

Update to the FRAQMD Board of Directors  
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- Goal of Program: to reduce exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution
- Initiated by California Assembly Bill 617 in 2017
- Two parts
  - Community Air Protection Program administrative grant funds:
    - Enhanced air quality forecasting
    - Additional PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring sites
    - Public outreach on air quality topics
    - Implementing requirements of AB 617
  - Community Air Protection Incentives Grants:
    - School bus replacements, off-road equipment, stationary diesel engines
    - Benefitting DAC/LIC

# Incentives Grant Status

- Currently accepting applications for Year 3 of Incentives until May 16, 2022
- \$877k for emission reduction projects like
  - School bus replacements (diesel, cng, electric)
  - Infrastructure (electric vehicle charging stations)
  - Air filtration at schools
  - Zero emission lawn and garden equipment at schools
  - Stationary diesel engine replacements
- Highest priority projects benefit DAC/LIC areas

# Administrative Grant Status

- Currently in fourth year of funding (\$47,726 FY20/21)
- Clarity sensors added to District's monitoring network
  - Brownsville, Browns Valley, Robbins, East Nicolaus, Linda, Plumas Lake
- Forecasting air pollutants by District staff
- Community Outreach
  - Upcoming event on May 21: Community Resource Fair in Yuba City
  - Virtual outreach (online surveys, social media, website)

# Community Feedback Received

- From community events (pre-COVID 2017-2019)
- Online surveys & virtual events (2020-2022)
- Going forward - combination of online/virtual and in-person events
- Most requested project is cleaner school buses
  - Communities are also concerned about heavy-duty trucks, ag equipment and processes, diesel engines, and off-road equipment

<https://www.fraqmd.org/community-air-protection-program>

Always Accepting Community Feedback