

Legislation Text

Memorandum

Date: 5/19/2021

To: The Honorable Lake County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

From: Douglas Gearhart, APCO

Subject: AB617 Implementation Funds for the Community Air Protection Program

Executive Summary: The passage of AB617 Community Air Protection Program occurred in 2017, and AB 109 in 2017 provided funding to implement the program. Funds are appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Significant funds are going to other parts of the state where significant community impacts occur and large populations are exposed to significant air pollution. The Lake County AQMD will receive a small portion of funds from FY 20-21 for work related to AB617 through June 2023.

The AB617 program is an overly paper heavy and legalistic process to implement and administer due to the funding source and reporting requirements of the State. The program is setup as a reimbursement program, but we can obtain advance funding for some work. We believe the funding could help update local rules to match up with State reporting timeframes, thus simplifying reporting requirements.

Attached is the grant agreement and provisions. The grant agreement does require significant reporting and documentation requirements which do not work well for us as we do not have grant program staff that only work on grants. ARB staff has stated they will provide flexibility and assistance on the grant requirements to minimize our risk for loss of the funds.

 If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

 Estimated Cost: 14,169.00_ Amount Budgeted:14,169.00_ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: __TBD____

 Consistency with Vision 2028 (check all that apply):
 □ Not applicable

 □ Well-being of Residents
 □ Public Safety
 □ Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery

 □ Economic Development
 □ Infrastructure
 □ County Workforce

 ☑ Community Collaboration
 □ Business Process Efficiency
 □ Clear Lake

Recommended Action:

That the Board of Directors authorize the APCO to sign the Grant Agreement and all other

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program documents and to implement the program.