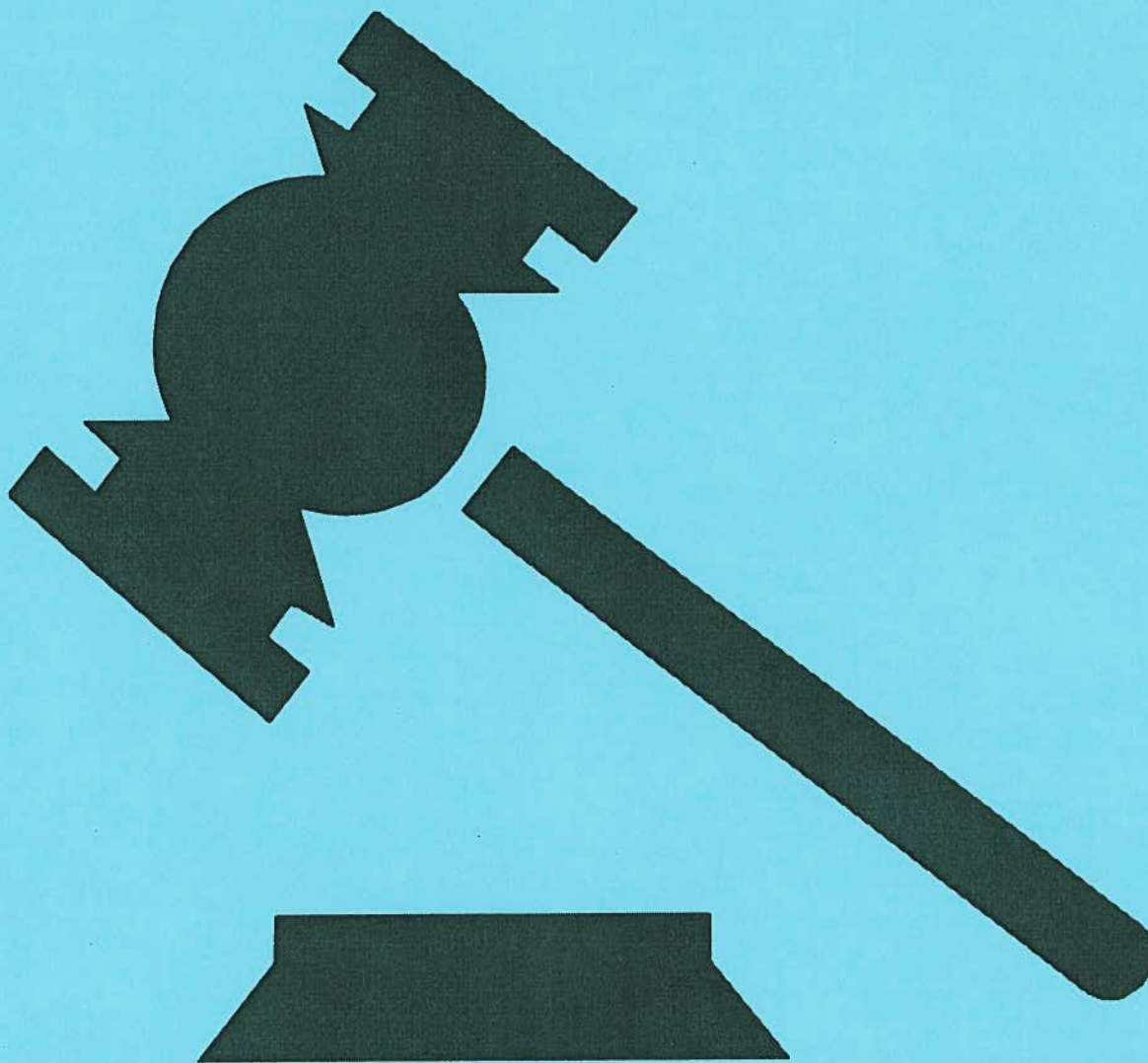




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April 28, 2009

Memorandum

TO: Transportation Technical Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
COG Policy Board

FROM: Tony Boren, Executive Director
Barbara Steck, Deputy Director
Les Beshears, Finance Director

SUBJECT: FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program totaling \$13,403,568. The draft document was released for 45 day review in February, 2009 and revisions, based on comments received, have been incorporated into the final OWP.

Summary:

The FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program (OWP) totaling \$13,403,568 (including carryover projects) is submitted for your review. This year's budget total reflects a decrease of 1% (\$168,191) from the approved FY 2008-09 budget. Federal revenues increased \$1,433,776 to reflect a number of large projects funded by federal funds. These large federally funded programs included the Federal Transit Administration Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs and the Partnership Planning Metropolitan Rural Loop. State revenues increased 133% largely due to the valley wide state grant we have agreed to administer for the valley MPO partners. Local Revenues decreased 34%, (\$2,971,455). A significant amount of this decrease comes from removing fund balances from the Measure "C" programs to reflect actual program implementation. As the programs grow the fund balances the budgets will be increased and the fund balances drawn down.

The six primary components of the program are as follows:

1. Regional Transportation Planning
2. Transportation Program Development
3. Service and General Coordination Activities
4. Regional Coordination of Transportation, Land Use & Housing
5. Valleywide Coordinated Activities
6. Administrative Activities

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

Highlights for each of the six OWP components are listed below:

1. Regional Transportation Planning

The work elements contained within this section primarily carryout the long-range regional transportation planning program, which the COG is statutorily responsible for.

Work Element 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling This \$420,988 program includes \$125,000 to update our Traffic Model.

Work Elements 113 & 116 – Regional Transportation Planning Study (West Area) and National Park Transit Study. These elements provide \$100,000 for ongoing and new regional planning studies. They will allow continued funding of the West Area Circulation Study (\$50,000) and initiate the National Park Transit Study (\$50,000).

