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\$18 Million Available in Grant Funds

Air District Hosts Grant Workshops for Projects to Reduce Vehicle Emissions

San Francisco, CA - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District will be hosting a series of workshops to discuss grant application guidelines for projects to reduce motor vehicle emissions, the largest contributor to unhealthy levels of ozone (summertime "smog") and particulate matter. Because vehicle emissions are preventable pollutants, switching to cleaner vehicle technology and reducing usage can make a substantial difference to air quality in the region.

"Air-quality grant projects directed at transportation have many benefits, especially for residents who live in more heavily impacted communities" said Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. "The Air District is directing funds towards those areas that have the greatest needs and where significant progress can be made."

The **Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Fund**, which provides grants for a range of projects, including the purchase or lease of new clean air vehicles, such as school buses and transit buses; repowers and retrofits of existing heavy-duty diesel vehicles; shuttle and feeder bus service to train stations; ridesharing programs; arterial management improvements; smart growth projects; and transit information projects.

Funding to retrofit, repower, or replace port/drayage trucks that operate in the Bay Area is available from the **Goods Movement Program**. Truck owners serving ports and intermodal rail yards may be eligible for funding to retrofit, repower, or purchase of a new truck.

When and Where

<p>San Francisco – Friday, May 16 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Bay Area Air Quality Management District 939 Ellis Street, 7th Floor Boardroom San Francisco, CA 94109 **** Note: This meeting will emphasize TFCA and Bicycle Facility Program ****</p>	<p>West Oakland – Monday, June 2 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM West Oakland Public Library 1801 Adeline Street Oakland, CA. 94607 **** Note: This meeting will emphasize Goods Movement ****</p>
<p>San Leandro – Monday, May 19 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM San Leandro Public Library 835 E. 14th Street San Leandro, CA 94577 **** Note: This meeting will emphasize Goods Movement ****</p>	<p>San Jose – Thursday, June 5 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM San Jose City Hall, Room W119 200 East Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Concord – Thursday, May 29 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Concord Senior Center Senior Center Classroom 2727 Parkside Circle Concord, CA 94519</p>	

These grants are directed toward public agencies and owners of heavy-duty diesel vehicles. Further information, including application guidance and application forms for these programs, is available in the Grants & Incentives section of the District website at www.baaqmd.gov. Information about the TFCA Regional Fund is available at www.baaqmd.gov/tfcaregional; information about the Goods Movement Program is available at www.baaqmd.gov/pln/grants_and_incentives/gm/index.htm; Applications may also be obtained by phoning (415) 749-4994 or e-mailing grants@baaqmd.gov.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is committed to achieving clean air to protect the public's health and the environment. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.

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