

# THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAMS

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## BACKGROUND:

Since 1997, as part of the Air Pollution Control District's ongoing efforts to meet the goals of the Clean Air Plan, District staff have been actively involved in administering a variety of grant programs. Over the years the District has observed an increase in the types and number of grants, but the overall goal to reduce emissions and air pollution throughout the County has remained the same. To date, over \$4.5 million dollars has been administered by the District, providing grant awards to more than 125 project recipients with an estimated emission reduction of 1,180 tons.

The various grant funds come from three primary sources: state distributed funding, motor vehicle registration fees, and air quality mitigation fees. The District is also occasionally involved with partnerships to assist in local disbursement of funds that are managed by other entities. State funding is distributed primarily through the Air Resources Board, or directly from the Department of Motor Vehicles in the case of vehicle registration fees. Matching grant funds are occasionally available from the California Energy Commission. The mitigation fees are negotiated through the CEQA process when on site mitigation methods are insufficient for reducing emission impacts to insignificance from large development and/or remediation projects.

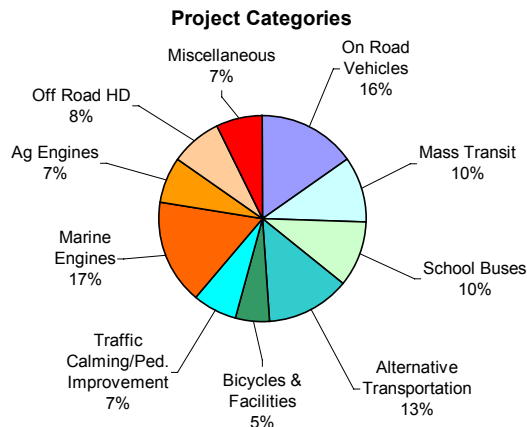
The type of projects funded varies depending on the requirements of the particular grant program. Most of the state-funded programs have specific guidelines and funding criteria which must be followed. Figure 1 provides a graphical depiction of the types of projects that have been funded from all of the grant programs, ranging from school bus retrofits to agricultural engine replacements. A list of all of the Grant and Mitigation Programs implemented by the District to date is included as Table 1.

## GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Once the District has received grant monies, fund availability is announced either via news publication, direct mailing from the District's database, or a combination of both. Grant information is also available on the District's web page at <http://www.slocleanair.org/programs/index.asp>. The APCD works with the project applicants providing assistance as needed to complete the application and conduct emission calculations.

Grant applications are reviewed and ranked by either District staff or a screening committee depending on the specific program. Funding recommendations are brought to the Board for consideration and approval. On an ongoing basis, District staff develop and maintain all grant contracts, monitor projects, review status reports, conduct periodic audits, and process invoices.

**Figure 1**



**TABLE 1  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAMS**

<b>Grant Program</b>	<b>Program Cycle</b>	<b>Grant Funding Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Emissions Reduced For the Program Cycle (tons)</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
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**Mitigation Funds**

Agricultural Engine Program	2000-2002	\$261,000	224	Elk Hills Power Plant Mitigation Fund Pastoria Power Plan Mitigation Fund
Avila Beach Mitigation Fund	one time (Nov. 2000)	\$895,000	172	Avila Mitigation Fund
Guadalupe Mitigation Fund	one time (July 2001)	\$890,000	458	Guadalupe Air Quality Mitigation Fund
Chicago Grade Landfill Mitigation Fund	one time (March 2002)	\$14,711	0.7	Chicago Grade Landfill Mitigation Fund
Duke Mitigation Fund	one time (pending)	\$114,440	-	Duke Excess Emission Fee Approved allocations of 45% marine, 15% SULEV, 25% renewable energy
Flash Pass Program	one time (pending)	\$70,000	-	Home Depot Mitigation Funds
Stocker Mitigation Fund	one time (pending)	\$36,182	-	Stocker Phase III Expansion Mitigation Fund
Sunrise Mitigation Fund	one time (pending)	\$117,500	-	Sunrise Power Plant Mitigation Fund

**State Funded Grants**

Carl Moyer Program	1998/1999	\$157,800	30	Air Resources Board
	1999/2000	\$82,631	38	
	2000/2001	\$181,261	55	
	2001/2002	\$169,157	30	Includes Backup Generator Mitigation Funds
Lower Emission School Bus Program	2000/2001	\$130,421	9	Air Resources Board
	2001/2002	\$35,000	2	

**DMV Fee Funded Grants**

MOVER	1996/1997	\$100,000	30	Department of Motor Vehicles Fee
	1997/1998	\$155,386	17	
	1998/2000	\$361,600	44	
	2000/2002	\$600,000	70	

**District Partnerships with Other Organizations or Agencies**

Fisherman's Liaison Mitigation Fund	one time (pending)	\$139,360	-	Cable Company Mitigation Fund administered by an outside committee, designated for boat repowers
Zero Emission Fleet Vehicle Program	one time (January 2003)	\$55,000	-	Air Resources Board

**Total** **\$4,566,449** **1,180**