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ISSUED BY THE BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DIESEL REPLACEMENT PROJECTS &
ZERO-EMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) is announcing the availability of the following funds for diesel emission reduction projects & zero-emission infrastructure projects:

- Year 23 Carl Moyer Program (all eligible projects): **\$175,000**
- Year 22 Carl Moyer State Reserve (non-agricultural projects): **\$187,000**
- Year 23 Carl Moyer State Reserve (infrastructure projects): **\$47,652**
- Year 4 FARMER Program (agricultural projects): **\$1,500,000 – \$1,750,000** (*tentative – pending final funding in early 2022*)

These programs are voluntary grant programs implemented by the California Air Resources Board and the District to reduce air pollution from heavy-duty on-road and off-road equipment. Projects typically involve replacing older diesel-powered vehicles or equipment. Additional funding is available specifically for zero-emission infrastructure projects including battery charging stations and hydrogen refueling stations.

Eligible projects for the Carl Moyer Program include infrastructure projects and the replacement of older heavy-duty off-road equipment and on-road trucks or buses (limited by state compliance deadlines). Project applications will be ranked, and grants awarded, according to their cost effectiveness. The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program has helped reduce smog-forming and toxic emissions across California since 1998.

Eligible projects for the FARMER Program include the replacement of older diesel-powered off-road agricultural equipment and on-road trucks used in agricultural operations. **Note that FARMER funding is possibly delayed through Feb. 2022. The District cannot announce FARMER program awards until funding is finalized.** The FARMER Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment.



Both public and private entities can apply for Carl Moyer & FARMER Program funds. In order to qualify, projects must not be required by any regulation or other legal mandate. Projects must have at least one year between the project completion date and any upcoming state compliance deadlines. Additional requirements are detailed on the program applications.

Applicants for both programs may use the Carl Moyer Program applications which are available on the District website at www.bcagmd.org or at the District office. Applications are due to the District, located at 629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15, Chico, 95928 on or before **January 28, 2022** by 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Mandly, Senior Air Quality Planner at jmandly@bcagmd.org or (530) 332-9400, Extension 108.

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