

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
12/04/2023

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 \$165,000 for AB 2766 proposals and \$376,000 for AB 923 proposals. It should be noted that the committee recommendation assumes the passage of the budget amendment.

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 2023/2024 Blue Sky Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) on August 29, 2023 and closed the RFP on October 16, 2023. 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 22, 2023, on the Blue Sky Grant Program.

The AB 2766 proposals were reviewed by the District to determine eligibility then scored 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 Policy/Finance Committee reviewed the proposals and the District staff recommendations at a public meeting on November 7, 2023. The Policy/Finance Committee unanimously approved the funding levels in Attachment 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The District has approximately \$165,000 available for the AB 2766 portion and \$376,000 available for the AB 923 portion.

DISCUSSIONS:

The FY 2023/2024 Blue Sky Grant proposals requested \$335,964.31 for AB 2766 funding and \$582,652.44 for AB 923 funding. There were six proposals considered for funding from the AB 2766 Program by the Policy/Finance Committee and three proposals considered from the AB 923 Program.

The proposals considered for funding are all eligible projects under AB2766 and AB 923. Since both funds are oversubscribed not all projects may be funded at the requested amounts.

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	Staff Score	Committee Recommendation
4	Yuba-Sutter Transit	Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program	\$ 100,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3%	18	\$98,000.00
5	Sutter Union HS District	Gasoline Powered Utility Vehicle Replacement	\$ 22,746.31	5,000.00	0.00	18%	10	\$0.00
6	Yuba Water Agency	Employee Vanpool	\$ 25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0%	14	\$20,000.00
7	Playzeum Yuba-Sutter	Super Kids Save the World	\$ 6,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	33%	15	\$6,000.00
8	YES Charter Academy	Electric School Bus Purchase	\$ 100,000.00	362,929.26	0.00	78%	21	\$0.00
9	City of Yuba City	Market Street Traffic Calming & Safety Improvements	\$ 82,218.00	0.00	0.00	0%	11	\$41,000.00
Total Requested			\$ 335,964.31			Total		\$165,000.00
Budgeted + Addl Funds			\$ 165,000.00			Budgeted + Addl Funds		\$165,000.00
Remainder			\$ (170,964.31)			Remainder		\$0.00

AB 923 Proposals

#	Applicant	Description	Request	Matching	% Leverage Funds	Committee Recommendation	Notes
2	Wheatland School District	Replace 2001 school bus with a new diesel powered school bus	\$ 190,376.60	0.00	0%	\$ 165,000.00	tier 2
3	Wheatland Union HS	Replace 2009 school bus with a new diesel powered school bus (Bus #2)	\$ 196,137.92	0.00	0%	\$ 165,000.00	tier 3
4	Wheatland Union HS	Replace 2009 school bus with a new diesel powered school bus (Bus #5)	\$ 196,137.92	0.00	0%	\$ 46,000.00	tier 3
Total Requested			\$ 582,652.44			Total	\$ 376,000.00
Budgeted + Addl' Funds			\$ 376,000.00			Funds	\$ 376,000.00
Remainder			\$ (206,652.44)			Remainder	\$ -

Attachment 2: Public Notice

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August 29, 2023

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

August 29, 2023

Kathy Stannerhill

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 \$120,000 available as grant funding for AB 2766 eligible projects and \$276,000 for AB 923 eligible projects. The Request for Proposals, applications, and more information is available on the District's website at <https://www.fraqmd.org/blue-sky-grant-program> or by contacting the District at 530634-7659. The District shall hold a public workshop on the Blue Sky Program at 10:00 AM on Friday September 22, 2023. Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 16, 2023, by mail or drop box at the District office: 541 Washington Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991, Attn: Blue Sky Program.

August 29, 2023

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