



**San Joaquin Valley**  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT



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## Clean Air Centers Pilot Program (AB836)



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# Program Background

- Clean Air Centers Pilot Program established by AB 836
- Provides funding to purchase portable room filtration devices to create temporary clean air shelters for low income, disadvantaged and other vulnerable communities during smoke events
- CARB has developed general program guidelines in consultation with air districts, cities, counties, and other stakeholders to implement this program

**Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers  
for Vulnerable Populations  
Incentive Pilot Program Guidelines**



July 2021

# Program Funding Allocations

## AB 836 funding allocation by air districts

Air Districts	Allocation
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	\$3,000,000
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	\$750,000
South Coast Air Quality Management District	\$250,000
Other air districts (Operated by CAPCOA)	\$1,000,000
Total	\$5,000,000

# Funding Distribution

County	Population*	% Population	Clean Air Centers Funding**
San Joaquin	783,534	18.4%	\$127,980
Stanislaus	555,968	13.1%	\$90,810
Merced	284,836	6.7%	\$46,524
Madera	158,474	3.7%	\$25,885
Fresno	1,026,681	24.2%	\$167,695
Kings	152,543	3.6%	\$24,916
Tulare	481,733	11.3%	\$78,685
Kern (Valley)	803,576	18.9%	\$131,254
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,247,345</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$693,750</b>

\*January 1, 2021 Department of Finance data

\*\* Less 7.5% in District Administrative Funds

# Eligible Applicants



## Public and Private Facilities, such as:

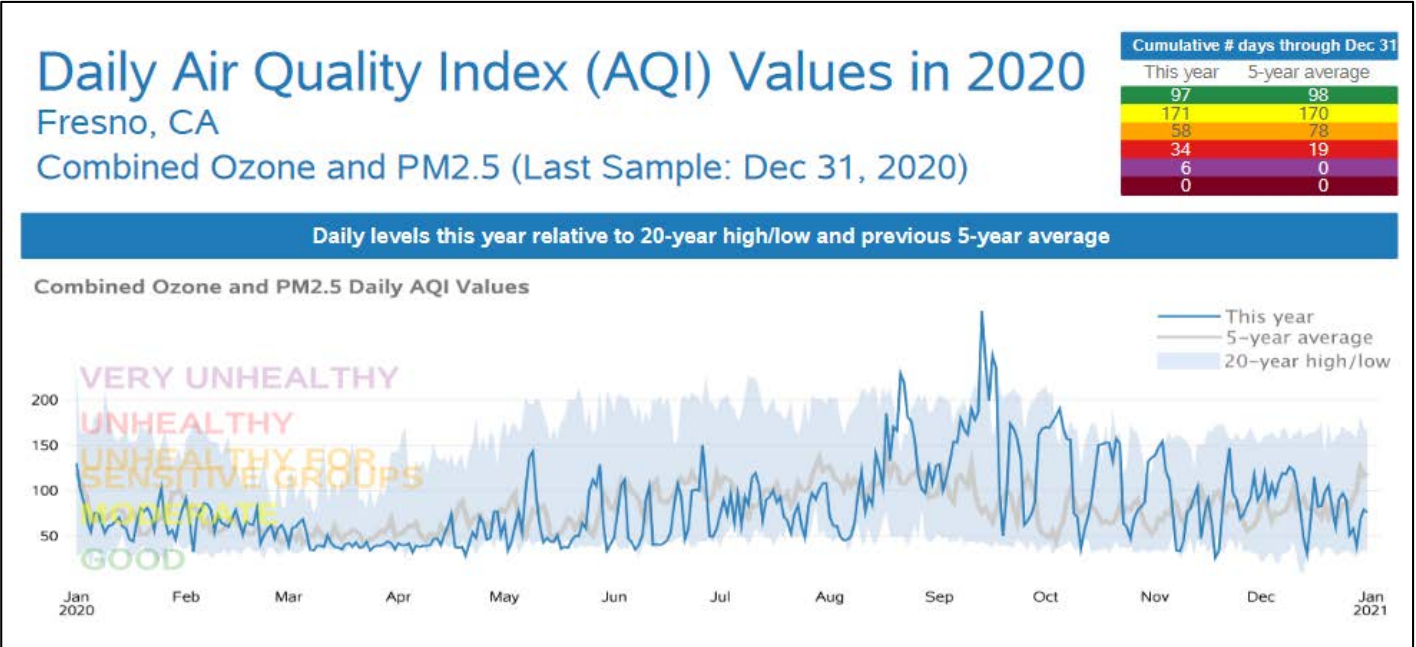
- Schools
- Libraries
- Cooling Centers
- Recreation Centers
- Community Centers
- Veteran's Centers
- Senior Centers
- Sports Centers

