

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
04/02/2018

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO
SUBJECT: Grant Programs Update

RECOMMENDATION:

None, informational item only

DISCUSSION:

This update provides information on the 2017 grant programs in the District, including annual grant programs, one-time grant funding to achieve specific goals, and the Rural School Bus Pilot Program which is administered by the North Coast Unified Air District on behalf of rural air districts in California.

Table 1: Grant Programs Administered by District in 2017

Grant Program	Authorized By	Project Funding \$	Program Status
Blue Sky Program	AB 2766	250,000	Funds allocated at 12-4-17 Board meeting
Blue Sky Program	AB 923	272,000	Funds allocated at 12-4-17 Board meeting
Carl Moyer Program	Regular Year 19 Program	336,080	Funds allocated
Carl Moyer Program – State Reserve	H&SC 44286(d)	983,098	Funds allocated
Carl Moyer Program – RAP	Carl Moyer Program Guidelines	97,445	Funds received and in process of allocating
Off-Site Mitigation	Board of Directors 6/2010	133,864	Funds received and half allocated
Total		\$2,072,487	

In addition, the Rural School Bus Pilot Program has tentatively allocated \$735,000 to three school districts in Yuba and Sutter counties for school bus replacements.

The Woodsmoke Reduction Program was authorized by the Board of Directors at the April 2017 meeting; however the District has not received a Memorandum of Understanding or Grant Award to implement the program as of March 21, 2018, therefore is not included in the 2017 Grant Programs Update. The District is expecting up to \$300,000 in project funding.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON GRANT PROGRAMS:

The District administers three main grant programs each year:

- The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program – provides grant funding for cleaner than required engines and equipment.
- The Blue Sky Program (AB 2766) – provides funding to projects that reduce motor vehicle pollutant emissions.
- The Blue Sky Program (AB 923) – provides funding for school bus projects including replacements and retrofits.

In addition to these programs, the District may also participate in additional programs where funding is offered to achieve specific goals. This informational update provides information on the following additional grant programs administered by the District between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017:

- Carl Moyer State Reserve - Section 44286(d) of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC) gives the California Air Resources Board (CARB) the authority to reserve up to 10 percent of statewide Carl Moyer Program funding to directly fund any project that is a covered source and is described in Section 44281. In previous years, CARB used the "State Reserve" funds to replace logging trucks, locomotives, and on-road trucks. In 2017 CARB directed the funding towards the replacement of school buses that are currently registered in Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) and have been approved for the particulate matter (PM) extension. The school districts in the District had ten buses eligible for the State Reserve funding.
- Carl Moyer Rural Assistance Program Year 18 - The California Air Pollution Control Officer Associations (CAPCOA) assists rural air districts that do not have the staff or resources to solicit sufficient projects in order to spend all of their Carl Moyer Program funding. This is called the Rural Assistance Program (RAP). Interested applicants can apply through CAPCOA from any rural air district for funding. The projects are ranked based on cost-effectiveness (the most cost-effective project achieves a ton of emission reductions for the least amount of money).
- Off-Site Mitigation – The Board of Directors authorized the District offer a voluntary off-site mitigation program to reduce emissions from new projects under the California Environmental Quality Act.