

TO: Air Pollution Control Officers

FROM: Michelle Buffington  
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SUBJECT: SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM  
FUNDING AGRICULTURAL REPLACEMENT MEASURES FOR  
EMISSION REDUCTIONS (FARMER) PROGRAM: FISCAL  
YEAR (FY) 2017-18 FUNDS

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This memo solicits applications for FY 2017-18 grants from the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program. California air pollution control and air quality management districts with at least one percent of the statewide emissions from agricultural equipment may apply for FARMER Program grants funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), Air Quality Improvement Fund (AQIF), and Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund (ARFVTF).

For FY 2017-18, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has \$135 million available for grants to districts under the FARMER Program. The tentative allocation of FARMER Program funding is based on publicly available emissions data for agricultural equipment in the California Emissions Projection Analysis Model (CEPAM) and each district's air quality and attainment status. The share of district funds available for FARMER project implementation costs (6.25 or 12.5 percent) will be consistent with the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program). However, a district may request a lower portion for project implementation costs and retain the difference in project funds.

**District responses to this solicitation package must be received by April 30, 2018.**

This package includes an attachment of the application form. Districts must complete and return this form to receive or designate funds. CARB will assume a district has declined FY 2017-18 FARMER Program funds if an application is not submitted to CARB by April 30, 2018.

**Tentative and Final Grant Amounts**

Table 1, below, provides the tentative grant amounts available by district. Note that these are tentative allocations based on preliminary estimates and should not be used in board resolutions. Final allocations will be calculated by applying the formula described in the FARMER Program Guidelines with consideration of the number of

districts that apply and their funding requests. The final allocations may be more or less than the tentative allocations.

**Table 1: Tentative District Funding Allocations for FY 2017-18**

<b>Air District</b>	<b>Percent Project Implementation Costs</b>	<b>Total Tentative Allocation</b>	<b>Maximum Project Implementation Costs</b>	<b>Project Allocation</b>
Bay Area	6.25%	\$1,990,800	\$124,425	\$1,866,375
Butte	12.5%	\$1,695,600	\$211,950	\$1,483,650
Colusa	12.5%	\$1,380,600	\$172,575	\$1,208,025
Eastern Kern	12.5%	\$737,000	\$92,125	\$644,875
Feather River	12.5%	\$2,257,800	\$282,225	\$1,975,575
Glenn	12.5%	\$1,453,200	\$181,650	\$1,271,550
Imperial	12.5%	\$1,186,200	\$148,275	\$1,037,925
Monterey Bay	12.5%	\$1,298,200	\$162,275	\$1,135,925
Sacramento Metro	6.25%	\$989,200	\$61,825	\$927,375
San Diego	6.25%	\$1,269,700	\$79,356	\$1,190,344
San Joaquin Valley	6.25%	\$108,000,000	\$6,750,000	\$101,250,000
San Luis Obispo	12.5%	\$906,800	\$113,350	\$793,450
Santa Barbara	12.5%	\$666,900	\$83,363	\$583,538
South Coast	6.25%	\$1,878,800	\$117,425	\$1,761,375
Tehama	12.5%	\$652,100	\$81,513	\$570,588
Ventura	12.5%	\$1,234,100	\$154,263	\$1,079,838
Yolo Solano	12.5%	\$1,830,900	\$228,863	\$1,602,038
Shared Allocation for Districts with Less than 1%	12.5%	\$5,572,100	\$696,513	\$4,875,588

**Designations**

Districts that choose to designate their tentative allocation to the Shared Allocation for Districts with Less than One Percent or to a lead district (i.e., a district selected to

administer the FARMER Program on another district's behalf) may make this designation in the attached application.

**In responding to this solicitation, districts may take one of the following actions:**

**1. Accept the Full Tentative Allocation.**

Districts that accept the full tentative allocation may choose to designate all or a portion of the allocation to the Shared Allocation or a lead air district. To accept the full tentative allocation, districts must submit the following:

- Application – A completed application form signed and dated by the district's Air Pollution Control Officer or authorized designee. Please complete all applicable sections of the application.
  
- District Board Resolution  
If the district retains all or a portion of FARMER Program funds to administer, the district board resolution must commit to participate in the FARMER Program, accept FARMER Program funds, and follow the requirements of the FARMER Program. Because allocations in Table 1 are tentative and final allocations will differ, the resolution should not specify an exact grant amount unless district board policy requires it, in which case a not-to-exceed figure should be used. Because a district's board agenda may not immediately accommodate this item, resolutions will be accepted until May 31, 2018. Applications without a resolution must list the date that the board is scheduled to hear the item.

For funds designated to the Shared Allocation or to a lead air district, the district board resolution must authorize FARMER Program funds to be designated to the Shared Allocation for Districts with Less than One Percent or a lead district. Because a district's board agenda may not immediately accommodate this item, resolutions will be accepted until May 31, 2018. Applications without a resolution must list the date that the board is scheduled to hear the item.

- Policies and Procedures Manual – If the district retains all or a portion of FARMER Program funds to administer, in signing the application, the district Air Pollution Control Officer or designee confirms that the district will develop and maintain an up-to-date FARMER Program Policies and Procedures Manual at the district's office.

## **2. Accept Less than the Tentative Allocation.**

Districts may opt to accept less than the tentative allocation and the remaining portion will be redistributed through the distribution formula. To do this, districts must submit the following:

- Application – A completed application form signed and dated by the district's Air Pollution Control Officer or authorized designee. Please complete all applicable sections of the application.
- District Board Resolution – The district board resolution must commit to participate in the FARMER Program, accept FARMER Program funds, and follow the requirements of the FARMER Program. Because allocations in Table 1 are tentative and final allocations will differ, the resolution should not specify an exact grant amount unless district board policy requires it, in which case a not-to-exceed figure should be used. Because a district's board agenda may not immediately accommodate this item, resolutions will be accepted until May 31, 2018. Applications without a resolution must list the date that the board is scheduled to hear the item.
- Policies and Procedures Manual – In signing the application, the district Air Pollution Control Officer or designee confirms that the district will develop and maintain an up-to-date FARMER Program Policies and Procedures Manual at the district's office.

## **3. Decline the Funds.**

- Application – Districts that choose not to participate in the FARMER Program for FY 2017-18 are asked to complete all applicable sections of the application form, including a signature by the district's Air Pollution Control Officer or authorized designee.

Please send your completed application by email to [Erin.Uchida@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Erin.Uchida@arb.ca.gov).

The FARMER Program Guidelines are available on CARB's website at [www.arb.ca.gov/agincentives](http://www.arb.ca.gov/agincentives).

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For questions about the application process, please contact Erin Uchida, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 323-0002 or by email at [Erin.Uchida@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Erin.Uchida@arb.ca.gov), or Evan Powers at (916) 323-8967 or by email at [epowers@arb.ca.gov](mailto:epowers@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Buffington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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