

2016 STATE RESERVE PROJECT SOLICITATION
OPEN TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICTS
THE CARL MOYER TIMBER PROGRAM

California Air Resources Board
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BACKGROUND

The Carl Moyer Program provides monetary grants for the incremental cost of cleaner than required technology. While the Air Resources Board (ARB) is responsible for developing the Carl Moyer Program guidelines, the participating California air pollution control districts and air quality management districts (air districts) are in charge of administering the program. Section 44286(d) of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC) gives ARB the authority to reserve up to 10 percent of Carl Moyer Program funding for eligible projects. ARB reserves the sole authority to distribute the state reserve funding. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016, a portion of the state reserve funds has been committed to the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and the remaining portion has been allocated towards the Carl Moyer Truck Improvement/Modernization Benefitting Emission Reductions (TIMBER) program. This solicitation is solely for the grant funds dedicated to the TIMBER program.

This TIMBER program provides incentive funding opportunities for any fleet utilizing the Truck and Bus Regulation log truck phase-in replacement option, the NOx Exempt Area extension, or the Small Fleet option as defined in the Statewide Truck & Bus Regulation in the California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 2025(m)(12), 2025(p)(1), or 2025(h), respectively. In order to be eligible for funding, fleet owners will be required to have selected one of these compliance options using the Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) and be compliant throughout the voucher term. Those utilizing the NOx Exempt Area extension or the Small Fleet option must also have hauled logs at least once in the last 12 months. The TIMBER program provides vouchers up to \$60,000 per model year 2010 or later vehicle replacement.

All air districts are eligible to implement the TIMBER program, but do not have the discretion to set more stringent requirements based on local priorities. As a statewide program, TIMBER applicants located outside the boundaries of a participating air district will be eligible to apply for funding, so long as they meet all eligibility requirements.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Air districts that are willing and able to administer the TIMBER program and meet the requirements listed below are eligible to apply for the 2016 State Reserve Project Solicitation.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

This 2016 State Reserve Project Solicitation is directed at providing monetary grants to offset the incremental cost of reduced emission technologies for eligible TIMBER trucks.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

In FY 2015-2016, ARB has approximately \$6.55 million for state reserve projects. Of this, ARB is reserving \$3 million of these funds for projects implemented under the direction of CAPCOA. The remaining \$3.55 million has been allocated towards the Carl Moyer TIMBER program. If there are not sufficient applications to encumber funds, at ARB's discretion, the Executive Officer may reallocate the funds to Carl Moyer eligible projects.

DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

All districts must meet these specific requirements listed below to participate.

The air district must agree and obtain a board resolution that states the air district is able to:

1. Receive and expend FY 2015-2016 funds towards the TIMBER program.
2. Comply with all TIMBER program guidelines, Mail-outs/advisories, and other written guidance by ARB.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be complete and accurate and will be reviewed based on the requirements listed above. An air district that applies and agrees to the above requirements is eligible to receive funds. A minimum grant allocation of \$64,000 (administration fees included) will be awarded to each eligible district. Allocations greater than the minimum grant award amount will be based on the district's liquidation percentage of the combined FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 state reserve (previously referred to as "multidistrict") funds (75% weighting) as of the date of this solicitation and the number of registered log trucks in the participating districts (25% weighting). ARB recommends an interested district apply for the amount of funding the district anticipates it can reasonably expend on TIMBER projects by the liquidation deadline of June 30, 2020. Administration fees will be included in the final grant award in accordance with H&SC §44299.1.

The application must be completed, signed by the air district, and returned to ARB **no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 23, 2016**. Applications may be e-mailed to Ms. Dinh Quach at dinh.quach@arb.ca.gov. Applications may also be mailed to the following address:

Dinh Quach
Air Resources Board
9480 Telstar Ave, Suite 4
El Monte, CA 91731

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements are located in the TIMBER program guidelines and are to be followed accordingly. All funds must be liquidated no later than June 30, 2020.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Application review will be completed by March 30, 2016, and successful air districts will be notified shortly thereafter via e-mail. A grant award will be made through a Grant Agreement between ARB and the participating air district. Once the Grant Agreement has been executed and all requirements have been met, payments will be made upon submission of a grant disbursement request by the participating air district. Districts may request their entire grant award in the initial disbursement. Any disbursed funds that have not been dedicated to an issued voucher by July 1, 2019, may, at ARB's discretion, be requested to be transferred to another participating district, or be spent on other Carl Moyer Program eligible projects pending ARB allowance via a subsequent Mail-out.

CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Ms. Nancy Noble for questions relating to the TIMBER program and Ms. Dinh Quach for questions relating to the administration and processing of this solicitation.

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