

Local Government GHG Initiative Grant Program

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Background

- March 2008 APCD's Board authorized the Local Government Greenhouse Gas Initiative Grant Program



Local Government GHG Initiative Grant Program Components

- Technical Assistance - provide technical assistance to the cities/county
- Local Government Implementation Program- provide funding to implement elements of action plan

Technical Assistance Component

- \$10,000 grant to local Sierra Club to coordinate and oversee volunteer groups to assist local governments with GHG emission inventories & action plans
- Sierra Club conduct the following:
 - Assemble resource teams
 - Coordinate activities and provide managerial oversight for the teams
 - Provide training on GHG emission reduction tools
 - Provide update reports
 - Provide oversight and QC for inventory and action plan development
 - Sign grant agreement with APCD
- MOU between cities/county and Sierra Club
 - Join ICLEI Local Government for Sustainability or California Climate Action Registry
 - Sign MOU with APCD and Sierra Club
 - Identify a representative that will oversee Sierra Club and volunteer activities
 - Work with Sierra Club and appointed Resource Teams to conduct inventory in accordance with appropriate ICLEI or CCAR protocols
 - Verify work conducted by the Sierra Club prior to payment
 - Have inventory verified and/or approved by appropriate government entity
 - Develop Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Plan (Plan) based on inventory results
 - Implement measures in Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Measures per Plan
 - Receive funding through APCD Local Government Greenhouse Gas Initiative Grant

Local Government Implementation Program Component

- Funds to be provided to cities and unincorporated communities that are committed to reducing GHG and sign on to ICLEI or CCAR
- Funds will be available once final GHG action plans have been adopted
- Cities and unincorporated communities will have 18 months to submit a request for funding to the APCD
 - Eligible for an equal share of available funds
- Unallocated funds at the end of 18 months will be redistributed

Local Government Funding

- \$137,000 funding for local governments
- \$79,460 South County (Arroyo Grande, Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Nipomo, and Pismo Beach)
- \$57,540 all other (Atascadero, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo)



Thank You