

November 1, 2018

Mail-Out #MSC 18-20

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: GRANT SOLICITATION FOR THE FINANCING ASSISTANCE FOR
LOWER-INCOME CONSUMERS PILOT PROJECT

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or the Board) is pleased to announce a grant solicitation of \$18 million for an administrator to implement the Statewide Financing Assistance for Lower-Income Consumers Pilot Project for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18. This is one of a suite of CARB funded pilot projects that, together with committed partners, are employing innovative solutions to bring the benefits of clean transportation to lower-income and disadvantaged communities that are most impacted by pollution. The solicitation includes the option at CARB's discretion for new Grant Agreements for each of the following two fiscal years: FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.

The goal of the project is to help improve access to affordable financing mechanisms for lower-income consumers throughout California to purchase or lease these clean vehicles by providing low cost loans and vehicle price buy-down grants. This solicitation is open to federal, state or local government entities or agencies, and California nonprofit organizations with expertise in building key partnerships, coordinated outreach and education in disadvantaged communities, and general knowledge of CARB's Low Carbon Transportation Equity Projects. Applications submitted in person or via a delivery service provider (U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, etc.) must be delivered to CARB no later than **5:00 p.m. (PST), Monday, December 3rd, 2018**. The grant solicitation and all associated documents can be found on CARB's webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>.

CARB will hold one Grant Applicant Teleconference, at which time staff will be available to answer questions potential applicants may have regarding eligibility, application completion, and other requirements. Please see details for the Grant Applicant Teleconference below:

Grant Applicant Teleconference

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018
*Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (PST)
*Call-In Number: 888-722-9581
*Verbal Passcode: 24213

*Note: Call-in numbers and passcodes may change. Should a change occur, the new call-in number and passcode will be listed on CARB's webpage at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/meetings/meetings.htm>. Potential applicants are encouraged to confirm the call-in number and passcode by visiting the listed website prior to each teleconference. Please note the length of applicant teleconferences may vary.

The questions and answers from the Grant Applicant Teleconference and any questions received via email will be posted on the CARB webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>. CARB may collect questions via email; however, staff will only respond to questions regarding this solicitation during the Grant Applicant Teleconference. In addition, CARB will not respond to questions after the Grant Applicant Teleconference has taken place.

Background

The Financing Assistance for Lower-Income Consumers Pilot Project is intended to encourage and accelerate the adoption of zero-emission and near zero-emission, on-road light-duty vehicles in lower-income households. The higher cost of advanced technology clean vehicles can be a significant barrier to vehicle ownership for many lower-income consumers. The goal for this project is to help improve access to affordable financing mechanisms, including a vehicle price and infrastructure buy-down coupled with a low interest loan to qualified lower-income consumers to purchase advanced technology clean vehicles. The funding available for the FY 2017-18 Financing Assistance for Lower-Income Consumers Pilot Project is up to \$18 million. Of the \$18 million, \$8 million is from FY 2017-18 Low Carbon Transportation Investments and \$10 million is from Volkswagen Settlement funds for Zero-Emission Vehicle aspects of vehicle replacements in Assembly Bill 97.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the Financing Assistance for Lower-Income Consumers Pilot Project or the Grant Applicant Teleconferences, please contact Ms. Kathryn Canepa, Air Pollution Specialist, by email at Kathryn.Canepa@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Stella Ling-Taylor, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6369 or by email at stella.lingtaylor@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas paracualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma.
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 324-0342 o envíe un fax a (916) 327-8524 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

Sincerely,

Jack Kitowski, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Attachments

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