



## CALEPA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

### 2025 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. For more information on SEPs, click [here](#).

The account funds are allocated as follows:

- 25%, up to \$100,000, to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) to be used for the training of peace officers consistent with the program's requirements. 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.
- The remaining 75% is available for discretionary grants to be awarded for circuit prosecutor projects or 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.

### 2025 Awards

For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the total amount available in the account for distribution was \$905,847.25. POST declined all of the funds allocated to it pursuant to Penal Code section 14314(a), so the amount reverted back to CalEPA for allocation, along with the program requirement that it may only be used to support the training of peace officers. The balance of the fund (\$805,847.25) was available for discretionary grants to be awarded for any of the statutorily permissible purposes identified above.

CalEPA received eight applications and recommended full or partial funding of three applicants as follows:

- \$45,000 to **California Safe Schools**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, to support the "Your Life Is Now" Training and Enforcement Forum in October 2025, for community-based and non-profit organizations. The Forum is intended to empower attendees to document violations using sound methods that meet evidentiary standards, through expert speakers from regulatory and enforcement agencies presenting case studies, interactive demonstrations, and a post-event toolkit with complaint templates, agency contacts, and follow-up video content to reinforce learning.



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- \$74,450 to the **California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, to fund the California Specialized Training Institute's April 2026 Hazardous Materials Investigations (HMI) Course. The HMI course is a 40-hour course designed to provide a basic understanding of the issues involved in the investigation of hazardous materials incidents and consists of lectures and discussions, demonstrations, classroom activities, and a functional exercise. The target audience for the training includes State and local environmental health regulators, peace officers, public prosecutors and their inspectors and investigators, California Fish and Wildlife wardens, firefighters and hazardous materials specialists.
- \$81,000 to the **Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department** to expand the scope of its environmental enforcement associated with illegal cannabis cultivation operations, including certified laboratory analysis of evidentiary samples seized from illegal cannabis grows, as well as increased environmental enforcement training for law enforcement.

**Summary of Awards**

Organization	Amount	Grant Type
California Safe Schools	\$45,000	Discretionary – Enforcement Training Grant
California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association	\$74,450	Discretionary – Enforcement Training Grant; POST-Declined Funds for the Training of Peace Officers (50% from each funding source)
Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department	\$81,000	Discretionary – Local Assistance Grant; POST-Declined Funds for the Training of Peace Officers
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,450</b>	