

# NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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**Date:** February 26, 2008

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Gretchen Bennett, Air Pollution Control Officer

**Subject:** AB 2766 DMV Fund Program - Screening Proposals

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) is requesting screening proposals for projects in Nevada, Plumas, or Sierra Counties. Project proposals must result in reduced motor vehicle emissions or help the District meet the requirements of the California Clean Air Act of 1988. The District's Board of Directors made a budget allocation of \$250,000 for external projects. The budget allocation of \$250,000, combined with carry over funds from previous funding cycles, resulted in a total budget allocation of: **\$168,323 for western Nevada County \$29,625 for eastern Nevada County, \$65,749 for Plumas County and \$15,671 for Sierra County** totaling \$279,368.

***Interested parties are required to submit a two (2) page (maximum) screening proposals before the 5:00 PM, March 28, 2008 deadline. Interested parties may be interested in reviewing the District's PLAN FOR USE OF AB 2766 FUNDS FOR FY 2008-2009, which is available by visiting the District's web page at [www.myairdistrict.com](http://www.myairdistrict.com) (Select "Grants and Incentives", and then select "AB2766 DMV Funds.")***

***Proposals that are selected from this screening round will be sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) by April 8, 2008 that provides the requirements for a detailed proposal. The final proposal deadline is June 2, 2008. Board approvals typically occur in June. The funding cycle begins October 1, 2008. Work must be completed by September 30, 2009.***

***Please see the attached Q & A regarding the AB 2766 DMV Fund Program. Further questions regarding these screening proposals should be directed to Ryan Murano at 530-550-7872.***

***Please send screening proposals to: NSAQMD  
P.O. Box 9766  
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## **Q & A**

### **AB 2766 DMV Fund Program**

#### **What is the AB 2766 DMV Fund Program?**

*The AB 2766 DMV Fund Program is an innovative program that allocates fees collected from motor vehicle registrations for local projects designed to reduce air pollution. Only projects that reduce emissions from motor vehicles or reduce vehicle miles traveled from automobiles, trucks, or buses are eligible. This is a technical program that requires significant data collection and reporting.*

#### **Who is eligible to receive Funding?**

*Local government agencies, private sector businesses, non-profit agencies, and research institutions are among those eligible for funding. Anyone proposing an effective project to reduce emissions from mobile sources of air pollution is encouraged to apply.*

#### **Who selects projects for funding?**

*The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District staff recommend projects for funding. The District has set evaluation and ranking criteria that is used to review projects. Cost-effectiveness, total emissions reductions, experience of the applicant, the amount of co-funding, and the development of new, innovative measures are among the factors considered. The Board of Directors approves projects for funding.*

#### **What selection criteria are the most important?**

*The cost-effectiveness of a project is the most important factor, followed by the total emissions reductions, and then co-funding (more points are scored in this category as the percentage of co-funding goes up).*

#### **What kinds of projects have been funded in the past?**

<i>Compressed natural gas refueling station</i>	<i>Compressed natural gas vehicles</i>
<i>Compressed natural gas transit buses</i>	<i>Electric vehicles</i>
<i>Van pools</i>	<i>Rideshare/carpool coordination services</i>
<i>Employee trip reduction incentives</i>	<i>Public transit services/marketing</i>
<i>Public education</i>	<i>Bike lanes and bike racks</i>
<i>"Spare the Air" promotions &amp; episode curtailment</i>	<i>Street sweepers</i>
<i>Landfill trip reduction</i>	<i>Video Conferencing Systems</i>
<i>Computer access services</i>	<i>Bicycle Infrastructure</i>
<i>Street Sweeping Effectiveness Studies</i>	<i>Teleconferencing systems</i>
<i>Telecommuting</i>	<i>Hybrid electric vehicles</i>
<i>Heavy-duty diesel engine re-powering/retrofitting</i>	

#### **Do Hybrid Vehicle Purchases Still Qualify?**

*For the most part, hybrid vehicles will no longer be eligible for funding. Hybrid purchases will qualify only if the hybrid vehicle's emissions are less than a comparable vehicle. Currently, only the Ford Escape hybrid replacing a conventional SUV or pickup truck will qualify. Replacing a conventional non SUV or pickup truck with the Ford Escape hybrid or any other hybrid vehicle does not qualify.*

#### **What information is needed in the screening proposal?**

*Name, address, phone number of your organization, and project contact person. Provide the amount of AB 2766 funding requested from the district, amount of co-funding expected, and the total project cost.*

*Provide a project overview, including the objectives of the project, scope of work (activities), facilities and equipment purchases (if applicable), how the AB 2766 funds will be used for these activities and purchases, how co-funding will be used for these activities and purchases, and what data collection will be done to quantify motor vehicle emissions reductions. Estimate reductions in vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled. Estimate emissions reductions (if you know how to apply*

***the correct methodology). Applicants may use the attached two-page form or may choose to compose their own, provided they include the required information and limit themselves to two pages maximum.***

# **AB 2766 DMV SURCHARGE PROGRAM**

## **TWO-PAGE SCREENING PROPOSAL FORM**

**Company/Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description (short):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of AB 2766 Funding Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Co-funding Expected:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Project Overview:**

▶ **Objectives of the project:** \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ **Scope of work (activities):** \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ **Facilities and equipment purchases (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ **How AB 2766 funds will be used:** \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ **How co-funding (non-AB 2766 Funding) will be used:** \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ **Data collection that will be conducted to quantify or qualify motor vehicle emissions reductions and/or vehicle miles traveled reductions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Estimated one-way vehicle trip reductions:** \_\_\_\_\_ **one-way trips**

**Estimated reductions in vehicle miles traveled:** \_\_\_\_\_ **miles**

**Estimated emission reductions and cost-effectiveness:**

**Nitrogen oxides (NOx):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lb/yr**

**Reactive organic gases (ROG):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lb/yr**

**Particulate Matter (PM10):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lb/yr**

**Cost-Effectiveness:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost/Lb.**

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**Authorized Proposer Signature**

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**Date**