

TO: Air Pollution Control Officers

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SUBJECT: SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE FUNDING AGRICULTURAL REPLACEMENT MEASURES FOR EMISSION REDUCTIONS (FARMER) PROGRAM: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019-20 FUNDS

This memo solicits applications for FY 2019-20 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).

For FY 2019-20, the State Legislature allocated \$65 million to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to fund grants to districts under the FARMER Program. After withholding \$750,000 for CARB program administration, \$64.25 million is available to districts. 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 November 15, 2019.

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 2019-20 FARMER Program funds if an application is not submitted to CARB by November 15, 2019.

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 2018-19

Air District	Percent Project Implementation Costs	Total Tentative Allocation	Maximum Project Implementation Costs	Project Allocation
Bay Area	6.25%	\$947,480	\$59,218.00	\$888,262.00
Butte	12.5%	\$806,960	\$100,870.00	\$706,090.00
Colusa	12.5%	\$657,060	\$82,133.00	\$574,927.00
Eastern Kern	12.5%	\$350,760	\$43,845.00	\$306,915.00
Feather River	12.5%	\$1,074,560	\$134,320.00	\$940,240.00
Glenn	12.5%	\$691,610	\$86,451.00	\$605,159.00
Imperial	12.5%	\$564,520	\$70,565.00	\$493,955.00
Monterey Bay	12.5%	\$617,830	\$77,229.00	\$540,601.00
Sacramento Metro	6.25%	\$470,810	\$29,426.00	\$441,384.00
San Diego	6.25%	\$604,290	\$37,768.00	\$566,522.00
San Joaquin Valley	6.25%	\$51,400,000	\$3,212,500.00	\$48,187,500.00
San Luis Obispo	12.5%	\$431,580	\$53,948.00	\$377,632.00
Santa Barbara	12.5%	\$317,390	\$39,674.00	\$277,716.00
South Coast	6.25%	\$894,170	\$55,886.00	\$838,284.00
Tehama	12.5%	\$310,350	\$38,794.00	\$271,556.00
Ventura	12.5%	\$587,340	\$73,418.00	\$513,922.00
Yolo Solano	12.5%	\$871,360	\$108,920.00	\$762,440.00
Shared Allocation Pool	12.5%	\$2,651,930	\$358,011.00	\$2,293,919.00

Designations

Districts that choose to designate their tentative allocation to the Shared Allocation Pool 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 Pool or a lead air district. To accept the full tentative allocation, districts must address 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 December 31, 2019. Applications without a resolution must list the date that the board is scheduled to hear the item.

For funds designated to the Shared Allocation Pool or to a lead air district, the district board resolution must authorize FARMER Program funds to be designated to the Shared Allocation Pool 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 December 31, 2019. 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 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 address 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 December 2, 2019. 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 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 2019-20 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 farmer@arb.ca.gov.

The FARMER Program Guidelines are available on CARB’s website at www.arb.ca.gov/farmer.

For questions about the application process, please contact Erin Uchida, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-0002 or by email at Erin.Uchida@arb.ca.gov, or Evan Powers, Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 323-8967 or by email at Evan.Powers@arb.ca.gov.

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