

Central Valley Air Quality Coalition

February 19, 2013

Request for Proposals: CVAQ Healthy Air and Stable Climate Action Project

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 11TH 4:00PM

Project Overview

Through grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for work to be completed in 2013, CVAQ is seeking to supplement the existing work and fund new activities of San Joaquin Valley community-based organizations working toward clean air and greenhouse gas reductions through local engagement in State Implementation Plan development and other activities of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (APCD), California Air Resources Board (ARB) or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with emphasis on participation in coordinated valley-wide activities of the CVAQ coalition. Organizations that are incorporated non-profits or non-incorporated groups with incorporated non-profit fiscal sponsors are eligible to apply. \$100,000 in grant monies will be awarded.

Background

CVAQ believes local, regional, state and national governmental policies and rulemaking must be rooted in the principles of environmental justice and further informed by recognition of the adverse cumulative health impacts caused by the region's concentration of multiple environmental, social and economic stressors; and that the human health crisis and severe environmental degradation caused and exacerbated by air pollution and greenhouse gases emitted by sources within the San Joaquin Valley air basin can be reduced and remedied through:

- Direct action locally and regionally by a diverse coalition of community-based organizations and concerned individuals educated on the issues and trained for effective advocacy;
- Strict adherence by the APCD, ARB and EPA to the legal mandates of the California and U.S. Clean Air Acts and, whenever possible, to surpass those mandates;
- Full application of smart growth principles by local transportation and land use agencies reflective of the need to address entrenched social inequities; and
- A high level of public awareness and extensive media coverage of the region's human health and environmental crises, available solutions and responsible public agencies.

Project Goals

- Increased capacity of existing and potential CVAQ-member organizations resulting in enhanced community involvement through direct engagement at (1) the local agency level with city council members and county supervisors who serve on the APCD Governing Board; (2) meetings and workshops of the APCD Governing Board, Citizens Advisory Committee and Environmental Justice Advisory Group; and (3) meetings and workshops of the California Air Resources Board;
- Increased participation from communities of color and low-income communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley in the effort to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases;
- Policies and rules adopted and implemented to reduce ozone and particulate criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases;
- Improved environmental justice policymaking at the local and regional levels that addresses cumulative health impacts on people and the environment from energy, agriculture and land use/transportation decisions, particularly in communities of color and low income;

- Collaborative engagement with other grantees, CVAQ member organizations, community allies and elected officials as part of a coordinated valley-wide effort.
- Greater public awareness of the direct and indirect impacts energy production, agriculture and inefficient transportation systems have on climate change, air pollution and human health.

Selection Criteria

- Existing organization with membership consisting of Valley residents
- History of involvement in advancing the principles of environmental justice
- Demonstrated ability to involve volunteers from under-represented communities in campaigns and activities
- Goals and Outcomes for grant activities related to the project goals described above
- Current or proposed campaigns or activities related to the project goals described above

Special Considerations

- Based in the San Joaquin Valley
- CVAQ membership
- History of collaborative involvement in CVAQ activities and campaigns (or comparable activities)
- Potential to engage new volunteers from under-represented communities

Timeline

Proposal deadline: 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 11th

Grants awarded: April 1, 2013

Activity period: May 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Interim Report: Site visits will be scheduled in October

Final Report: January 31, 2014 (narrative and expenditure report)

Application Process

Submit a completed application by email in PDF format of all documents to:

dolores@calcleanair.org

Please include a one-page cover letter briefly describing your organization's history, structure, major achievements, vision and goals.

Also attach the following supporting documentation:

- Verification of your IRS tax status or Fiscal Sponsorship, including MOU, if applicable
- Most recent financial statement
- Most recently filed 990
- Roster of your current governing board

Note to all applicants: Attendance of the All-CVAQ meeting in April is a requirement of grantees. CVAQ will notify grantees of the date/location.

Disclaimer

Due to CVAQ's limited staff capacity, we can only take questions on the application itself rather than technical questions such as financial statements, formatting, etc. We will hold an informational meeting via teleconference Tuesday, February 26th at 2:00PM-3:00PM.

Please contact Dolores Weller (dolores@calcleanair.org) for call-in information.

Further Information

Contact Dolores Weller, Interim Director, 559-442-4771, dolores@calcleanair.org