

**2012 MULTIDISTRICT PROJECT SOLICITATION
OPEN TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND AIR POLLUTION
CONTROL DISTRICTS**

**THE CARL MOYER ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE & OFF-ROAD
VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

California Air Resources Board
April 2012

BACKGROUND

The Carl Moyer Program provides monetary grants for the incremental cost of cleaner than required technology. While the Air Resources Board (ARB) is responsible for developing the Carl Moyer Program guidelines, the participating air pollution control districts and air quality management districts (air districts) are in charge of administering the program. Section 44286 of the Health and Safety Code gives ARB the authority to reserve up to 10 percent of Carl Moyer Program funding for multidistrict projects. This helps to fund projects that operate in more than one air district. This year the multidistrict funds are allocated towards the Carl Moyer On-Road Heavy-Duty and Off-Road Voucher Incentive Programs.

The Carl Moyer On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program (VIP) takes the criteria of the Carl Moyer Program Fleet Modernization Program and streamlines the requirements for both participants and air districts. By streamlining the guideline requirements, the goal of the voucher program is to allow funding opportunities for smaller fleets to replace their older heavy-duty diesel vehicles more quickly with cleaner vehicles.

The Off-Road Voucher Incentive Program (ORVIP) is a streamlined version of the current Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program in the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines. Equipment eligible to participate in the ORVIP include uncontrolled off-road compression ignition engines that are greater than or equal to 25 horsepower (hp) and less than 175 hp, and must meet one of the following criteria: 1) agricultural tractors that are not currently regulated by an ARB in-use regulation; 2) construction tractors/loaders/backhoes in small fleets that have a total fleet hp of 2,500 or less; or 3) construction tractors/loaders/backhoes in medium fleets.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The eligible applicants for the 2012 Multidistrict Project Solicitation are Air Quality Management Districts and Air Pollution Control Districts that are willing and able to administer one or both VIP program(s) and meet the requirements listed below.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The 2012 Multidistrict Project Solicitation is directed at providing monetary grants to offset the incremental cost of reduced emission technologies. The funding this year will be used for projects under the VIP programs.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Currently, for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, ARB has approximately \$6.6 million for multidistrict projects. These funds specifically target the program listed above.

DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

All districts must meet these specific requirements listed below to participate.

The air district must agree and obtain a board resolution that states the air district is able to:

1. Receive and expend Fiscal Year 2011/2012 funds towards VIP and/or ORVIP.
2. Comply with all VIP program guidelines, mailouts/advisories, and other written guidance by ARB.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be complete and accurate and will be reviewed based on the requirements listed above. An air district that applies and agrees to the above requirements are eligible to receive funds. The grant award amounts will be determined based on the calculation methodology specified in the Health and Safety Code Section 44299.2. Final allocations will be adjusted based on the number of qualified districts that apply and funds available to ensure a

minimum grant between \$170,000 and \$250,000. Administration fees of 5 percent or 10 percent (as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 44299-44299.2) will also be awarded to assist districts in completing the necessary tasks for establishing the program such as executing contracts with dealers and dismantlers.

The application must be completed and signed by the air district and must be received by ARB **no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2012**. Please note that postmark dates will not suffice to meet the stated deadline. Late applications will **not** be accepted. Applications that are not signed by the air district or that are sent via facsimile or email will **not** be accepted. Applications can be mailed or hand delivered to the following address:

U.S. Postal Service Deliveries

Ms. Dinh Quach
Air Resources Board
9480 Telstar Ave, Suite 4
El Monte, CA 91731

Hand Deliveries and Common Carrier

Ms. Dinh Quach
Air Resources Board
9528 Telstar Ave
El Monte, CA 91731

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements are located in both the VIP and ORVIP program guidelines and are to be followed accordingly. ARB will query its database on a monthly basis to monitor program progress. All funds are to be expended no later than June 30, 2014.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Application review will be completed by May 7, 2012, and successful air districts will be notified shortly thereafter via email. A grant award will be made through a Grant Agreement between the ARB and the participating air district. Once the Grant Agreement has been executed and all requirements have been met, payments will be made upon submission of a grant disbursement request by the participating air district. The initial disbursement request is capped at 75% of the district's grant award. The district can request the remaining 25% of its grant award once 85% of the initial disbursement has been liquidated. If, after January 1, 2014, a district has not liquidated 85% of its initial disbursement, then the remaining 25% of its grant award will be reallocated to interested districts that have liquidated at least 85% of their initial disbursement.

Example: An air district is allocated \$1,000,000 for its Year 14 Multidistrict Grant. The maximum initial disbursement is \$750,000. The district can request the remaining \$250,000 only after liquidating \$637,500 (85% of the \$750,000).

Districts receiving the minimum grant amount will receive the full grant amount for the initial disbursement.

CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Ms. Dinh Quach for questions relating to the administration and processing of this solicitation. Ms. Quach may be reached at:

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CARL MOYER VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM
Fiscal Year 2011/2012 MULTIDISTRICT PROJECT APPLICATION
Application must be received by April 23, 2012

1. DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Name:
Street Address:
City/Zip:
Contact Person:
Phone:
Email:

2. VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS REQUESTED

Amount requested (\$):

3. VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED

Check one or both boxes.

- On-Road Heavy Duty
- Off-Road

4. BOARD RESOLUTION

Check one box.

- This application has been duly approved and authorized by the governing board of the applicant, as specified in the attached resolution.
- This application is scheduled to go before the district board on _____ (date)

5. DISTRICT

As an air district participating in the On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program and/or Off-Road Voucher Incentive Program, I agree to follow the On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program and/or Off-Road Voucher Incentive Program guideline requirements, which include but are not limited to:

- Obtaining board approval to run the On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program and/or Off-Road Voucher Incentive Program. Board approval is not necessary for each individual project.
- Allowing vehicle/equipment operation time to be 75 percent within California. Air districts shall not limit operation to an individual air district's boundaries.
- Air district shall not impose stricter requirements than those set in the On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program and Off-Road Voucher Incentive Program guidelines.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this application is true and correct.

APCO Signature

Typed Name

Date