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Air District offers \$4 million to support existing public agency shuttle bus and ridesharing services

SAN FRANCISCO - Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced the availability of up to \$4 million dollars to support existing shuttle/feeder bus and ridesharing services.

Only public agencies currently operating existing services are eligible for funding.

“Transportation is the largest source of air pollution in the Bay Area and must be addressed in a wide range of ways to protect public health,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Shuttle bus and ridesharing services link commuters with mass transit and play a key role in helping the region attain its clean air goals by eliminating commute trips.”

Funding comes from the Transportation Fund for Clean Air, which are revenues collected from a \$4 surcharge on motor vehicles registered in the Bay Area. Approximately 22 million dollars annually is used to fund a variety of programs and projects to mitigate the impact of vehicle emissions. Recently funded programs and projects include the Spare the Air program, programs to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips by providing last-mile solutions to link commuters to public transit and programs to accelerate the adoption of clean air vehicles.

Pre-Application Webinars

Two pre-application workshops to discuss the application process, evaluation criteria and program requirements will be held as online webinars on:

- Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 1:30 – 2:30 PM and
- Thursday, August 31, 2017 - 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Attendance at one of these webinars is required for new applicants interested in applying and is highly encouraged for existing project sponsors. A link to register for the pre-application webinar and more information on program eligibility requirements and application instructions can be found on the Air District’s grant page under “Shuttle and Regional Rideshare”: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/grant-funding>

The deadline to submit a completed application is 4 PM on Monday, September 11, 2017. For questions about this program, contact Michael Neward, Staff Specialist at mneward@baaqmd.gov or (415) 749-4703.

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. For more information about Spare the Air, visit sparetheair.org.

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