

AB 2766 Subvention Fund

CA Health & Safety Code
§ 44220-44244

Background

- AQMD requested Board provide policy direction on grant program, January 10, 2012
- Staff presented options on:
 - Project Type Preference
 - Award Cap
 - Funding Projects Up Front vs. Reimbursement Basis
 - Matching Funds
 - Contract Term Length
 - Need for Audits and Reports
- Return to Board with direction summary

Board Direction Checklist

Program Areas of Concern	Direction Summary
Preferred Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shuttles• Biomass Trip Reduction (chipping)• New Technologies (video conference)• Proposals evaluated for cost effectiveness with award discretion left to the Board.
Cap Awards at \$75K	No
Provide Funding Up Front?	No
20% Match	Yes
Contract Term	Longer than 1 year
Audits and Reporting	Yes
Non-Profits Not Eligible	Add to Eligible Applicants List

Draft Request for Proposal

- Preference for Projects with Ancillary Benefits
 - 10 Point preference given for Shuttles, Biomass Transport Reduction and New Technologies
- Match Requirement
 - 20% Match required
 - Hard and Soft match allowed. Soft match can include value of volunteer work.
- Contract Term Length
 - Extended from 1 year to 18 months (7/1/12 – 12/31/13)
- Adds Non-Profits to list of eligible applicants
- Board maintains latitude for final decision

Audits and Reports

- Independent audits of all recent recipients
- Audits should have measurable benefits derived from evaluating contract compliance and appropriate use of funds.
- Subsequent projects from non-compliant recipients will be ineligible for future funding.
- District will pursue cost recovery for inappropriate use of funds.
- Allocate in FY 12/13 AQMD Budget
- Audits to be conducted at three year intervals starting 2013
- Grantees to submit quarterly and final progress reports

New Tech - Video Conferencing

- Videoconference reduces County's transportation costs, improves efficiency and air quality.
- Departments currently utilize Placerville - SLT video conference capabilities.
- In house air quality project to install video conference equipment in Board Chambers is eligible for funding

Staff Recommendation

Board direct AQMD staff to:

- Give preference to Shuttles, Biomass and New Tech projects
- Require a 20% Match
- Set contract term to 18 months
- Budget for and conduct Audits
- Require quarterly and final reports
- Add Non-Profits to list of eligible applicants
- Initiate BOS/AQMD Video Conference project