

FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM  
12/02/2024

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.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Policy/Finance Committee recommendation for funding as presented in Attachment 1 in the amount of \$110,200 for AB 2766 proposals and \$258,904 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 2024/2025 Blue Sky Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) on August 21, 2024 and closed the RFP on October 21, 2024. 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 12, 2024, 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 6, 2024. The Policy/Finance Committee unanimously approved the funding levels in Attachment 1.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The District has approximately \$116,000 available for the AB 2766 portion and \$276,000 available for the AB 923 portion.

#### DISCUSSIONS:

The FY 2024/2025 Blue Sky Grant proposals recommended by the Policy Finance Committee would allocate \$110,200 for AB 2766 funding and \$258,904 for AB 923 funding. There were three proposals considered for funding from the AB 2766 Program by the Policy/Finance Committee and two proposals considered from the AB 923 Program. There is a remaining balance of \$5,800 for AB 2766 and a remaining balance of \$17,096.00 for AB 923. The remaining balances will be added to the funding amounts for next year's Blue Sky Grant Program.

The proposals considered for funding are all eligible projects under AB2766 and AB 923.

#### 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	Committee Recommendation
2	Yuba-Sutter Transit	Discounted Monthly Bus Pass Program	\$ 75,000.00	0.00	3,825.00	5%	18	\$75,000.00
3	Yuba Water Agency	Employee Rider Share Program	\$ 60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0%	14	\$30,000.00
4	Playzeum	Airways Play Exhibit- Trees Clean the Air	\$ 5,200.00	0.00	0.00	0%	12	\$5,200.00
Total			\$ 140,200.00			<b>Total</b>		<b>\$110,200.00</b>
Available Funds			\$ 116,000.00			<b>Available Funds</b>		<b>\$116,000.00</b>
Remainder			\$ (24,200.00)			<b>Remainder</b>		<b>\$5,800.00</b>

**AB 923 Proposals**

#	Applicant	Description	Request	Matching	% Leverage Funds	Committee Recommendation	Notes
1	Yes Charter Academy	Purchase New School bus	\$ 93,904.00	\$ 261,857.00	74%	\$ 93,904.00	
2	Sutter Union High School	Replace 2000 School Bus	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 123,637.16	43%	\$ 165,000.00	Tier 2
Total			\$ 258,904.00		Total	<b>\$ 258,904.00</b>	
Available Funds			\$ 276,000.00	Available Funds		<b>\$ 276,000.00</b>	
Remainder			\$ 17,096.00	Remainder		<b>\$ 17,096.00</b>	

Attachment 2: Public Notice

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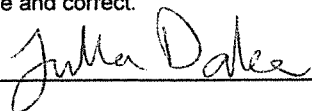
STATE OF CALIFORNIA \* Counties of Yuba and Sutter

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August 27, 2024

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

August 28, 2024



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) &  
YEAR 6 OF THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM (CAP)**

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 and CAP Program. Eligible projects for the Blue Sky Program 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. Eligible projects for the CAP Program include on-road vehicle and off-road equipment replacement projects, projects that reduce air pollution in schools, stationary diesel engines, and zero emission infrastructure projects. The District has approximately \$116,000 available as grant funding for AB 2766 eligible projects and \$276,000 for AB 923 eligible projects. The District has \$992,368 available for CAP eligible projects. The Request for Proposals is available for download from the District's website at [www.fraqmd.org](http://www.fraqmd.org) or by contacting the District at 530634-7659. The District shall hold a public workshop on the Blue Sky and CAP Program at 10:00 AM on September 12, 2024, at the District office. The public workshop will have a hybrid option to join the meeting virtually via Zoom. Proposals must be received by 5:00 PM, Monday October 21, 2024, by mail or drop box at the District office: 541 Washington Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991, Attn: Blue Sky Program or CAP Program

August 27, 2024

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