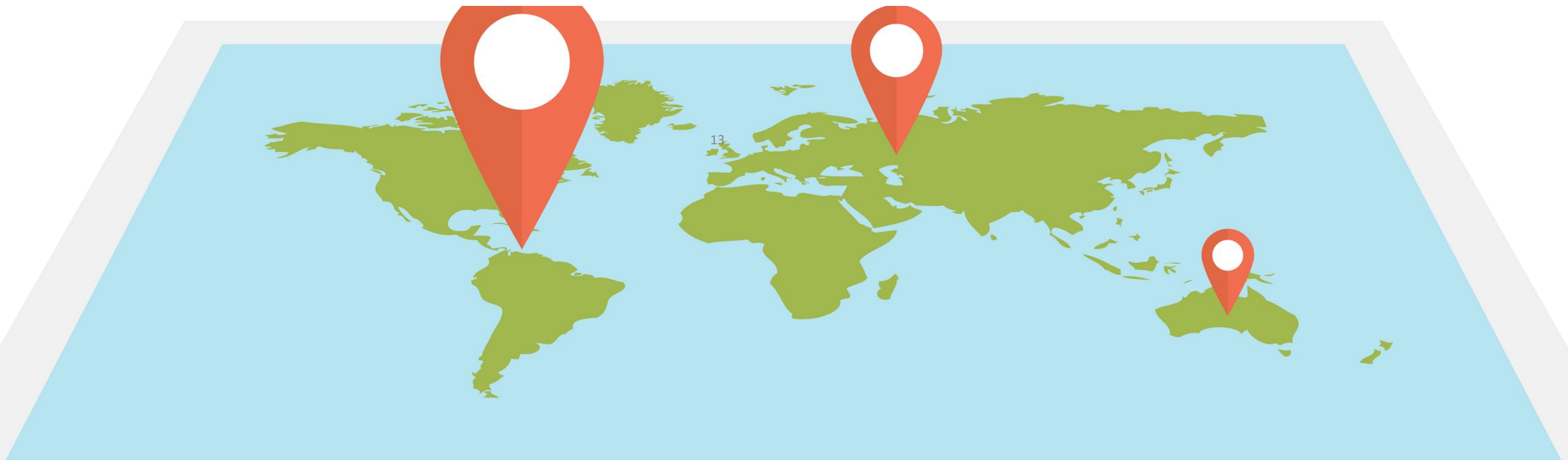
### MILESTONES:

- Notice of proposed awards released
- Deploy Clean Air Centers

Help identify locations for Clean Air Centers that would best serve your community during a wildfire or other smoke events.

This map will remain open for the duration of the program on our website at:

Link to map: <https://rspcerp.mysocialpinpoint.com/clean-air-centers#/>





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# Comments

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