

Attachment E



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March 18, 2019

Mr. Ronald Hughes
Executive Director
California Vanpool Authority
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

This letter is to inform the California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) of an opportunity to apply for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 funding to expand the Agricultural Worker Vanpools Pilot Project. The project currently consists of the Original Project for \$6 million.

The Fiscal Year 2018-19 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives, approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in October 2018, reserves \$3 million in funding for expansion of the Agricultural Worker Vanpools Pilot Project. An additional \$6 million in reserve funding is allocated for transportation equity project(s) showing demand. Expansion funding award is predicated on the Grantee substantially meeting project milestones and demonstrating a compelling case for additional funding. Grant awards are subject to staff evaluation of the existing project and require a comprehensive application from the project grantee.

To be eligible for this expansion funding, as of **March 1, 2019**, CalVans must substantially meet the following measures of success based on project milestones in the Agricultural Worker Vanpools Pilot Project Grant Agreement:

- Project Tasks 1 through 5 in Exhibit B, Attachment III (Project Schedule) of the grant agreement are in compliance with the completion dates.

Additional milestones for FY 2018-19 expansion funds to be substantially completed by **December 31, 2021** are as follows:

- Task 6, FY 2016-17 project completion. All project vans funded under FY 2016-17 have launched for project participants.
 - Task 6.1, 1-year, ongoing implementation of the FY 2016-17 project.
- Task 7, FY 2017-18 project completion. All project vans funded under FY 2017-18 have launched for project participants.
 - Task 7.1, 1-year, ongoing implementation of the FY 2017-18 project.

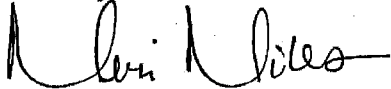
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The first step to apply for this funding is for CalVans to submit to CARB in writing by March 22, 2019 a notice of intent to apply for the expansion funding. This notice of intent will place a hold on these funds pending our review of an application.¹

Following your letter of intent to pursue additional funding, CARB will provide a grant application along with instructions outlining requirements or elements that must be included in your application. **The second step is to prepare an application to submit to CARB by April 17, 2019.** The application will consist of a project proposal, includes a project plan, timeline, and budget.

If you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact Ms. Meri Miles, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6370 or email at Meri.Miles@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



for

Sam Gregor, Manager
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cc: Ms. Meri Miles
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¹ Submitting an application does not guarantee expansion funding will be approved.



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The California Vanpool Authority appreciates the opportunity to expand our Agricultural Worker Vanpools Pilot Project to additional farmworkers who face ongoing transportation struggles. At the present time, all 596 vanpools in CalVans possession have been assigned for the upcoming growing season. This includes the 154 vans purchased under the FY 2016-17 and FY 17-18 funding cycles. There is a present shortage of approximately 70 vehicles, as requests for vanpools continue to come in as workers and growers prepare for this summer's growing season.

Due to the 10 month lag time between order and delivery, vehicles purchased now will not arrive in time for this growing season, but will provide capacity for the summer of 2020. It is estimated that we will need an additional 119 vanpools by that time. CalVans will be requesting \$4.7 million in grant funds, plus providing matching funds of 25%. This will allow our agency to purchase 124 hybrid 15-passenger vanpools. This will prepare us to meet the 2020 needs of farmworkers and growers.

Thank you for helping us to meet the transportation needs of farmworkers in our agricultural regions. Your office and staff have been extremely helpful in our efforts to provide vanpool options to farmworkers. I look forward to working with your staff in providing even more farmworkers with the ability to travel to work in a safe fuel efficient vehicle.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Ronald Hughes
Executive Director, California Vanpool Authority

cc. Meri Miles, M.S. Air Pollution Specialist, Mobile Source Control Division