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Prop 1B Program is seeking applicants for Locomotives and Railyard funding

New program funds the retrofit or replacement of uncontrolled locomotives

Businesses and owners of locomotives used in freight movement can receive up to \$2,550,000 per locomotive through the Valley Air District's new Locomotive Prop 1B grant program.

The Proposition 1B: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program provides incentives to quickly reduce air pollution emissions and health risk from freight movement along California's trade corridors. Funds will be granted to owners to upgrade to cleaner technologies through locomotive replacement and retrofit or through installation of a locomotive-emissions capture and control system at a railyard or freight facility. The first round of funding is for \$19.5 million and applications will only be accepted through 5:00 pm Friday March 25, 2016.

This grant program is just one of the many robust and successful grant programs offered by the District to address emissions from mobile sources within the San Joaquin Valley. Mobile sources fall under the regulatory authority of the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Yet with these sources responsible for over 80% of the pollution in the San Joaquin Valley, the District has prioritized bringing state and federal dollars to the Valley to expedite emissions reductions prior to ARB regulations. Other District mobile source grant programs are targeted at gross-polluting passenger vehicles, older school buses, ag tractors and other mobile sources.

This is not a rebate program; contracts between the applicant and the Air District must be executed before any new locomotives, engine or equipment is purchased and installed. For application materials, eligibility, incentive amounts and requirements visit <http://valleyair.org/grants/locomotives-prop1b.htm> or call the District's Heavy-Duty Engine Program Staff at (559)-230-5800.

Applications can be submitted by mail, email, fax, or delivered to a District office:

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