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Carl Moyer Program's State Reserve Project Solicitation

Open to Air Pollution Control Districts and Air Quality Management Districts

California Air Resources Board

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BACKGROUND

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) provides monetary grants for the incremental cost of cleaner than required technology. While the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is responsible for developing the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines, the participating California air pollution control districts and air quality management districts (air districts) administer the program according to local priorities. Section 44286(d) of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) gives CARB the authority to reserve up to 10% of Carl Moyer Program funding to directly fund any project that is a covered source and is described in Section 44281. CARB reserves the sole authority to distribute this State Reserve funding.

As California pushes for zero-emission equipment in all sectors, and some of CARB's progras are beginning to require zero-emission equipment, it was determined that all categories would benefit from additional funding dedicated to zero-emission equipment. Therefore, consistent with Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 State Reserve funds, FY 2024-2025 will be directed toward all Moyer eligible zero-emission equipment and vehicles, without the forklift exception (meaning all zero-emission forklifts would be eligible), and infrastructure projects that provide fuel or power to covered sources. Furthermore, additional flexibility will be provided to fund Chapter 8: Light-Duty Vehicles of the 2024 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines for air districts that currently have a Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) program to facilitate zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) as replacement with other funding sources.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Air districts that are willing and able to administer zero-emission projects under the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines must meet the requirements listed below to be eligible to apply for this State Reserve Project Solicitation.

- 1. <u>Current Active Grant:</u> The air district has a fully executed and active grant agreement to implement the regular Moyer Program for the current fiscal year (FY 2024-2025).
- 2. <u>Liquidation:</u> The air district has liquidated all previously disbursed funds that were required to be liquidated by their deadline on or before June 30, 2024.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects are open to all zero-emission equipment and vehicles eligible and infrastructure projects that provide fuel or power to covered sources under the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines. All projects must be eligible in accordance with the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines.

Air districts that currently have a CC4A program should prioritize the use of the FY 2024-2025 State Reserve funds to supplement ZEV incentives to support those programs. Projects

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supporting a CC4A program should be in accordance with Chapter 8: Light-Duty Vehicles of the 2024 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines and may be stacked with other sources to supplement ZEV incentives replacement. The FY 2024-2025 State Reserve can provide a maximum amount of up to \$3,000.00 per vehicle replaced. Any future changes or updates to the 2024 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines may potentially supersede the maximum allowable funding per vehicle amount.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

In FY 2024-2025, CARB has approximately \$12.35 million for State Reserve projects. The funding has been allocated toward Moyer eligible zero-emission equipment and vehicles, as well as infrastructure projects that provide fuel or power to covered sources, with the added flexibility to support CC4A projects. If there are not sufficient applications to encumber funds, at CARB's discretion, the Executive Officer may reallocate the funds to other Moyer eligible projects. In this scenario, air districts must demonstrate that they solicited the public for applications and did not receive any or enough interest to fund the project category. Demonstration of project solicitation does not guarantee additional category flexibility.

AIR DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

To participate, the air district must agree and obtain a signed board resolution or board minute order that states the air district is able to:

- Receive and expend FY 2024-2025 funds toward Moyer eligible zero-emission equipment with the added flexibility to support CC4A projects per Carl Moyer Program Guidelines, as applicable.
- 2. Comply with current and any future approved Carl Moyer Program Guidelines, mail-outs/advisories, and other written guidance by CARB.

If an air district is unable to provide a signed board resolution or board minute order at the time of application, the air district must indicate on the application the scheduled board date, while considering any applicable timing mentioned in the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines. Should an air district require additional time to obtain a board resolution or board minute order beyond the application date specified in this solicitation or require a model resolution, please contact the State Reserve administration lead for additional assistance.

ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

State Reserve FY 2024-2025 funds will go toward the replacement of eligible zero-emission equipment and vehicles with the added flexibility to support CC4A projects. Allocations will be calculated based on the formula described in HSC Section 44299.2 and the number of air districts that apply. Participating air districts will be awarded a **minimum amount of**

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\$50,000 and are not required to provide match funding. An air district applying for State Reserve FY 2024-2025 funds must agree and meet the air district requirements to participate and submit a complete and accurate application, which CARB will review to determine an air district's eligibility to receive funds. Administration fees will be included in the final grant award in accordance with HSC Section 44299.1.

The State Reserve application must be completed, signed by the air district, and returned to CARB **no later than April 16, 2025**. Air districts must send completed applications by email to *MSCDGrants@arb.ca.gov* and include their Moyer liaison upon submission.

GRANT AWARD AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

When application review is completed, successful air districts will be notified via email. A grant award will be made through a Grant Agreement between CARB and the participating air districts. To fully execute the Grant Agreement and encumber the funds, CARB will send the air district the Grant Agreement coversheet and general terms and conditions for review and approval. The air district must return the full Grant Agreement to include the signed coversheet and Grant Terms and Conditions by the CARB assigned due date. Once the Grant Agreement has been fully executed by both parties and all requirements have been met, including a signed board resolution or board minute order, air districts may request up to full grant award in the initial disbursement. The signed board resolution or board minute order must provide air district board approval, broad or specific, to participate in the FY 2024-2025 State Reserve program. Payments will be made upon CARB's receipt and approval of the participating air district's grant disbursement request.

At CARB's discretion, funds may be allocated to other Moyer Program eligible projects, subject to CARB concurrence via written/electronic approval, or if deemed necessary, a grant amendment. Requests to spend funds on other Moyer Program eligible projects must be submitted by **June 30, 2031**, two years prior to the liquidation deadline. Any such request must demonstrate a reasonable effort to have used the funds for FY 2024-2025 State Reserve eligible projects. Reasonable effort includes, but is not limited to, issuing project solicitations in a timely manner, allowing sufficient time for applicants to apply for project funds, conducting outreach efforts to find interested applicants, and timely review of project applications. If, despite these efforts, there are not enough eligible project applications to encumber and liquidate the air district's allocated State Reserve funds by the liquidation deadline, reasonable efforts may also involve reissuing project solicitations, reposting announcements, or taking additional actions to encourage more applicants if the first solicitation period is unsuccessful.

All FY 2024-2025 State Reserve funds must be liquidated no later than **June 30, 2033**.

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MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The air district must follow all monitoring and reporting requirements as stated in the 2024 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines.

CONTACT PERSON

For questions about the application process, please contact the State Reserve administration lead, Mia Hunt, via email at *mia.hunt@arb.ca.gov*. For general inquiries about the Carl Moyer Program, please email *moyerhelp@arb.ca.gov*.