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Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Moyer Year 24)

State Reserve Project Solicitation

**Open to Air Quality Management Districts and Air Pollution
Control Districts**

The Carl Moyer 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) 2021-2022, the State Reserve funds have been allocated towards Moyer eligible lawn and garden equipment.

Under the 2017 Moyer Program Guidelines, CARB may provide funding toward the replacement of lawn and garden equipment for projects that support the deployment of alternative, advanced, and cleaner technologies. In support of the 2021 Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) Regulation amendments, FY 2021-2022 State Reserve funds will be directed toward paying for the replacement of SORE-powered lawn and garden equipment with zero-emission equipment. This would provide further support for the governor's goals to transition California to 100 percent zero-emission off-road vehicles and equipment by 2035 where feasible according to the Governor's Executive Order N-79-20.

This State Reserve Project Solicitation is directed at providing monetary grants to offset the cost of commercial grade zero-emission lawn and garden equipment within the air districts. Staff will work with air districts to modify Chapter 9 in order to expand equipment eligibility in the Moyer guidelines. Once the modified, expanded guidelines are finalized to include the eligibility of commercial grade zero emission lawn and garden equipment, districts can move forward with the projects contemplated under this solicitation.

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 this State Reserve Project Solicitation to support the jurisdictions in transitioning California to zero-emission equipment.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

This State Reserve Project Solicitation is directed at providing monetary grants to offset the cost of non-residential lawn and garden equipment within the air districts. Eligible projects are limited to commercial grade zero emission lawn and garden equipment utilized by landscaping operations that include, but are not limited to, landscapers, cities, non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, or sole proprietors. All projects must be eligible in accordance with the Moyer Program Guidelines, Chapter 9.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

In FY 2021-2022, CARB has approximately \$24.7 million for State Reserve projects. The funding has been allocated toward eligible lawn and garden equipment projects under the Moyer Program. If there are not sufficient applications to encumber funds, at CARB's discretion, the Executive Officer may reallocate the funds to other Moyer eligible projects.

AIR DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

In order to participate, the air district must agree and obtain a signed board resolution or board minute order that states the air district is able to:

1. Receive and expend FY 2021-2022 funds toward commercial grade lawn and garden equipment projects eligible in the Moyer Program.
2. Comply with current Moyer Program Guidelines, mail-outs/advisories, and other written guidance by CARB.

If an air district is unable to obtain a signed board resolution or board minute order by the end of the application period, the air district must indicate on the application the scheduled board date.

The deadline for Resolutions and board minute orders to be received by CARB is June 30, 2022. Should an air district require additional time to obtain a resolution or board minute order, beyond the date specified, or require a model resolution, please contact your State Reserve administration lead for additional assistance.

ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

FY 2021-2022 funds toward the replacement of commercial grade lawn and garden equipment projects supports the deployment of alternative, advanced, and cleaner technologies. Allocations will be calculated based on the formula described in H&SC, section 44299.2 and the number of air districts that apply. Participating air districts will be awarded a minimum amount of \$200,000 and are not required to provide match funding. 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. Administration fees will be included in the final grant award in accordance with H&SC, section 44299.1.

The State Reserve application must be completed, signed by the air district, and returned to CARB **no later than April 4, 2022**. Air districts must send completed applications by email to MSCDGrants@arb.ca.gov.

GRANT AWARD AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Application review will be completed by **April 15, 2022**, and successful air districts will be notified shortly thereafter via email. A grant award will be made through a Grant Agreement

between CARB and the participating air districts. 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 districts. Air districts may request their entire grant award in the initial disbursement. To fully execute the Grant Agreement and thus encumber funds, Grant Agreement coversheets will be sent to the air districts to be signed and returned by the due date assigned by CARB following the solicitation period. Otherwise, funds may, at CARB's discretion, be transferred to another participating air district or be spent on other Moyer Program eligible projects pending CARB allowance via a subsequent mail-out. All funds must be liquidated no later than **June 30, 2026**.

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements are located in the Moyer Program Guidelines and are to be followed accordingly.

CONTACT PERSON

For questions about the application process, please contact your State Reserve administration lead, Ms. Telena Vo, via email.

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