



## San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

# Clean Air for All Awards Program

## About

The **Clean Air for All Awards** recognize entities that develop and/or implement innovative solutions beyond regulatory requirements to support the SDAPCD's vision of Clean Air for All in San Diego County.

## Eligibility

Any entity (including but not limited to non-profit organizations, industry, government agencies, business, etc.) that develops and/or implements meaningful innovative solutions beyond regulatory requirements under one of the following categories:

### Air Quality

*This category includes solutions that result in pollution prevention, pollution reduction, and/or increased environmental compliance.*

- *Pollution prevention solutions reduce the generation of air pollution of any hazardous or toxic substance being released into the environment. Source reduction may involve modifications to equipment, technology, processes, or procedures; reformulation of products; substitution of raw materials; or improvements in housekeeping, maintenance, training, inventory control, or other operational and maintenance procedures.*

*In all cases, for a project to meet the definition of pollution prevention, there must be an overall decrease in the amount and/or toxicity of pollution released to the environment, not merely a transfer of pollution among media.*

- *Pollution reduction solutions result in a decrease in the amount and/or toxicity of any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant being released into the environment by an operating business or facility. This may include increasing the capture or control efficiency of an existing source.*

- *Increased environmental compliance may include trainings or technical support to members of the regulated community or the public to identify, achieve, or maintain compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements or to reduce the generation, release, or disposal of pollutants beyond legal requirements.*

## Public Health

*Public health projects provide diagnostic, preventative, and/or remedial components of human health care related to air pollution. This may include epidemiological data collection and analysis, medical examinations of potentially affected persons, medical monitoring, medical treatment, health fairs, rehabilitation therapy.*

## Environmental Justice<sup>1</sup> & Equity<sup>2</sup>

*SDAPCD refers to Environmental Justice as “the equitable treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, income, gender, or ability, with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”*

*Solutions under this category will address inequities in under-resourced communities by: improving air quality in those communities, promoting public awareness/transparency in those communities, identifying opportunity areas to better serve those communities on air quality matters or to expand opportunities for public engagement that result in meaningful participation in decision-making.*

### **The solutions that can be recognized under this program must meet all the following requirements:**

1. Be technically, economically, and legally feasible; and,
2. Go beyond federal, state, and local requirements or realize reductions in advance of regulatory deadlines.

---

<sup>1</sup> This category is intended to address inequities in under-resourced communities. This program uses [CalEnviroScreen](#) as a benchmark to define what communities in San Diego County are located within the boundaries of under-resourced communities. A community's score of 75 percent or greater is defined as under-resourced community.

<sup>2</sup> SDAPCD Equity Statement [Equity \(sdapcd.org\)](https://sdapcd.org/equity)

## Nomination and Information Requirements

SDAPCD will solicit nominations every August. Anyone can submit nominations to SDAPCD by providing the following information:

- Summary of the Innovative Solution  
*Summarize the solution including a description, purpose, and outcome*
- Issue or Need for the Solution  
*Discuss the issue or need that prompted the development of the solution*
- Description of the Program  
*Provide a description of the nominated solution including its objectives, timeframe for development and implementation, the entity's role in developing or implementing the solution and the contributions of any other partners where applicable.*
- Cost of the Program  
*Describe both the operating and capital costs incurred in developing or implementing the solution. Were incentive funds or grants used to help cover some of the program or project costs.*
- The Results/Success of the Program  
*Provide a description of the results and the success of the solution in meeting its objectives*

## How to Submit a Nomination

Nomination applications are to be submitted online via our website, [sdapcd.org](http://sdapcd.org).

## Selection

An award will be presented under each category. The Air Pollution Control Officer, in consultation with SDAPCD Staff and the Governing Board Chair, will select the entities receiving the awards. The award will be presented every October during a ceremony on Clean Air Day, and awardees will be given the opportunity to be recognized by the Full Governing Board at the October board meeting.