



CLEAN AIR FUND: SPENDING FRAMEWORK

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OVERVIEW

- Review the Purpose of the Clean Air Fund
- Review Historic Appropriations
- Share a Possible Framework for Future Spending
- Gather feedback



Article XXI & Clean Air Fund

- Article XXI: Air Pollution Control establishes the Clean Air Fund
- Receives penalty payments
- Funds may be utilized when recommended by the Director, with consultation from the Air Advisory Committee, and approved by the Board of Health



Clean Air Fund - Purposes

- Research and development of control technologies
- Air pollution studies and surveys
- Special purpose monitoring
- Public education related to air quality
- Consulting services
- Purchasing equipment, materials, and services to supplement ACHD's program
- Other projects consistent with the purpose of this section and the mission of the Board of Health



Clean Air Fund – Recent Balance

- As of December 2021, Clean Air Fund balance was approximately \$10.7 million
- Since 2018, Clean Air Fund has received approximately \$2.4 million in revenue
- Since 2018, appropriations have equaled \$4.6 million



Clean Air Fund – Historic Appropriations 2009-2021

Category of Expenditure	\$ Allocated	% Allocation
Research	2.9 million	20.3%
Diesel Retrofit Programs	2.6 million	18.5%
Education & Awareness	2.2 million	15.2%
Greening Efforts	1.1 million	8.6%
Exchange & Recycling Programs	1 million	7.3%
Consulting	1.3 million	8.8%
ACHD Equipment	1 million	7%
ACHD Capital Improvements	257,000	1.8%
ACHD Operating Expenses	1.7 million	12.5%



Revised Guidance and Applications

- Thanks to Air Advisory Committee for work on Guidelines & Applications
- Increased clarity around who can apply, information to be gathered and the processes for competitive grants, etc.
- That work is in place



Spending Framework

- How to direct funds
 - Direct Allocations
 - Partnerships
 - ACHD Operational Expenses
- Propose ideas for amounts of funding in different categories
- **Maintain a minimum balance**



Direct Allocation

- Consulting Services, New Equipment, Training for ACHD and others
- Supporting communities, especially environmental justice communities, with projects that will have immediate impacts – greening efforts, emission reduction efforts



Partnerships

- The idea here will be taken even greater advantage of the region's talents:
 - Research & Development
 - Environmental Education
 - Partnerships with Agencies, *e.g.* PA DEP



ACHD Operational Expenses

- Historically, ACHD limited to annual request of 5% of fund balance which has hovered around \$500,000
- Proposed revisions to Article XXI permitting ACHD to utilize up to 50% of the prior end-of-year balance of the Clean Air Fund