



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) AB617/Community Air Protection Budgets

Q1: The August 26 [budget handout](#) outlines \$5 million allocated solely for CERP development. Is this also used for CERP implementation?

A1: The one-time \$5 million allocation is for CERP development and related elements only. Once the CERP is developed, separate funding for CERP implementation will need to be secured.

Q2: Is there any funding set aside for monitoring the new areas in the new community boundaries? Is the \$1.6 million allocated for air monitoring over one year intended to continue Phase 3 work?

A2: The August 26 [budget handout](#) outlines \$1.25 million from the state to cover Air District costs for the implementation of the AB 617 program in our region (not including CERP development). For air monitoring in 2025, the budget handout assumes the operations of the portable laboratory at one location and one stand-alone monitor. This can be used for monitoring in new areas. Other additional sites for monitoring are not anticipated and are not funded. Future funding and resources for monitoring will continue to depend on the Governor's appropriations in the approved state budget to the Community Air Protection Program.

This \$1.25 million provided to the District is also used to implement AB 617, which covers elements such as emissions reporting and expanded Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) requirements.

Separate from the \$1.25 million, approximately \$330K has been allocated to staff resources to assist communities with Community Air Grant recipients to develop Local CERPs.

Q3: The CAP incentives for 2023-2024 total \$6.5 million. Will that be used for CAP incentives only, or will it fund CERP projects as well? Will it be 50/50, or is there a clear line between the two?

A3: The \$6.5 million for fiscal year 2023-2024 is earmarked for traditional CAP incentive projects, which must follow the Moyer and CAP guidelines. The 2024-2025 CA State Budget has allocated \$250 million for the Community Air Protection program. The CAP funding will be distributed to all the air districts administering the program. However, each District’s allocation has not yet been determined. Project planning can still proceed using assumptions based on historical allocation trends. This is estimated to be \$6.5 million for the fiscal year 2024-2025 funds. This funding will be used to fund projects prioritized in the CERP and/or projects that adhere to the Carl Moyer and CAP Program guidelines. The District is considering prioritizing up to 50% of the FY 2024-2025 incentive funding to be allocated in the AB617 South Sacramento-Florin community for projects.

Q5: Is there a requirement that 70-80% of incentive funding be spent within the South Sacramento-Florin community?

A5: The CAP incentive guidelines require that 70-80% of funding be spent within a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or low-income area in the county, but it is not limited to a specific community.

Q6: What is the cost of a full-time employee (FTE)? How are the 11 FTEs for CERP calculated in the budget?

A6: Employee salaries are public record and included in the annual budget development process for Air District Board approval. The Air District’s annual Budget Book details salary ranges by job classification. The Budget Book is posted on the [District’s website](#). Based on the 2023-24 Budget Book, the salary ranges for the classifications that work on the Community Air Protection program are:

Air Quality Engineer Air Quality Planner/Analysts Air Quality Specialists Communications & Marketing Specialist	\$7,849.01- \$11,080.81 gross per month
Program Supervisor	\$9,521.89-\$12,760.59 gross per month
Program Manager	\$10,946.32 - \$14,668.64 gross per month
Division Director	\$12,582.18 - \$16,860.83 gross per month

These salaries are comparable to the salaries at the California Air Resources Board and other similar government entities.

The August 26 [budget handout](#) details how the 11 FTEs for CERP are calculated. Staff activities are marked with an asterisk and FTE assumptions are detailed in Note #2. The handout includes all staffing costs for the AB 617 program.

Q7: The August 26 [budget handout](#) details that program expenditures total \$7.6 million. How much of that is staff time?

A7: The budget handout outlines the tasks and activities for AB 617 implementation and the projected cost. The total projected expenditures are \$7.6 million, which exceeds the FY23/24 grant amount of \$6.5 million received.

Program expenses include:

- **Contracting/Third Party:** Services such as laboratory analysis, facilitation fees, meeting expenses, training, CSC stipends, and interpretation services.
- **Staffing:** Time allocated to perform tasks such as Steering Committee meeting logistics, operating air monitoring stations, data analysis and collection, and planning and strategy development. This includes administrative overhead costs to support the program (IT, building, finance, etc.).

Of the \$7.6 million, \$6.5 million is spent on Staffing costs to perform the listed tasks, and \$1.1 million is spent on Contracting/Third Party costs. CERP Project funding is separately funded under Community Air Protection Incentives (**refer to Q3**).

Q8: Where can I find information on the District's website about who has received funding and the amounts?

A8: AB 617 funding, including implementation and CAP incentives, can be found on the District's website and CARB's Community Hub 2.0.

- *For implementation funds:*
 - District: [AB 617 Budget \(airquality.org\)](#)
 - CARB: [Implementation Funds | AB 617 CommunityHub 2.0 \(ca.gov\)](#)
- *For CAP Incentives funds:*
 - District: [CAP Incentive Projects \(airquality.org\)](#)
 - CARB: [CAP Incentives | AB 617 CommunityHub 2.0](#)

Q9: What is the cost of each Steering Committee meeting, and how much of that is staff time?

A9: Each AB 617 Steering Committee meeting costs about \$10,200, with around 43% (\$4,400) of that for District staff time. This estimate does not include preparation costs, such as co-lead preparation meetings, internal and external coordination, and

developing meeting material, which vary by meeting. The table below provides a breakdown of the estimated meeting expenses and assumptions used.

Meeting Expense Categories	Approx. Expenses	Assumptions
District Staff time	\$4,400	2 hours for meeting, 2 hours for meeting setup and breakdown, 8 FTEs
Facilitator	\$1,400	2 facilitators, 3 hours
Interpretation Services	\$3,000	For in-person and online interpretation services, travel time for in-person meeting
Stipends	\$1,000	Assumes 10 members who opted for a stipend
Food/snacks/drinks	\$400	Historic costs of providing food and drinks
Total per meeting	\$10,200	

Q10: Who will decide how the \$250,000 outreach fund will be spent?

A10: The August 26 [budget handout](#) outlines \$250,000 for outreach. The outreach budget is for two years, with \$120,000 allocated for translation and interpretation services (\$60,000 per year). The remaining \$130,000 will be used for community outreach and related activities for the District and the Steering Committee. The District and the Steering Committee will determine a process for allocating these funds.

Q11: Does CAMP funding expire if not spent by the end of the year?

A11: Grant agreements specify when funds must be spent. Typically, there is more than one year to use the funds. For example, the FY 2022-2023 implementation funds must be spent by June 30, 2027, and we expect to use them by the end of 2024. Similarly, the FY 2023-2024 funds must be spent by June 30, 2028, with an expected use by June 2026.