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Air District offers \$4 million for projects that help commuters drive less

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is now accepting applications to fund shuttle bus and regional ridesharing projects in the Bay Area with up to \$4 million in available funding.

“Transportation is the largest source of air pollution in the Bay Area,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “This program will make it easier for many of our residents to shift to transit or ridesharing and reduce the number of vehicles on our roads.”

Shuttles and feeder buses expand the reach of transit networks to provide passengers with efficient and convenient access to major bus lines, ferry stops and rail stations. Ridesharing, also known as carpooling or vanpooling, is an alternative to driving alone. The region will benefit through improved air quality, reduced traffic congestion and energy conservation.

Only public agencies are eligible for funding. Applications may be obtained by going online, or by contacting Avra Goldman at 415-749-5093 or agoldman@baaqmd.gov.

Applications will be reviewed and funded on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on September 1, 2011. Funds are limited.

For more information, go online to the alternative transportation tab, shuttles and ridesharing at:

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives.aspx>

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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