



REGION 9

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

March 18, 2024

Mr. Paul Hellman
Air Pollution Control Officer
Shasta County Air Quality Management District
1855 Placer Street, Suite 101
Redding, California 96001

Dear Mr. Hellman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to inform you of the availability of or federal funding via passthrough for noncompetitive direct grant funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Sections 60105(a) and 60105(b) providing critical resources to support the sustainability of national air quality monitoring networks. This funding will support establishing new ambient monitoring sites as well as maintaining, operating, or upgrading existing monitoring networks. The statutory authority for this program is utilizing Section 103 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) as the funding authority and does not require matching funds. These funds will be awarded as stand-alone grants and cannot be combined with other grants.

In FY24, we are providing between \$500,000 up to \$1,420,000 to support the operation of your monitoring program. Once EPA reviews all funding requests submitted, we will adjust the regional allocation and consider proposals up to the maximum amount.

Your District will continue to operate the monitors under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement signed in 1998. You can access the funding allocated to your agency by requesting it from Tung Le at the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association. Please request the entire amount at one time to assist Mr. Le in his management of the funds. Please remember that the funds must be kept and tracked separately. This requires separate accounting, requests for reimbursement and Financial Status Reports.

If you have any questions regarding the monitoring network, please contact Shaye Hong, Hong.Shaye@epa.gov of our Monitoring and Analysis section. Questions regarding the grant may be directed to Angela Latigue of my staff at (415) 947-4170.

Sincerely,

**KENNETH
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Ken Israels, Manager
Grants and Tribal Section
Air and Radiation Division

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Attachments

cc: Rob Stahl, SCAQMD
Tung Le, CAPCOA

Due 4/19/24

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EPA AIR MONITORING GRANTS FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCIES
UNDER THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022

Note: Use of this cover page is optional. EPA will not penalize or withhold a benefit from an applicant who provides this information in a different format.

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Organization:	California Air Pollution Control Officers Association
Applicant Address:	1107 9 th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Primary Contact Name:	Tung Le
Primary Contact Email:	tung@capcoa.org
Primary Contact Phone:	916-441-5700

PART 2: PROJECT INFORMATION

Proposed Project Title:
Shasta County AQMD Ambient Monitoring Upgrade and Resilience Plan
Brief Project Description: <i>Brief description of the project in one to three sentences only, especially noting the expected outputs and outcomes.</i>
<p>Shasta County AQMD is requesting funding to purchase monitors and supplies to reduce monitor down time in our existing network. Additional we are requesting funding to purchase a continuous PM10 monitor to provide the community with current PM10 data. The continuous PM10 monitor will replace our Hi-Vol filter-based sampler.</p> <p>Grant funding of IRA Sections 60105(a) and 60105(b) are to be used by Shasta County Air Quality Management District to deploy one new monitors at an existing air monitoring sites, replace ageing monitors and data loggers, provide existing monitor support, and cover staff cost. The expected outcome will support Justice40 by increasing of the resilience of the ambient air monitoring networks, using new ambient air sampling/analysis methods and increase public awareness of ambient air quality. Additionally, one of the ambient monitoring sites (Shasta Lake) for which equipment upgrades would occur through this grant is located in a Disadvantaged Community per the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (Tract Number 06089011600).</p>
Funding Requested: <i>The total amount of requested funding needs to be commensurate with the applicant's proposed activities.</i>
\$227,255.68

PART 3: PROJECT LOCATION(S)

Provide a list of the location(s) where the proposed air monitoring activities will be implemented.

Joseph Tona

From: Tung Le <tung@capcoa.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 1:02 PM
To: Joseph Tona; Erik White; Brad Poiriez
Subject: Fwd: IRA Direct Monitoring Grants (CAPCOA Grants 5Q-97T19801-0 and 5U-97T03101-0)
Attachments: RTI-TD-HQ-21-Grantee Intake Form v2.docx; RTI-TD-HQ-21-Help Desk Brochure.pdf
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hot off the presses. We'll be letting folks know but thought I'd share with you guys now.

Tung Le
Executive Director
CA Air Pollution Control Officers Association

Sent by mobile device

From: Latigue, Angela <Latigue.Angela@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 12:42 PM
To: Tung Le <tung@capcoa.org>; Laura Gutierrez <Laura@capcoa.org>
Cc: Green, Katy <Green.Katy@epa.gov>; Julia Carlstad <carlstad.julia@epa.gov>; Shaye Hong <hong.shaye@epa.gov>; Cook, Stella <cook.stella@epa.gov>; Obrez, Katya <Obrez.Katya@epa.gov>
Subject: IRA Direct Monitoring Grants (CAPCOA Grants 5Q-97T19801-0 and 5U-97T03101-0)

Thank you for applying for grant funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Direct Monitoring Program.

EPA's Guidance for Air Monitoring Grants and Air Quality Sensors Grants Under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 outlined air monitoring priorities and identified factors to allocate the available funding under IRA Sections 60105(a)(b) and (c). Using these factors, EPA Region 9 evaluated the applications submitted by the eligible agencies. The submitted needs of eligible agencies far exceeded the funds available under these IRA monitoring provisions, so many eligible applicants have been allocated less than the amount applied for in their applications.

For the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) EPA Region 9 has allocated **\$3,786,025 for the "IRA Section 60105(a)(b) grant (5Q-97T19801-0) and \$55,920 for the IRA Section 60106(c) grant (5U-97T03101-0)**. The breakdown of approved funding amounts by district are as follows:

Eastern Kern County APCD	\$139,939
Lake County AQMD	\$139,939
Mendocino County AQMD	\$139,939
Mojave Desert AQMD	\$662,446

North Coast Unified AQMD	\$186,489
Northern Sierra AQMD	\$566,634
Placer County APCD	\$139,939
San Luis Obispo APCD	\$662,446
Shasta County AQMD	\$227,256
Siskiyou County APCD	\$339,939
Tehama County APCD	\$139,940
Yolo-Solano AQMD	\$301,180

The next step is to revise the applications for the IRA Section 60105(a)(b) and IRA Section 60105(c) grants, including the work plans and budgets, to match the monitoring priorities with the available funding amounts. We are available to work with CAPCOA in this process and am available to meet at any of the following dates/times to discuss next steps.

Tuesday (9/10): 2:00pm – 2:30pm
 Wednesday (9/11): 10:00am – 10:30am
 Thursday (9/12): 11:00am – 11:30am

Also, EPA is revising the process for grantees to submit their progress reports. When submitting semi-annual and final progress reports to me as your Project Officer, please include EPA_OAR_Grant_Documentation@tetrattech.com in the cc: field. The reporting schedule will be included in the programmatic terms and conditions in the final award.

Finally, EPA is offering Quality Assurance and Technical assistance support through a contractor Help Desk. Please refer to the attachments for instructions on how to request quality assurance support and technical assistance from the IRA Help Desk for Air Monitoring and Air Quality Sensor Grants.

As always, please feel free to call with any questions.

Thanks!

- Angie



Angela Latigue

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