

2017 STATE RESERVE PROJECT SOLICITATION
OPEN TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICTS
THE CARL MOYER MEMORIAL
AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ATTAINMENT PROGRAM

California Air Resources Board
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BACKGROUND

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Moyer Program) provides monetary grants for the incremental cost of cleaner than required technology. While the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is responsible for developing the 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 CARB the authority to reserve up to 10 percent of Moyer Program funding to directly fund any project that is a covered source and is described in Section 44281. CARB reserves the sole authority to distribute this state reserve funding.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017, the state reserve funds have been allocated towards funding school buses that qualify for a particulate matter (PM) extension and have registered in the Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS). Diesel-fueled school buses with a gross vehicle weight rating over 14,000 pounds are subject to the Statewide Truck & Bus Regulation (Truck and Bus Regulation), California Code of Regulations, title 13, section 2025. In accordance with this regulation, owners must retire school buses manufactured before April 1, 1977, by January 1, 2012. Remaining school buses must meet the PM best available control technology requirements by January 1, 2014. A delayed compliance date of January 1, 2018, is provided for school buses that cannot be retrofitted (e.g., 2-stroke engine buses and some pre-1987 model year school buses). These school buses that are granted a delayed compliance (i.e. qualify for a PM extension) are potentially eligible for the FY 2016-2017 state reserve funding.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Air districts that are willing and able to administer the Moyer Program and meet the requirements listed below are eligible to apply for the 2017 State Reserve Project Solicitation.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

This 2017 State Reserve Project Solicitation is directed at providing monetary grants for replacement of school buses that are currently registered in TRUCRS and have been approved for the PM extension as of the application deadline for this solicitation. All projects must also be eligible in accordance with the Moyer Program Guidelines. Additionally, the school bus fleet must be in compliance with the Truck and Bus Regulation overall.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

In FY 2016-2017, CARB has approximately \$6.55 million for state reserve projects. If there are insufficient applications for identified school bus projects to encumber all funds, the remaining funds will secondarily be allocated under this solicitation to one or more interested air districts for the administration of a similar school bus replacement program serving multiple air districts. The administrator(s) of this replacement program will be selected in consultation with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA).

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 2016-2017 funds towards the Moyer Program.
2. Comply with current Moyer Program Guidelines, Mail-outs/advisories, and other written guidance by CARB.

Additionally, air districts must provide the following:

1. A list of eligible projects that the district intends to fund and the associated eligible funding amounts for each project.
2. A letter from each listed school district specifying the intent to apply for funding and the intended funding amount.
3. Additionally, or alternatively to 1 and 2, to apply for the secondary allocation, districts must indicate the maximum requested amount in the application.

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. The application must be completed, signed by the air district, and returned to CARB **no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 17, 2017**. Applications may be e-mailed to Ms. Dinh Quach at Dinh.Quach@arb.ca.gov or mailed to the following address:

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

PROJECTS SELECTION

In an effort to fund the maximum number of school buses, the following “round robin” project selection process will be utilized. This allocation approach will award one bus per air district per round. Each eligible district will be awarded a minimum grant allocation equal to the project in the air district application with the lowest state reserve project grant amount requested. Additional allocations will be based on the requested state reserve amount for each additional school bus in the air district application, with priority given to those with the lowest requested amount. This selection process will continue until all funding has been awarded. Districts are encouraged to “buy down” the state reserve request by providing funding towards the project. However, per Moyer Program Guidelines, additional funds will likely be required to be considered in the cost-effectiveness calculation for the project. If there are any remaining funds after all eligible projects have been selected, the administrator(s) of a similar bus replacement program will be chosen in consultation with CAPCOA. Administration fees will be included in the final grant award in accordance with H&SC, section 44299.1.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Application review will be completed by April 19, 2017, and successful air districts will be notified shortly thereafter via e-mail. A grant award will be made through a Grant Agreement between CARB 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 eligible school bus project by July 1, 2020, may, at CARB’s discretion, be requested to be

transferred to another participating district, or be spent on other Moyer Program eligible projects pending CARB allowance via a subsequent Mail-Out.

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements are located in the Moyer Program Guidelines and are to be followed accordingly. All funds must be liquidated no later than June 30, 2021.

CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Mr. Kyle Goff for questions relating to the program and Ms. Dinh Quach for questions relating to the administration and processing of this solicitation.

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