

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (SEP) PROGRAM

Community Outreach and Enforcement Section (COES)

CARB's SEP Program

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





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



Reduce direct or indirect air emissions and the public's exposure to air pollution



Improve the environment



Relate to the violation and not benefit the violator



Go above and beyond federal, State, and local regulatory requirements



Be technically, economically, and legally feasible



SEPs Funded by County (2017-2019)



Total amount committed/funded: \$8.6 Million



Examples of SEPs Funded in California



Paid environmental education internships



School air filtration systems



Planting trees



School environmental education programs



Conducting research (e.g., air monitoring, truck traffic survey)

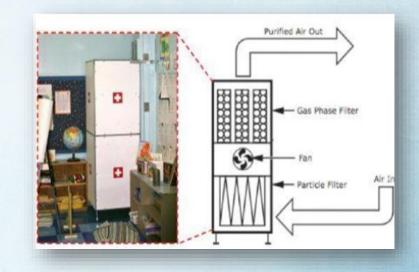


Writing articles to inform community about air pollution and resources



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

Investigator prepares and sends Settlement Agreement Case for violator to SEP Violator investigator review and sign Oversight selects a SEP funds presents Agreement & SEP to SEP list to are Settlement fund disbursed violator SEP Team Agreement to SEP prepares and are signed by recipient sends CARB Authority SEP Oversight Agreement for recipient to review and sign



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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