



VEGETATIVE BARRIERS APPLICATION

Vegetative Barriers Emission Reduction Program is part of [California Climate Investments](#), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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| 1. Organization, Company, or Proprietor's Name (as it appears on Form W-9): | | |
| 2. Physical Address: | | |
| 3. City: | 4. State: | 5. Zip Code: |
| 6. Mailing Address (if different from above): | | |
| 7. City: | 8. State: | 9. Zip Code: |

SECTION 2- CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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| PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION | | |
| 1. First and Last Name: | | 2. Title: |
| 3. Phone Number: | 4. Fax Number: | |
| 5. Alternate Contact Number: | 6. Email (required): | |
| SIGNING AUTHORITY INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) | | |
| 1. First and Last Name: | | 2. Title: |
| 3. Phone Number: | 4. Fax Number: | |
| 5. Alternate Contact Number: | 6. Email (required): | |

SECTION 3 – PROJECT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Applicant may submit answers to this section on a separate document so long as the proposal answers each question in the order presented and the responses are numbered accordingly.

Project Type:Vegetative Barriers

1. Project Summary

Briefly describe your project including committed partners, expected implementation period, project costs and how the project will mitigate air quality impacts.

2. Location of Project

Provide address or cross-streets and describe surrounding area. Please attach photographs of the project site, and aerial photo of the project from an online resource, and a representation of the project plan area (i.e., site plan).

3. Is the applicant the property owner of the land on which the project will be implemented? **Yes.** **No.** Please provide the name and contact information for the Property Owner(s) of Each Parcel within Project Footprint or provide a demonstrated plan to obtain the authority from the property owner(s).**4. Describe Proposed Greenery**

Include quantity of each plant or tree to be planted. Also note environmental benefits of the selected species (e.g., if the species is native, drought resistant, non-allergenic, or low-BVOC emitting), if possible.

5. Area of Project Footprint to be created or Enhanced (acres or square footage)**6. Proposed Irrigation Systems**

Describe the type of irrigation systems (e.g., drip, overhead spray)

CERTIFICATIONS FORM

I have read the Eligibility Criteria and Program Guidelines and I agree to **ALL** the following terms and conditions by signing below:

- **I have not purchased, made any payments toward, or began any work, nor will I, until I have an executed contract from the District.**
- I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee incentive funding for the project.
- I am the property owner, have documented authority from the property owner, or have a demonstrated plan to obtain the authority from the property owner to construct and maintain the Vegetative Barriers project as described in the project application.
- I agree to complete the project implementation phase within three years of the contract execution date and maintain the project for a minimum of 10 years.
- I will make the project site available for inspection if requested by SJVAPCD and/or CARB staff during the ten (10) year contract period.
- I will provide photo documentation upon completion of the project.
- I will provide annual or bi-annual status updates in the form of a photo update and/or a tree condition report to ensure project maintenance is occurring throughout the contract period.
- I understand it is my responsibility to contact the local County Agricultural Commissioner's Office before obtaining any plant material originating from outside respective county to ensure all the requirements for movement of plant material into respective county are met.
- I understand, where feasible, projects shall provide public access.
- I will select plant species that maximize GHG reductions and minimize ROG (BVOC) and allergenic pollen.
- Project plan incorporates recommendations in the anti-displacement resources provided.
- All property taxes are current at the time of application.
- I understand that I am responsible for obtaining any permits required.
- Our organization, along with any project partners have the financial capacity to complete, operate, and maintain the project.
- I understand that any funds required from other sources must reasonably be expected to be available in the time frame needed to carry out the project.
- I understand that the final funding amount reimbursed may be less than the maximum incentive amount if the final invoice amount for the eligible costs of the project is less than the maximum incentive amount.
- I understand that the selection of a third party contractor to perform any or all of the project is completely my choice and the District does not endorse, or is not in partnership with any such contractors and shall not be responsible for any disputes arising from the work performed between the applicant and the contractor. The District will not be held liable for any disputes, circumstances or events that occur between the applicant and contractor. Contractors are independent contractors; they are not officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, partners, associates, or joint ventures of the District.

- Projects funded by District will not be used as marketable emission reduction credits, to offset any emission reduction obligation, or for credit under any federal or state emission averaging, banking and trading program. In addition, projects funded through this program may not be used to generate a compliance extension or extra credit for determining regulatory compliance.
- Any current financial incentive that directly reduces the project cost, including tax credits or deductions, grants, or other public financial assistance for the same project, must be disclosed to the District.

I hereby certify that all information provided in this application and any attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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| Signing Authority's Signature: | Date: |
| Print Name: | Title: |

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

All proposals must be submitted according to specifications set forth in the RFP. Failure to adhere to these specifications may cause for rejection of proposal. Once submitted, proposals cannot be altered without the prior written consent of the District. A complete application packet includes the following items:

- Completed **Application**, no fields left blank.
- Completed **Certifications Form** section, signed by **Applicant**.
- First page of IRS **Form W-9**.
- Copies of the applicant's results from the "GHG Summary" tab and "Co-benefit Summary" tab from the **California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Draft Urban Greening Benefits Calculator Tool**
- Dated and itemized **Quote(s)** for the project costs.
- Aerial map of the project from an online resource
- Photographs of the project site and a representation of the project plan area (i.e. site plan).

All proposals are due no later than 4:00 PM, April 13, 2026. Late proposals will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Please submit your completed application packet via one of the following methods below to avoid duplicate submittals:

Email: grants@valleyair.org

(Subject line must indicate Shafter Vegetative Barriers Incentive Program and applicant's name)

-or-

Mail: SJVAPCD

Attn: Grants and Incentives
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726-0244

Don't forget to retain a full copy of the completed application for your own records.

For additional assistance, please contact staff in the Grants Department at (559) 230-5800