

To: Air Pollution Control Officers

From: Jason Crow, Manager, Innovative Strategies Branch

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Subject: Solicitation for Applications to Receive Funding from the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program: Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funds

This memo solicits applications for fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 funding from the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program. California air pollution control districts (APCDs) and air quality management districts (AQMDs) with at least one percent of the statewide emissions from agricultural equipment may apply for FARMER Program grants funded by the General Fund.

For FY 2023-24, the State Legislature allocated \$75,000,000 to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to fund grants with air districts under the FARMER Program. After withholding \$750,000 for CARB program administration, \$74,250,000 is available to districts. The tentative allocation of FARMER Program funding is based on publicly available emissions data for agricultural equipment in the 2021 California agricultural equipment emissions inventory (AG2021) and each district's air quality and attainment status.

District responses to this solicitation package must be received by September 15, 2023.

This solicitation package includes the application form as an attachment. Districts must complete and return this form to receive or designate funds. CARB will assume a district has declined FY 2023-24 FARMER Program funds if an application is not submitted to CARB by September 15, 2023.

Tentative and Final Grant Amounts

Table 1, below, provides the tentative grant amounts available by district. Note that these are tentative allocations based on preliminary estimates and should not be used in board resolutions. Final allocations will be calculated by applying the formula described in the FARMER Program Guidelines with consideration of the number of districts that apply and their funding requests. The final allocations may be more or less than the tentative allocations.

Table 1: Tentative District Allocations

Air District	Project Funding Allocation	Maximum Project Implementation Funding	Total Tentative Allocation
Bay Area AQMD	\$1,242,187.00	\$82,813.00	\$1,325,000.00
Butte County AQMD	\$655,968.00	\$43,732.00	\$699,700.00
Colusa County APCD	\$449,344.00	\$29,956.00	\$479,300.00
Feather River AQMD	\$751,975.00	\$107,425.00	\$859,400.00
Glenn County APCD	\$503,825.00	\$71,975.00	\$575,800.00
Imperial County APCD	\$491,662.00	\$70,238.00	\$561,900.00
Mendocino County AQMD	\$254,012.00	\$36,288.00	\$290,300.00
Mojave Desert AQMD	\$568,662.00	\$81,238.00	\$649,900.00
Monterey Bay Air Resources District	\$660,975.00	\$94,425.00	\$755,400.00
Northern Sonoma County APCD	\$359,712.00	\$51,388.00	\$411,100.00
Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD	\$382,781.00	\$25,519.00	\$408,300.00
San Diego County APCD	\$856,593.00	\$57,107.00	\$913,700.00
San Joaquin Valley APCD	\$55,687,500.00	\$3,712,500.00	\$59,400,000.00
San Luis Obispo County APCD	\$529,725.00	\$75,675.00	\$605,400.00
Santa Barbara County APCD	\$420,525.00	\$60,075.00	\$480,600.00
South Coast AQMD	\$662,625.00	\$44,175.00	\$706,800.00
Tehama County APCD	\$352,187.00	\$50,313.00	\$402,500.00
Ventura County APCD	\$654,850.00	\$93,550.00	\$748,400.00
Yolo-Solano AQMD	\$696,587.00	\$99,513.00	\$796,100.00
Placer County AQMD	\$2,719,242.00	\$461,158.00	\$3,180,400.00

Designations

Districts that choose to designate their tentative allocation to the Shared Allocation Pool or to a lead district (i.e., a district selected to administer the FARMER Program on another district's behalf) may make this designation in the attached application.

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

1. Accept the Full Tentative Allocation.

Districts that accept the full tentative allocation may choose to designate all or a portion of the allocation to the Shared Allocation Pool or a lead air district. To accept the full tentative allocation, districts must address the following:

- ☐ Application – A completed application form signed and dated by the district's Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) or authorized designee. Please complete all applicable sections of the application.

☐ District Board Resolution

If the district retains all or a portion of FARMER Program funds to administer, the district board resolution must commit to participate in the FARMER Program, accept FARMER Program funds, and follow the requirements of the FARMER Program. Since allocations in Table 1 are tentative and final allocations will differ, the resolution should not specify an exact grant amount unless district board policy requires it, in which case a not-to-exceed figure should be used. Because a district's board agenda may not immediately accommodate this item, resolutions will be accepted until October 31, 2023. Applications without a resolution must list the date that the board is scheduled to hear the item.

For funds designated to the Shared Allocation Pool or to a lead air district, the district board resolution must authorize FARMER Program funds to be designated to the Shared Allocation Pool or a lead district. Because a district's board agenda may not immediately accommodate this item, resolutions will be accepted until October 31, 2023. Applications without a resolution must list the date that the board is scheduled to hear the item.

- ☐ Policies and Procedures Manual – If the district retains all or a portion of FARMER Program funds to administer, in signing the application, the district APCO or designee must confirm that the district will maintain an up-to-date FARMER Program Policies and Procedures Manual at the district's office.

2. Accept Less than the Tentative Allocation.

Districts may opt to accept less than the tentative allocation and the remaining portion will be redistributed through the allocation formula. To do this, districts must address the following:

- ☐ Application – A completed application form signed and dated by the district's APCO or authorized designee. Please complete all applicable sections of the application.
- ☐ District Board Resolution – The district board resolution must commit to participate in the FARMER Program, accept FARMER Program funds, and follow the requirements of the FARMER Program. Since allocations in Table 1 are tentative and final allocations will differ, the resolution should not specify an exact grant amount unless district board policy requires it, in which case a not-to-exceed figure should be used. Because a district's board agenda may not immediately accommodate this item, resolutions will be accepted until October 31, 2023. Applications without a resolution must list the date that the board is scheduled to hear the item.
- ☐ Policies and Procedures Manual – In signing the application, the district APCO or designee must confirm that the district will maintain an up-to-date FARMER Program Policies and Procedures Manual at the district's office.

3. Decline the Funds.

- ☐ Application – Districts that choose not to participate in the FARMER Program for FY 2023-24 are asked to complete all applicable sections of the application form, including a signature by the district's APCO or authorized designee.

Please send your completed application by email to farmer@arb.ca.gov.

The FARMER Program Guidelines are available on CARB's website at www.arb.ca.gov/farmer.

For questions about the application process, please contact Ms. Erin Uchida, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, by email at Erin.Uchida@arb.ca.gov, Mr. Evan Powers, Air Pollution Specialist, by email at Evan.Powers@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Kirsten Sarle, Air Pollution Specialist, by email at Kirsten.Sarle@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: FY 23-24 FARMER Application

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