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Air District expands funding for multiple grant projects

Funding for shuttle buses, electric vehicles, & reducing diesel exhaust in West Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO – The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has voted to approve funding for several key grant programs focused on reducing air pollution and greenhouse gases in the Bay Area.

The Air District administers many grant and incentive programs which fund projects sponsored by public agencies and private companies that reduce air pollution from mobile sources including: cars, trucks, marine vessels, locomotives and construction equipment. Mobile sources are the largest sources of air pollution in the region.

“Air District grants and incentives are part of a multi-faceted approach to reducing harmful air pollution and protecting public health in Bay Area communities,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Targeted funding can create significant air quality improvements in our most impacted areas.”

The new funds are scheduled to be available beginning in 2018 and include:

- Approximately \$3 million towards multiple ridesharing, shuttle, carpool and vanpool projects.
- Upon the California Air Resources Board approval, up to \$10 million to provide incentives to low-income motorists living in or near disadvantaged communities for zero-emission and low-emission vehicles, and transit options.
- \$10 million towards a joint Air District & Metropolitan Transportation Commission partnership to support the accelerated adoption of electric vehicles in the Bay Area.
- \$1.3 million to fund air pollution reduction projects located in West Oakland and the Port of Oakland.

The Board resolution adopted today authorizes the Air District to accept, obligate and expend the funds awarded from the California Air Resources Board, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Clean Air Foundation. The Foundation is the not-for-profit arm of the Air District that supports the Air District’s mission by applying for and accepting grant funding from various sources to help reduce air pollution within the region.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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