SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (SEP) PROGRAM

Community Outreach and Enforcement Section (COES)
CARB’s SEP Program

SEPs are community-based projects funded from a portion of the penalties received during CARB settlement of enforcement actions.

- Improve public and community health
- Reduce emissions and/or exposure
- Increase environmental compliance
- Raise public awareness through education
SEP Policy Project Categories

- Pollution Prevention or Reduction
- Environmental Restoration and Protection
- Environmental Education or Compliance Training
- Community Monitoring
- Trans-Boundary
- Other (accepted on a case-by-case basis)
SEP Policy Criteria

1. Reduce direct or indirect air emissions and the public’s exposure to air pollution
2. Improve the environment
3. Relate to the violation and not benefit the violator
4. Go above and beyond federal, State, and local regulatory requirements
5. Be technically, economically, and legally feasible
SEPs Funded by County (2017-2019)

Total amount committed/funded: $8.6 Million
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<th>examples of SEPs funded in california</th>
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<td>Paid environmental education internships</td>
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SEP Highlight: Installation of Air Filtration Systems in Schools

• Install and maintain high-performance air filtration systems in schools located in disadvantaged communities

• Reduce the amount of PM in classrooms of disadvantaged communities
How to Apply

• To submit a Supplemental Environmental Project proposal form, go to https://calepa.ca.gov/sep-proposal-form/

• Contact CARB SEP Team to request SEP Proposal Form: sep@arb.ca.gov
SEP Proposals must include:

- Organization name and contact information of the SEP administrator
- Project name, location, and detailed description
- Environmental issue to be addressed by the project
- Environmental benefits
- Estimated project cost and timeline
- If partnering with another agency, SEP proposal must include a support letter.

Air-related CalEPA proposals will be sent to CARB for evaluation to determine if the project meets CARB's Supplemental Environmental Policy Selection Criteria.
Funding Process

Case investigator presents SEP list to violator

Violator selects a SEP to fund

SEP Team prepares and sends SEP Oversight Agreement to recipient for review and sign

Investigator prepares and sends Settlement Agreement for violator to review and sign

SEP Oversight Agreement & Settlement Agreement are signed by CARB Authority

SEP funds are disbursed to SEP recipient
Funding Process (Full versus Partial)

• **Full funding:** When a violator selects a SEP for full funding, the proposal is removed from the available SEP list.

• **Partial funding:** If the proposal is selected for partial funding, the remaining amount is updated on the available SEP list and continues to be available for selection.
Reporting Requirements

Quarterly reports
- Must include expenditure reports for the length of the project which are expected to match the budget submitted in the SEP Proposal.

Final report
- Must include narrative of accomplishments and challenges encountered during the implementation of the project.
SEP Program Contact Information

SEP Team

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