

**2009 MULTIDISTRICT PROJECT SOLICITATION
OPEN TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND AIR POLLUTION
CONTROL DISTRICTS**

**THE CARL MOYER ON-ROAD
HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

California Air Resources Board
March 10, 2009

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 1 air district. This year the multidistrict funds are allocated towards the new Carl Moyer On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program.

The Carl Moyer On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program (VIP) takes the current 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 small fleets (3 or less vehicles) to replace their older heavy-duty diesel vehicles more quickly with cleaner vehicles. Small fleet owners that operate vehicles with 1993 or older model year diesel engines in California 75 percent of the time may be eligible for funding towards the purchase of a vehicle that has a 2007 or newer engine certified at 1.20 grams per brake horsepower per hour nitrogen oxides and 0.01 grams per brake horsepower per hour particulate matter or cleaner.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The eligible applicants for the 2009 Multidistrict Project Solicitation are Air Quality Management Districts and Air Pollution Control Districts that are willing and able to administer VIP.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The 2009 Multidistrict Project Solicitation is directed at providing monetary grants to offset the incremental cost of reduced emission technologies. The only eligible project this year for funding is VIP.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Currently, ARB has approximately \$7.4 million for multidistrict projects. These funds specifically target the program listed above. It is expected that local agencies will have VIP funds available for small fleet owners in early summer. Potential applicants who want to learn more about VIP or to find where to apply can go here for more information

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/voucher/voucher.htm> or call 1-877-564-7268 (56GRANT).

DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

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

1. Air district must agree and obtain a board resolution that states the air district is able to:
 - a. Receive and expend funds.
 - b. Provide match funding: districts are required to provide \$1 in match funds for every \$1 of multidistrict funds they are awarded from ARB with a **minimum match commitment of \$100,000** in order to make VIP a viable program. Match funds can be local funds or other Carl Moyer funds administered by the air district.
 - c. Comply with all VIP guidelines and material.

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 of \$35,000. 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. These administration fees will decrease in future VIP multidistrict allocations, as those tasks will no longer be necessary.

Three copies of the application must be signed by the air district and must be received by ARB **no later than 5:00p.m. on April 2, 2009**. 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. Lynsay Carmichael
Air Resources Board
Mobile Source Control Division
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Hand Deliveries

Ms. Lynsay Carmichael
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Mobile Source Control Division
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIP INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

VIP informational sessions will be held throughout California between March 18, 2009 and March 23, 2009. Air districts are encouraged to participate. The intent of these sessions is for interested air districts, dealers, bankers and public to gain knowledge of VIP. The informational sessions notice is available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/voucher/voucher.htm> .

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting requirements are located in the VIP guidelines and are to be followed accordingly. ARB will print out reports on a monthly basis from the CARL database to look at program progress. All funds are to be expended no later than June 30, 2011.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Application review will be completed by April 8, 2009, and successful air districts will be notified shortly there after via email. A grant award will be made through a grant agreement between the ARB and the participating air district. Once the grant award process has been completed and all requirements have been met, payment will be made through a grant disbursement to the participating air district.

CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Ms. Lynsay Carmichael for questions relating only to the administration and processing of this solicitation. All other questions will be addressed at the air district workshops. Ms. Carmichael may be reached at:

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**CARL MOYER ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM
2009 MULTIDISTRICT PROJECT APPLICATION**

1. DISTRICT INFORMATION

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

2. VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS REQUESTED

Amount requested (\$):

3. DISTRICT MATCH FUNDS

Amount (\$):
Source of District Match Funds:

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 Voucher Incentive Program, I agree to follow the Voucher Incentive Program guideline requirements, which include but is not limited to:

- Only going to the board for approval to run the Voucher Incentive Program, not for each individual project
- Allowing vehicle operation time to be 75% within California and not limiting operation to inside air district boundaries
- Not transposing stricter requirements than those set in the 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