# Eligible Applicants

## Cumulative Smoke Burden

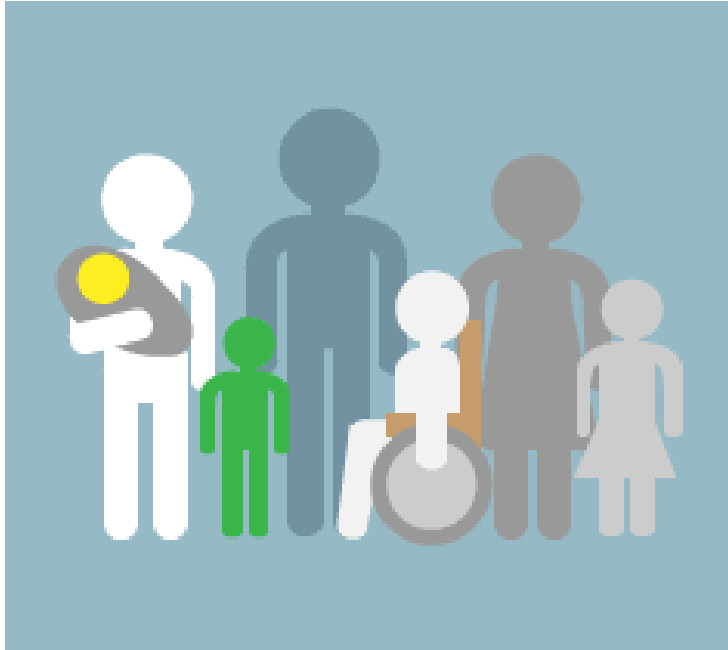
- Multiple days at or above “Unhealthy” category of AirNow Air Quality Index (or AirQuality Index value of 151 or higher) due to wildfire smoke in the past five years

Cumulative # days through Dec 31	
This year	5-year average
97	98
171	170
58	78
34	19
6	0
0	0



# Eligible Applicants

## Proximity to Vulnerable Populations



- AB 617 Community - SC Fresno, Shafter, Arvin/Lamont, and Stockton
- Community served by a low-income school
- “Disadvantaged community”, “Severely Disadvantaged Community” or “Low Income Community”
- Community within an area identified as among the most disadvantaged 25% of areas based on the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 tool
- Located on lands belonging to Federally recognized Indian tribes or other California Natives Americans
- District recommended community based on relevant information that supports above elements



# Program Priority

Located in schools that meet criteria outlined in section 1(B)(2) of the guidelines

Facilities that are close to and provide easy access to vulnerable populations

Have a reasonable capacity to meet the possible clean air center needs of vulnerable populations

Facilities that are designated cooling centers

Facilities capable of providing the greatest amount of access to the public as a clean air center

# Grant Application Process

## STEP 1

- Submit an application per facility location during the open application solicitation period.

## STEP 2

- District staff reviews applications for eligibility, ranks projects by the criteria listed in section III Program Priority of these guidelines

## STEP 3

- Selected applications are offered contracts and upon obtaining all signature, the contract is executed

## STEP 4

- Applicants, with executed contracts, make purchases and/or receive delivery of selected portable devices. Final invoices submitted to the District for payment

## STEP 5

- Operate and maintain devices at the Clean Air Centers and submit annual usage reports to the District during the 5 year project life\*

\*Note: Clean Air Center deployment will be tied to Air Quality Alert notifications issued by the District.

# Portable Air Cleaner Purchase

## Eligible Equipment

- **Funding Amount** - up to 100% of the cost.
- Portable air cleaners certified by California Air Resources Board for sale and use in California AND equipped with HEPA filter.

## Ineligible Costs

- Administrative costs and Operational costs
- Air Quality Monitoring Device
- Facility approvals and coordination costs
- Costs to improve the clean air center

## Purchasing Pathway

1. **Bulk Pricing List** – Selects a device from the District's approved Bulk Pricing list. District arranges payment directly to manufacturer and has device delivered to applicant (**no out-of-pocket expenses**).
2. **Buy Direct** – Purchase a CARB certified portable air cleaner directly from vendor and request reimbursement from the District.

