



HCBF Press Release

HCBF to Award \$5,000,000 for Technologies to Reduce Port-Related Air Emissions in the San Pedro Bay Area

Grants Will Attract Innovation and Transformative Technologies from Around the World to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollution in the Port Communities and Beyond



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San Pedro, CA—June 27, 2018—[Harbor Community Benefit Foundation \(HCBF\)](#) announced today it plans to seek and fund projects to reduce port-related air emissions in the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, near the Port of Los Angeles. “HCBF is proud of the great work that we’ve supported over the last six years to reduce the impacts of port operations in the lives of those who live and work in the harbor. We now look forward to bringing innovative and cleaner technologies to our area to create a healthier environment now, and for future generations,” said HCBF Board President Gisele Fong, Ph.D.

The Air Quality Mitigation Fund (AQMF), managed by HCBF, was established based on a [Memorandum of Agreement](#) signed between the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and HCBF in 2015. POLA was required to set aside funding for air quality mitigation as part of a settlement associated with the approval of the China Shipping Container Terminal Project (China Shipping) in 2004.

In 2017, HCBF received over \$5,000,000 from POLA to support these projects within the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro, pursuant to a settlement reached with environmental organizations and community stakeholders. The AQMF will be administered exclusively by HCBF to reduce port-related emissions, with a preferred focus on zero-emissions technologies.

“Unhealthy air quality is a persistent problem in our Port communities, and we deserve better. We need innovative change,” said Kathleen Woodfield, a San Pedro resident and member of the San Pedro Homeowners Coalition and a China Shipping appellant. HCBF will soon issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) addressed to technology providers around the globe to apply for funding. Qualified



projects must meet certain eligibility criteria and compliance requirements. HCBF encourages all applicants to build partnerships with local businesses and organizations.

Outreach—through a series of online meetings and webinars—will be supported by a local technical consultant, [3COTECH, Inc.](#) 3COTECH is advising HCBF on the application and selection process, as well as providing technology evaluation, support for funding recommendations, and project monitoring.

HCBF, with the approval of the POLA Board of Harbor Commissioners, is empowered to award funding to third parties “...exclusively for projects that are reasonably calculated to reduce Port-related air emissions. This includes emissions resulting from the transport and handling of cargo, within, into, out of, to, or from the Port of Los Angeles, including but not limited to cargo transport and handling by ships, harbor craft, trucks, locomotives, or cargo handling equipment.”

“We don’t have to choose between clean air and good jobs. By investing in the latest clean air technologies, we can have both,” said Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor.

For more project information, see <http://hcbf.org/grants/air-quality-mitigation-program/>

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About HCBF

The [Harbor Community Benefit Foundation \(HCBF\)](#) is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to mitigating impacts from Port of Los Angeles-related activities on the two neighboring communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, California. Its mission is to assess, protect, and improve the health, quality of life, aesthetics, and physical environment of the impacted harbor communities. HCBF traces its roots to over a decade of organized struggle by environmental and community groups in opposition to observed health risks and environmental impacts caused by port-related sources, which began with the China Shipping litigation at the Port of Los Angeles. HCBF serves the communities through grant funding, technical assistance, independent research, and community engagement. Since its formation in 2011, HCBF has invested more than \$6,300,000 through 124 grants awarded to 71 groups.

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