

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
8/02/2021

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Authorize the APCO to consolidate and extend two existing grants (VF 19-02 and VF 20-07) for the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority totaling approximately \$163,460 into a new Blue Sky grant with an expiration date of March 3, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the APCO to consolidate and extend two existing grants (VF 19-02 and VF 20-07) for the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority totaling approximately \$163,460 into a new Blue Sky grant with an expiration date of March 31, 2023.

ALTERNATIVE:

Do not approve the proposed consolidation and extension, and provide additional direction to staff.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Blue Sky Grant Program (which the Board typically approves in December) the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority (YSTA) applies annually for a Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program. This program reduces the cost of a monthly bus pass for Yuba Sutter residents. The amount provided to YSTA is dependent on the number of bus passes sold in a given month.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19 YSTA has been unable to fully expend the VF 19-02 Grant which currently expires in September (after a COVID extension of 6-months). In addition they have not yet begun to expend the VF 20-07 grant in the amount of \$72,000 which expires March 31, 2022. The failure to expend the funds was beyond the control of YSTA and resulted from following Local, State and Federal health directives.

The consolidation and extension would result in a grant effective immediately, expiring March 31, 2023, and with an amount of approximately \$163,460 (\$72,000 of VF20-07 and remaining balance of VF19-02 which is, as of July 21,2021, \$91,460).

There is no impact to any other grant recipients from approval of this consolidation and extension.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impacts since the funds are already allocated to these projects – only the expiration date would change.