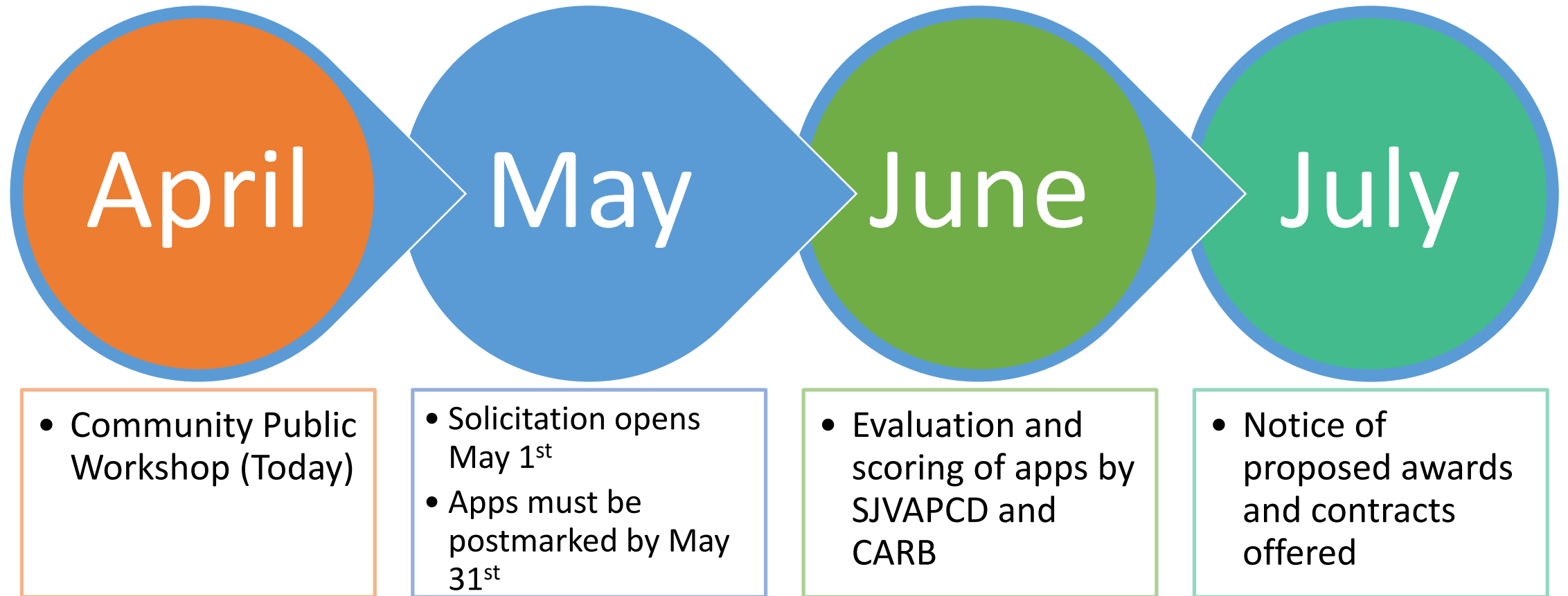


# Applicant Responsibilities



- Ensure Clean Air Center is well-lit, secure, and in compliance with all Local, State, and Federal regulations and/or requirements.
- Notify the District should a portable air cleaner need to be relocated to a different Clean Air Center.
- Keep an inventory of portable air cleaners and their locations.
- Replace portable air cleaners that are lost, broken, or stolen within 30 days.
- Allow District staff or its authorized reps to inspect the project and conduct financial audits.
- Retain record for five (5) years beyond the completion of the project life.
- **Submit Annual Operations Reports** for 5 years after project completion
- **Submit a Final Report** after portable air cleaner purchases have been completed

# Timeline for Program Implementation



# Comments and Contact Information

## Questions regarding SJVAPCD Clean Air Centers Pilot Program:

- ❖ Call SJVAPCD Incentives Department: **559-230-5800** and ask for Clean Air Centers Program Staff
- ❖ Email Inquiries to : [grants@valleyair.org](mailto:grants@valleyair.org)
- ❖ For program news and updates, sign up for SJVAPCD E-mail notifications at <http://valleyair.org/lists/list.htm>

# Questions

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