

*2008*  
*Blue Sky Grant*  
*to Reduce Air Pollution*

*Public Workshop*

Feather River  
Air Quality Management District

August 13, 2008

# Blue Sky Grant-Overview

- Funding source DMV renewal fees
- Authorized by Assembly Bills 2766 and 923
- Annual Request For Proposals
- Specific types of projects are eligible

# New This Year

- Full year of AB 923 funding available
- Availability of Prop 1B Lower Emission School Bus funding
- Draft regulation for In-Use Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks and Buses proposed by Air Resources Board

# Blue Sky Funds Available

AB 2766  
about \$200,000

AB 923  
about \$300,000

# AB 2766—Eligibility

- Projects that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles; or
- Projects that support the District's planning, monitoring, or enforcement programs, and technical studies necessary to implement the California Clean Air Act

# Examples of AB 2766 Eligible Projects

- Project that would result in reductions of emissions from motor vehicles,
- Reductions in vehicle miles traveled or reductions in vehicle trips,
- Or a public education/awareness program that supports any of the above programs.

# AB 923—Eligibility

- New purchase of public school buses
  - Replaced bus must be 1986 or older
  - Buses with two-stroke engines can be newer than 1987 (SBPA 08-003)
- Local match requirement for Prop 1B funding (Lower Emission School Bus Program)
- Can **NOT** be used to fund retrofits

# How Projects Are Selected

- **Project Benefit/Feasibility**
  - Cost-effectiveness based on ton of pollutants reduced.
  - Health impact will also be considered if quantifiable reductions are not easily derived.
- **Cohesion with strategies of Clean Air Plans**
- **Leveraging Funding**
- **Demonstration/Introduction New Technology**
- **Broad Application**
- **Broad-Based Support**
- **Other Desirable Factors**
  - Rapid results, low administrative costs, increased public awareness, etc.

# Blue Sky Funds— Required Information

- Project Title
- Project Applicant
  - Contact Person
- Description of Project
  - Total Project Cost
  - Funding Sources

# Blue Sky Funds— Estimated Timeline

- Aug 13, 2008 —Workshop
- Aug 29, 2008 —Deadline to Submit Applications
- September 2008 —Staff/Committee Review
- October 6, 2008 —Board Approval
- October 2008 —Mail Notice
- November 2008 —Contract
- December 2009 —Complete Projects
- December 2009 —Post-inspection
- December 2009 —\$\$\$

# Lower Emission School Bus Program

- \$2.2 million for school's in Yuba/Sutter counties.
- ARB/CAPCOA will be administering for Feather River AQMD.
- Contact Warren Hawkins, ARB, (916) 324-6771.
- Schools that will be applying to replace 1977-1986 buses will be required to match \$25,000 of new bus cost. May apply for Blue Sky Grant for match requirement.
- Pre-1977 bus replacements do not require match.
- Retrofits do not require match.

# Where to go for more info...

Blue Sky Funds:

FRAQMD's website:

[www.fraqmd.org/DMV.htm](http://www.fraqmd.org/DMV.htm)

938 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville

(530) 634-7659 ext 210

In-Use Heavy-Duty Diesel Regulation:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm>

Lower Emission School Bus Program:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/bonds/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm>

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