Second Applicant Teleconference Questions and Answers for the Joint Solicitation for Statewide Clean Cars 4 All and Financing Assistance Project

March 15, 2023 Fiscal Year 2022-23

Introduction

On March 15, 2023, California Air Resources Board (CARB) held an Applicant Zoom Teleconference to answer questions regarding the Fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 Joint Solicitation for the Statewide Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) and Financing Assistance (FA) Project (solicitation). The solicitation is for an administrator to administer and implement a statewide CC4A and FA program for the FY 2022-23 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives (Funding Plan). The total funding available under this solicitation is \$205.5 million with an additional possibility of \$10 million to support the implementation of the Zero-Emission Assistance Program (ZAP).

The Statewide CC4A and FA projects will encourage and accelerate the adoption of on-road light-duty zero- and near-zero-emission vehicles in California lower-income households. These advanced technology vehicles have a higher upfront cost which can be a significant barrier to vehicle ownership for many lower-income consumers. The goal of these projects is to provide cash incentives (such as purchase price buydown), facilitate access to affordable financing options, and provide Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) home installation or charge card incentives for lower-income consumers throughout California to purchase or lease these vehicles by providing low-cost loans and vehicle price buy-down grants.

No questions were received via email prior to the meeting. The questions below were received during the live teleconference and responses are CARB's official and final answers. The following written responses take precedence over verbal responses provided during the teleconference.

Application Submission

Please follow the instructions listed in the body of the joint solicitation to submit an application. The application package must be submitted, and CARB must receive it before March 24, 2023.

Questions and Written Responses

Q1. In the sample budget, some items such as loan processing and website development are subtotaled with the vehicle buy-down and EVSE installations. Does that mean those line items are not considered implementation costs?

A. The budget in the solicitation package is a sample budget intended to provide an example. Depending on the applicant's proposal, the budget can be structured differently.

However, an applicant's budget should clearly outline the amount of funding that will be available for incentives to eligible participants (through grants, loans, EVSE, etc) and the amount of funding necessary for processing these dollars to get them to eligible applicants.

Q2. Does CARB have information on the valuation or conversion of in-kind?

A. CARB does not have an official valuation method or conversion formula for in-kind. Inkind includes resources that are owned and brought to the project such as goods or services contributed by the Grantee but not charged to the project. Applicants should clearly identify and explain any in-kind contributions proposed.