

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
12/07/2020

TO: FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for Board consideration with regard to proposed Blue Sky Program proposals and authorize the APCO to execute related documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for funding as presented in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$150,000 for AB 2766 proposals and \$350,000 for AB 923 proposals.

ALTERNATIVE:

Approve alternative funding levels than those recommended by the Policy/Finance Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The District's Blue Sky Grant is composed of \$4 Motor Vehicle Registration Fees (AB 2766) and \$2 Motor Vehicle Registration Fee (AB 923). The AB 2766 portion provides incentive and grant funds for air quality projects designed to reduce motor vehicle (mobile source) air pollution. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issues guidelines providing criteria for AB 2766 funded projects. Projects have been reviewed by the District staff to weigh eligibility, viability, local health impact, district goals, emissions reduced, and cost-effectiveness criteria. The Committee then reviews the projects and makes a recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors.

The AB 923 portion may be used for limited project types which include school bus replacements and retrofits according to the Lower Emission School Bus Program Guidelines or the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Achievement Program Guidelines.

The District initiated fiscal year 2020/2021 Blue Sky Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) on September 3, 2020 and closed the RFP on October 19, 2020. The RFP was noticed in the Appeal Democrat newspaper, mailed to all local jurisdictions plus any interested parties, and

posted on the FRAQMD's website at <http://www.fraqmd.org>. The District staff also held a public workshop on September 25, 2020, on the Blue Sky Grant Program.

The District updated the RFP forms last year to receive the project information on an application type form rather than in a narrative form. The response was positive, and the District continued the use of application forms in FY20/21.

The AB 2766 proposals were reviewed by the District to determine eligibility then score based on the factors listed in section V. Evaluation Criteria of the Request for Proposals (Attachment 2). The District reviewed the AB 923 projects to determine eligibility.

The term of the AB 2766 projects was modified in FY20/21 to cover March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022.

The Policy/Finance Committee reviewed the proposals and the District staff recommendations at a public meeting on November 10, 2020. The Policy/Finance Committee unanimously approved the funding levels in Attachment 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The District has approximately \$150,000 available for the AB 2766 portion and \$350,000 available for the AB 923 portion.

DISCUSSIONS:

The FY 2020/21 Blue Sky Grant proposals requested \$257,046.26 for AB 2766 funding and \$630,140.12 for AB 923 funding. In addition, one AB 2766 proposal was received late on October 29. Including the late proposal, there were eight proposals submitted to the AB 2766 Program for a total requested \$372,295.32 and five submitted to the AB 923 Program.

The applications are all eligible for funding and would reduce emissions from registered motor vehicles or reduce vehicle miles travel in Yuba and Sutter counties. Since both funds are oversubscribed not all projects may be funded at the requested amounts.

The Committee recommends moving the Sutter County Ag Kill the Bug, Recycle the Jug application to the Mini Grant Program since the request meets that program's cap of \$2,000. The Committee recommends funding the Applications as presented in Attachment 1.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Policy/Finance Committee Recommendation
Attachment 2: Public Notice

Attachment 1: Policy/Finance Committee Recommendation

AB 2766 Proposals

#	Applicant	Description	Request	Matching	In-kind	% Leverage Funds	Project Score	Recommendation
1	Wheatland Union High School District	Alternative Fuel Infrastructure	45,846.26	0.00		0%	17	\$15,000.00
2	Yuba Water Agency	Employees RideShare Program	30,000.00			0%	14	\$13,500.00
3	Sutter County Ag Dept	Kill the Bug, Recycle the Jug	2,000.00		7,900.00	80%	19	\$0.00
4	City of Yuba City	Schools Crossing Improvement Project	90,000.00	20,000.00		18%	17	\$45,000.00
5	Playzeum	At Home Science Kits	7,200.00			0%	17	\$4,500.00
6	Yuba Sutter Transit	Live Oak Route	10,000.00	23,000.00	750.00	70%	19	\$0.00
7	Yuba Sutter Transit	Discount Monthly Bus Pass	72,000.00		2,500.00	3%	18	\$72,000.00
8	YES Charter Academy	Electric Bus Purchase	115,249.06	152,000.00		57%		\$0.00
		Total	372,295.32				Total	\$150,000.00
		Available Funds	150,000.00				Available Funds	\$150,000.00
		Remainder	-222,295.32				Remainder	\$0.00

AB 923 Proposals

#	Applicant	Description	Request	Matching	% Leverage Funds	Recommendation
1	YCUSD	Replace CNG Tank	20,140.12	0.00	0%	20,000.00
2	Marysville JUSD	Replace 1996 bus	115,000.00	49,999.74	43%	
3	Wheatland School D	Replace 1999 bus	165,000.00	31,565.00	19%	165,000.00
4	Wheatland School D	Replace 1997 bus	165,000.00	31,565.00	19%	165,000.00
5	Wheatland High SD	Replace 1996 bus	165,000.00	5,425.75	3%	
		Total	630,140.12		Total	350,000.00
		Available Funds	350,000.00		Available Funds	350,000.00
		Remainder	-280,140.12		Remainder	0.00

Attachment 2: Public Notice

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September 10, 2020

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

September 10, 2020

Kathy Stannhill

Date

Signature

Feather River Air Quality Management District

Request for Proposals

COPY:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS
TO BE FUNDED BY ALLOCATION OF AIR
DISTRICT MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FUNDS (BLUE SKY PROGRAM)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code Section 44220 et. seq., the Feather River Air Quality Management District is soliciting proposals for projects for the Blue Sky Program. Eligible projects include those that will reduce air pollution from motor vehicles or support the District's planning, monitoring, or enforcement programs, school bus retrofit and replacements projects, and technical studies necessary to implement the California Clean Air Act. The District has approximately \$150,000 available as grant funding for AB 2766 eligible projects and \$350,000 for AB 923 eligible projects. The Request for Proposals is available for download from the District's website at www.fraqmd.org or by contacting the District at 530-634-7659.

The District shall hold a virtual public workshop on the Blue Sky Program at 10:30 am on Friday September 25, 2020 at the District office. Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM, Monday October 19, 2020, by mail or drop box at the District office: 541 Washington Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991, Attn: Blue Sky Program

September 10, 2020

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