



AUTOMOBILE EMISSIONS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY FUND GRANT FACTSHEET

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) established the Automobile Emissions Research and Technology Fund (the “Fund”) to provide California local agencies and public or non-profit colleges or universities access to grants for the study, research, development and/or the acquisition and use of technology for qualified projects related to California vehicle emissions impacts.

The Fund was created as a result of a historic settlement resolving an enforcement action brought by California against Volkswagen for engaging in an extensive scheme to rig its diesel passenger vehicles to cheat on emissions tests. Volkswagen’s conduct misled regulators and consumers and put thousands of polluting diesel vehicles on California roads. As part of the settlement with the OAG, \$10 Million was designated to establish the Fund.

Eligibility Criteria

California local agencies or California public or non-profit colleges or universities are eligible to apply. Local agencies include city, county, and regional government agencies (such as local air districts).

Funding Details

A total of \$10 Million in grant funding is available for qualified projects.

- Each applicant may apply for a grant of up to \$2 Million.
- Additional consideration will be given to projects involving partnerships with environmental justice communities.
- Grant awards can be used to augment, but not supplant or cause any reduction in, the budget of the grantee.
- It is anticipated that grants will be awarded and disbursed in a single cycle.

Grant Proposal

Applications should explain how, and to what extent, the grant award will be used for the study, research, development, and/or the acquisition and use of technology in the following areas:

- (1) Modeling and monitoring of vehicle emissions and air quality impacts in California; or,
- (2) Public health and environmental impacts of vehicle emissions in California (including without limitation impacts on environmental justice communities, children, and other vulnerable populations).

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Applications should be no more than five pages, not including the application form and supporting documentation. Applications should include a section describing the appropriate metrics through which the grant's effectiveness can be measured.

Complete applications must be submitted to the California Department of Justice by **June 25, 2021**. All grant proposals must be emailed to emissionsfund@doj.ca.gov.

A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant once the application has been received. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up to confirm that the application has been received.

To learn more about the Automobile Emissions Research and Technology Fund grants, or to obtain detailed application instructions visit <https://oag.ca.gov/consumers/emissions-fund>.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the California Department of Justice at emissionsfund@doj.ca.gov.