

To: Air Pollution Control Officers

From: Maritess Sicat, Chief, Incentives and Technology Advancement Branch

Date: September 17, 2024

Subject: SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE
CARL MOYER MEMORIAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ATTAINMENT
PROGRAM: FISCAL YEAR (FY) - 2024-2025 (YEAR 27) FUNDS -
APPLICATIONS DUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024.

This memo solicits applications for FY 2024-2025 (Year 27) grants from the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program). All California Air Pollution Control and Air Quality Management Districts may apply for these grants funded by smog abatement and tire fees.

For Year 27, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) estimates, based on authority and projected Carl Moyer Program air district project and administration funds for FY 2024-2025, approximately \$123 million will be available for grants to air districts under regular Carl Moyer Program and State Reserve funds. The tentative allocation of regular Carl Moyer Program funds reflects updated information on air district populations and air pollution severity under the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 44299.2. The share of air district funds available for Carl Moyer Program administration reflects current statutory allowances. An air district may, however, request a lower administrative portion and retain the difference in project funds.

A response to the solicitation notice must be received by Thursday, October 17, 2024 and should include the completed and signed application. Attached to this notice is the tentative allocation table and application form. The solicitation package includes attachments that you will need to complete your application:

- Attachment 1 provides air districts' tentative funding allocations for regular Carl Moyer Program funds.
- Attachment 2 provides air districts' tentative funding allocations for regular Carl Moyer Program funds, following CARB's Board (Board) approval of increased administration percentage.

- Attachment 3 is the solicitation application form. Air districts must complete and return this form to receive or designate funds. (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/administrative-forms-carl-moyer-program-community-air-protection-incentives>)

Tentative and Final Grant Amounts

Attachment 1 provides the tentative grant amounts available by air district and the corresponding match commitment. **Note that these tentative allocations are based on a preliminary estimate of revenues for the Carl Moyer Program and should not be used in air district board resolutions.** Final allocations will be calculated by applying the formula described in Health and Safety Code section 44299.2, with consideration of the final revenue (estimate expected in November-December 2024), the number of air districts that apply, and funds requested.

Attachment 2 provides the tentative grant amounts available by air district and the corresponding match commitment. Furthermore, attachment 2 reflects the proposed administration percentage increase and, therefore, the maximum administration fund allocation in anticipation of CARB's Board approval of the proposed 2024 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guideline update proposes that air districts with populations under one million inhabitants will be able to allocate up to 15% of their total grant to administration and air districts of one million and over inhabitants will be able to allocate up to 12.5% of their total grant to administration. **Note that these tentative allocations are based on a preliminary estimate of revenues for the Carl Moyer Program and should not be used in air district board resolutions.** Final allocations will be calculated by applying the formula described in Health and Safety Code section 44299.2, with consideration of the final revenue (estimate expected in November-December 2024), the number of air districts that apply, and funds requested.

Match Requirement

An air district's match requirement is 15 percent of its allocation, except those air districts requesting the minimum allocation of \$200,000, which are exempt from a match requirement. An air district may apply for more than the tentative allocation, with a matching funds commitment of 15 percent. If you need assistance with determining your match requirement, you may contact your Carl Moyer Program liaison or Ms. Deborah Paselk using the contact information at the end of this memorandum.

Designations

An air district may choose to designate the minimum allocation to the Rural District Assistance Program (RAP), or its tentative allocation to a lead air district. The air district may make these designations in the application, for the current Year 27.

In responding to this solicitation, air districts may take one of the following actions:

- 1. Accept your grant award and request a reservation of funds equal to or greater than your tentative allocation, or accept an amount less than your grant award and request a reservation of funds for the amount desired.**

To participate in the Carl Moyer Program, accept the grant award, and reserve an allocation, air districts must submit the following:

- Application - A completed application form signed and dated by the air district's Air Pollution Control Officer or authorized designee. Please complete all applicable sections of the application, even if the air district requests a lower administration portion of the total grant.

If requesting additional funds, beyond your tentative allocation, or accepting an amount less than your tentative allocation but greater than the minimum (\$200,000), please use Section 2, second row. If the amount will be less than your tentative allocation, please indicate this on your air district's email to CARB with a cc to your Carl Moyer Program liaison.

- Air District Board Resolution/Board Minute Order (BMO) - The air district board resolution/BMO must commit to participate in the Carl Moyer Program, accept Carl Moyer Program funds, and follow the requirements of the Carl Moyer Program. Because allocations in Attachment 1 are tentative and final allocations will differ, the resolution/BMO should not specify an exact grant amount unless air district board policy requires it, in which case a not-to-exceed figure should be used. An air district resolution/BMO should accompany the signed application. If an air district is unable to provide a resolution/BMO at the time of application, the air district must indicate on the application the scheduled board date, while considering any applicable timing mentioned in the Moyer Guidelines. Should an air district require a model resolution, please contact your Carl Moyer Program liaison for additional assistance.
- Air District Match Funds - Air districts can meet the 15 percent match obligation through local funds tied to a combination of (1) already committed projects not used as match for a previous grant, (2) future projects, and (3) contribution of in-kind administration limited to not more than 15 percent of the total match commitment. All projects used to meet match requirements must be eligible under current Carl Moyer Program guidelines. Already committed match projects must be entered or uploaded to the Carl Moyer Program Clean Air Reporting Log (CARL) by the application deadline.

- Policies and Procedures Manual – In signing the application the air district's Air Pollution Control Officer or designee confirms that an up-to-date air district Carl Moyer Program Policies and Procedures Manual is maintained at the air district's office. The manual or recent changes to it need not be submitted with the application but should be made available for review upon request.

2. Designate your tentative allocation to a lead air district, or your minimum allocation of \$200,000 to RAP.

Air districts opting to designate funds to a lead air district or RAP must submit the following:

- Application – An original application form signed and dated by the air district's Air Pollution Control Officer or authorized designee. Please complete Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7.
- Air District Board Resolution/BMO – An air district board resolution to authorize designation of Moyer Program funds to a lead air district or the Rural Assistance Program for the year you have specified in your application. An air district resolution/BMO should accompany the signed application. If air district is unable to provide a resolution/BMO at the time of application, the air district must indicate on the application the scheduled board date, while considering any applicable timing mentioned in the Moyer Guidelines. Should an air district require a model resolution, please contact your Carl Moyer Program liaison for additional assistance.

3. Decline the Funds

- Air districts that choose not to participate in the Carl Moyer Program for Year 27 are asked to complete sections 1, 2, and 7 of the application form, including signature by the Air Pollution Control Officer.

Please send your completed application by e-mail to MSCDGrants@arb.ca.gov. CARB will assume an air district has declined Year 27 funds if an application is not submitted to CARB by Thursday, October 17, 2024 and has not previously designated funds.

The Carl Moyer Program 2017 Guidelines are available electronically at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/guidelines/current.htm>; see Sections B and C of Chapter 3 for guidelines related to the solicitation and application. For questions about the application process, please contact your Carl Moyer Program liaison or the Moyer Help email at Moyerhelp@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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