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Air District Opens Grant Program for Trucks

Up to \$40,000 available to replace a class 5 or class 6 truck

The Valley Air District is seeking Valley truckers – truck owners and small businesses operating Class 5 or Class 6 trucks – for grant funding to help reduce truck emissions in the San Joaquin Valley. Participants can receive up to \$40,000 per eligible truck (not to exceed 35% of the total cost of the new truck).

Eligible truck owners need to be small business owners in the San Joaquin Valley operating Class 5 (16,001 to 19,500 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) or Class 6 (19,501 to 26,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) trucks currently in compliance with the California Air Resources Board on-road truck regulations.

Trucks are the largest source of the air basin's NOx emissions, which create both ozone and particulate pollution, and the Valley Air District has budgeted \$639,132 to fund new trucks and reduce emissions under this grant program.

“We understand the importance of providing financial incentives to this crucial part of our Valley's economy and are very pleased we can offer this assistance,” said Seyed Sadredin, the District's executive director and air pollution control officer.

District funding will provide truckers with assistance that further reduces emissions beyond mere compliance with existing state regulations. This funding can be paired with the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program (HVIP) operated through CALSTART.

The application period opens on October 1, 2015 and applications are available through participating dealerships. The application period will remain open until the funds have been exhausted.

The program is targeting 1991 -2003 engine model year trucks that meet the program eligibility requirements below:

- Domiciled in the San Joaquin Valley
- Currently registered and in operation
- Meets minimum usage requirements

A complete listing of program requirements and participating dealerships can be found at <http://valleyair.org/grants/onroadtrucks.htm> or by calling program staff at 559-230-5800