



CAL/EPA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM REPORT MAY 2006

The Environmental Enforcement and Training Act (Penal Code section 14300) created the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account under the authority of the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). The purpose of the Account is to provide additional funding for environmental training and enforcement through donations from enforcement cases.

Funding for the Account comes from money designated for such use in enforcement cases. These contributions are often referred to as Supplemental Environmental Projects or "SEPs." Private contributions may also be received. No general fund money is used in this account. For more information on SEPs, see Cal/EPA's website at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/policy/>.

By statute, funds in the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account are allocated:

- 25% to the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project;
- 25% to the California District Attorneys Association to provide enforcement training for environmental prosecutors, investigators and regulators;
- 25% (capped at \$100,000) to the Peace Officers Standards Training Commission for peace officer training targeted at the detection and investigation of environmental crimes;
- The remaining 25% is distributed by Cal/EPA as grants to provide training and enforcement resources.

The actual amount of grant funding available is dependent on the amount of money deposited into the Account and is distributed annually. Cal/EPA solicits applications for the grants from September 1st to 30th. For more information see our website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Grants/2005/14300.htm>.

2005 Distribution

A total of \$1,018,061.84 was distributed in 2005, as follows:

- \$254,515.46 to the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project;
- \$254,515.46 to the California District Attorneys Association to provide enforcement training;
- \$100,000 to the Peace Officers Standards Training Commission for the production of an environmental crimes awareness training video for peace officers;
- \$409,030.92 to Cal/EPA for training and enforcement grants.

Cal/EPA Grants

Cal/EPA awarded grants in the amount of \$409,030.92. The California District Attorneys Association requested additional funds to support the Circuit Prosecutor Project. This request was approved in the amount of \$404,765.92.

An application was received from the Santa Rosa Fire Department, which is the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for the City of Santa Rosa, to pay for the creation of hazardous materials educational and enforcement materials for Spanish speaking business owners and operators. This request was approved in the amount of \$4,265.00.

An application was received from the Santa Clara Fire Department, which is also a CUPA, for funds to attend the annual CUP/UST Conference in Burlingame, California in February 2006. This application was denied but the applicants were encouraged to apply for other funds at Cal/EPA that are used to send regulators to enforcement training. The Santa Clara Fire Department was awarded scholarships to attend this training from other funds.

Reports on the projects undertaken with these funds are available from Cal/EPA. For more information, see <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Grants/2005/14300.htm>.