

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM
12/09/2019

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 \$250,000 for AB 2766 proposals and \$329,999.74 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.

The District initiated fiscal year 2019/2020 Blue Sky Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) on August 12, 2019, and closed the RFP on October 14, 2019. 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 17, 2019, on the Blue Sky Grant.

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. 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 4, 2019. The Policy/Finance Committee unanimously approved the funding levels in Attachment 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The District has approximately \$250,000 available for the AB 2766 portion and \$350,000 available for the AB 923 portion.

DISCUSSIONS:

The FY 2019/2020 Blue Sky Grant proposals received seven proposals for the AB 2766 funding requesting a total of \$280,899.40. All of the proposals were found to be eligible by District staff and have been recommended for funding by the Policy/Finance Committee. The total requested from all projects exceeded the available funding by \$30,899.40. The Committee recommended funding two proposals at 70% of the requested amount.

The District received three proposals requesting \$434,999.74 for AB 923 funding. The three proposals would each replace one existing diesel-fueled school buses with a new diesel-fueled school bus. The Policy/Finance Committee recommended funding two bus replacement projects with the available funding and referring the remaining proposal to the AB 617 Community Air Protection Funds Program. This would leave a balance of \$20,000.26 in the AB 923 program funding that would be made available to projects in the following Blue Sky Program Solicitation.

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	Marysville Fire Department	Replace Gasoline UTV with Electric UTV	12,315.34			0%	22.5	\$12,315.34
2	Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority (Priority 1)	Discount Monthly Bus Pass Program	142,000.00		4,250.00	3%	18	\$142,000.00
3	Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority (Priority 2)	Live Oak Service Expansion	10,000.00	23,000.00	750.00	70%	19.5	\$10,000.00
4	Playzeum Yuba Sutter	Clean Air On-The-Go Field Trip	10,625.00			0%	18.5	\$10,625.00
5	Sutter County Ag Dept	Kill the Bug, Recycle the Jug	3,821.00		6,700.00	64%	18.5	\$3,821.00
6	Yuba Water Agency-Late Application	Yuba Water Agency Employees RideShare Program	30,000.00			0%	15.5	\$20,875.00
7	YES Charter Academy-Late Application	Purchase new electric school bus	72,138.06	180,000.00		71%	22.5	\$50,363.66
			Total Requested:	280,899.40				
			Available Funding:	250,000.00				
			Balance:	-30,899.40				
							Total:	\$250,000.00
							Available Funding:	\$ 250,000.00
							Balance:	\$ -

AB 923 Proposals

#	Applicant	Description	Request	Matching	% Leverage Funds	Recommendation
1	MJUSD	Replace 1998 Bus	105,000.00	39,999.47	38%	Refer to CAP Funding Program
2	Plumas Lake School	Replace 1997 Bus	164,999.74		0%	164,999.74
3	Wheatland UHSD	Replace 1991 Bus	165,000.00	5,415.75	3%	165,000.00
		Total	434,999.74		Total	329,999.74
		Available Funds	350,000.00		Available Funds	350,000.00
		Remainder	-84,999.74		Remainder	20,000.26

Attachment 2: Public Notice

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I am not a party to, nor interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of THE APPEAL-DEMOCRAT, a newspaper of general circulation, printed & published in the City of Marysville, County of Yuba, to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by The Superior Court of the County of Yuba, State of California under the date of November 9, 1951, No. 11481, and County of Sutter to which Newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sutter, State of California under the date of May 17, 1999, Case No.CV PT99-0819. The Notice, of which the annexed is a copy, appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:.

August 21, 2019

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

August 21, 2019

Mary Brown

Date

Signature

Feather River Air Quality Management District

Request for Proposal

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 \$250,000 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 public workshop on the Blue Sky Program at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the District office. Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM, Monday, October 14, 2019. The District office is located at 541 Washington Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991.

August 21, 2019

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