



Legislation Text

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lake County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

FROM: Douglas Gearhart, APCO

DATE: June 18, 2019

SUBJECT: Authorize the APCO to sign and submit an application for Carl Moyer Program Year 21 funding and sign all other program documents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (CMP) was established in 1998 as a grant program to fund the incremental cost of cleaner-than-required heavy-duty engines. The program now includes the reduction of particulate matter (PM) emissions and reduction of reactive organic gases (ROG), and originally targeted the reduction of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions. The grant funding originates from fees on tire sales, car sales, and smog check fees.

The CMP has historically been, and continues to be, an overly paper heavy and legalistic process to implement and administer. Ongoing obligations to monitor the funding contracts could become a significant resource demand. Due to the extensive auditing and reporting requirements imposed by the ARB, District staff is reviewing projects as a pre-approval screening prior to requesting funds from the State. With changes in the program requirements several years ago, we are able to fund school bus projects more easily which has simplified the auditing and reporting requirements and we are able to fund projects quickly and more efficiently.

Districts, such as the LCAQMD, with a population less than 1% of the state total population are eligible for a Matching Fund Waiver and program funding of up to \$200,000. The present program guidelines state in part that the District submit a minute order or resolution authorizing the APCO to implement the program. The guidelines remain unchanged from last year.

Presently the program remains complicated and has extremely specific statewide guidelines. The ARB continues to require a contract for the individual grants and typically 5 to 7 years of follow up reporting. The guidelines have made qualifying for some projects difficult for both proponent and the District except school buses, emergency response vehicles, and a few other project categories.

The LCAQMD has received fourteen previous grant awards. We currently have partial Year 19 funds and full 20 funds available. If we fail to timely apply for the grant funds or do not timely expend funds (within 2 years of disbursement and an additional 2 years to liquidate), the funds allocated to Lake County must be returned to the State and will be reallocated to other areas of the state.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ None ☒ Budgeted ☐ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted: \$200,000

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable):

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the APCO to sign and submit an application for Carl Moyer Program Year 21 funding and sign all other program documents.