



CalEPA Environmental Enforcement & Training Grant Program 2024 Notice of Funding Availability

The Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) invites applications for environmental enforcement, training, or circuit prosecutor grants under Penal Code sections 14306 through 14309 for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Applications for funding may be submitted from April 12 through May 10, 2024.

As of April 1, 2024, the balance in the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account available for disbursement during the current grant cycle is **\$921,060**.

Of this amount, **\$300,000** has been earmarked for circuit prosecutor grants.

Under Penal Code section 14314(a), 25% of the fund balance or \$100,000, whichever is less, is earmarked for the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (CPOST) for environmental enforcement training of peace officers. CPOST has declined the funds allocated to it this year. As a result, **\$100,000** in funding is earmarked for grants for environmental enforcement training of peace officers.

The balance of the fund, **\$521,060** is available for grants to environmental enforcement, training, and circuit prosecutor grants under Penal Code sections 14300 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10011 et seq.

In sum, funds available to be awarded this year:

Circuit Prosecutor	\$300,000
Peace Officer Training	\$100,000
Environmental Enforcement, Training, or Circuit Prosecutor	\$521,060
Total	\$921,060

Application instructions and a sample template application are attached. Applications should include all of the information in the attached template and be emailed to EETAGrantApps@calepa.ca.gov.

CalEPA will notify each applicant of the Secretary's decision in late May or early June 2024. Funded projects are generally implemented from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Background

The Environmental Enforcement and Training Act of 2002 (Act) (Penal Code, § 14300 et seq.) created a grant program to fund eligible environmental training, investigation, and enforcement activities in the State.

The grant program is funded by public and private contributions from the proceeds of property seized and forfeited under Health and Safety Code section 11489, and by proceeds from State and federal court judgments.

The Act charged CalEPA's Secretary with administering and distributing grant program funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, as required by the Act. CalEPA implements the Act through its regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10011 et seq.

Under this program, the Secretary provides funds to eligible grantees for projects that fall under Penal Code sections 14306 through 14309. To be considered, eligible entities must submit an application for an eligible project to CalEPA by May 10, 2024.