



CALEPA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

2020 Distribution Report

CalEPA administers the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account Grant Program as authorized by Penal Code sections 14300-14315 and California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10014-10016. This grant program provides financial assistance for environmental enforcement, investigation, education, and training to enhance statewide enforcement of environmental laws. The grant program is a key component of the state's efforts to support coordinated and uniform environmental enforcement by providing funding to ensure effective prosecution of environmental laws in all regions of California, including rural areas. While funding may come from public and private sources, most funding for the program comes from judgments in local, state, and federal environmental law enforcement actions, often referred to as [Supplemental Environmental Projects](#) or SEPs.

The funds are allocated according to the formula outlined in Penal Code section 14314:

- 25% to the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project run by California District Attorneys Association (CDAA);
- 25% to CDAA to provide environmental enforcement training to prosecutors, investigators, and regulators;
- 25% to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) up to \$100,000, but POST may decline all or part of the funds allocated, with any funds declined going to CalEPA for reallocation through discretionary grants for the environmental training of peace officers; and
- The remaining for discretionary grants to be awarded to public agencies or private nonprofit organizations for the purposes of (1) supporting statewide environmental enforcement education and training programs for peace officers, investigators, state and local environmental regulators, and prosecutors or (2) the enhancement of local environmental enforcement efforts.

2020 Distributions

For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, CalEPA made no distributions. Pursuant to Penal Code section 14314, the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account must have a balance of at least \$100,000 before CalEPA may disburse funds from the account. Unfortunately, this year's account balance fell short of that minimum dollar threshold.