Work Element 120 – Public Transportation Urban. This \$553,000 Urban Transit planning effort programs \$100,000 of FAX's Section 5307 grant to do Transit studies as needed.

Work Element 121 – JARC and Work Element 122 – New Freedom This \$2.3 million Federal Transit Administration Sect. 5316 and Sect. 5317 grant programs provide funds to eligible projects.

Work Element 123-(Public Transit Infrastructure (PTIS)) Completion of this \$2.7 million Measure "C" funded study is required before Measure money can be spent on various Transit components and the Transit Oriented Infrastructure program.

Work Element 124 Transit Professional Development - \$56,500 has been awarded to convene three workshops by experts in Transit Oriented Developments.

Work Element 152 High Speed Rail Planning - \$115,400 has been programmed to study High Speed Rail Planning now that voters have approved the bonds.

Work Element 153 Airport Land Use Commission - \$31,600 is programmed to administrate the Airport Land Use Commission.

Work Element 172 Congestion Management Program - Heightened federal interest in our Congestion Management Plan -increase this budget to \$21,500.

2. Transportation Program Development

WE 210 Measure "C" Extension - This \$220,200 work element continues work done previously to implement the Measure and develop an implementable Capital Projects Strategic Plan.

WE 211 Measure "C" – Oversight Committee - This work element provides \$10,500 to provide staff support for the Oversight Committee.

WE 212 Measure "C" – Rideshare/Van Pool This work element provides \$391,940 to cover the cost of the Rideshare/Van Pool program.

WE 214 Measure "C" – ADA/ Seniors - This work element provides \$191,100 to administrate the senior taxi script program.

WE 215 Measure "C" - Farmworker Van Pool - The Farmworker Van Pool program is budgeted for \$117,200.

WE 220 Transportation Program Development - This \$200,000 work element contains \$50,000 for leasing web based software to coordinate the various aspects of administering federal aid project applications with modeling air quality conformity, congestion management and financial constraint.

3. Services and General Coordination

Work Element 360 – “One Voice” Advocacy - This \$160,700 work element budgets the cost of the federal and state “One Voice” Advocacy programs at both the local and regional level. These activities are ineligible for state and federal participation and must be funded by local assessments.

4. Regional Coordination of Transportation, Land Use & Housing

Work Element 410 – Blueprint Planning - We have agreed to submit to the state and administrate a fourth year Blueprint application of \$2,500,000. This grant will be spread among the partner Valley Cogs, who will also share in the match.

Work Element 412 – Mid-Valley Metro Rural Loop - The City of Fresno applied for and was awarded a \$345,000 grant to explore the feasibility of forming a regional collaboration between the four counties of Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings to assess the concept of a high-capacity, mass transit based, multi modal corridor.

5. Valleywide Coordinated Activities

Work Element 820 Valley RTPA Coordination – A total of \$191,500 is included to cover the Valleywide planning activities. This amount includes a \$50,000 contract to coordinate the Valleywide planning effort. The cost of the contract is split among the Valley partners.

6. Administrative Activities

Work Element 940 Freeway Service Patrol - The Freeway Service Patrol is continued for a 17th year of operation. The service was bid out last year and again Curtis Towing was the successful bidder for this \$302,600 program.

Work Element 950 Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program - FY 2009-10 marks the fifth year of operation for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program. The COG has been designated the local Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority to administer the AVA Program and Plan. The program is funded by an assessment of a \$1 additional registration fee to be used exclusively for the purpose of abandoned vehicle abatement within Fresno County.

Staffing

The over all number of positions remains unchanged however the increase in staff cost is mitigated by holding a vacant Senior Level Planning position open and creating a Planner I position.

Office Overhead

Office overhead increased slightly (\$7,190) from 2008/09 reflecting operating expenses associated with the facility and an upgraded color copier. Audit cost increased \$1,800.

**BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-05**

In the Matter of:)
)
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM)
AND LINE ITEM BUDGET)
_____)

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE OVERALL WORK
PROGRAM AND LINE ITEM
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2009-10**

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) has been designated the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County by the Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 29532 of the California Code of Regulations (as amended by AB 402, 1977); and acting as the Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) (Federal Highway Act of 1974 and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended pursuant to the joint regulations - Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 450; Title 49, Part 613); and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG is the State designated Areawide Clearinghouse to coordinate the evaluation and review of Federal and Federally assisted programs and projects as required by the Presidential Executive Order 12372; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG is required by Federal and State funding agencies to prepare and submit an Overall Work Program pursuant to the Department of Transportation, Intermodal Planning Group Region IX Guidelines for Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG staff has sought input from member agencies, including transit operators, and the State with respect to proposed work to be performed to satisfy Federal and State requirements, in addition to local priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program cites activities to which Fresno COG commits to satisfy various Federal regulations including equal opportunity and fair employment practices and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Overall Work Program has been prepared to meet Federal and State requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program is considered to be a guide for work activity and may be considered for amendment by the Fresno COG Policy Board during the 2009-10 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG has prepared a line item budget which is consistent with the Overall Work Program, and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program has been circulated through the Areawide Clearinghouse process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG adopts the 2009-10 Overall Work Program and Line Item Budget for 2009-10 including statements of commitment to satisfy all Federal and State requirements for grant approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fresno COG Executive Director and/or Policy Board Chairman are authorized to execute and submit certifications, applications for funding to State and Federal agencies identified as proposed sources of funding by the 2009-10 Overall Work Program; and execute and submit agreements with participating member agencies and auditors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG will continue to work with State and Federal funding agencies in addition to member agencies on any adjustments to the Overall Work Program and Line Item Budget which may occur subsequent to July 1, 2009.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 21st day of May, 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

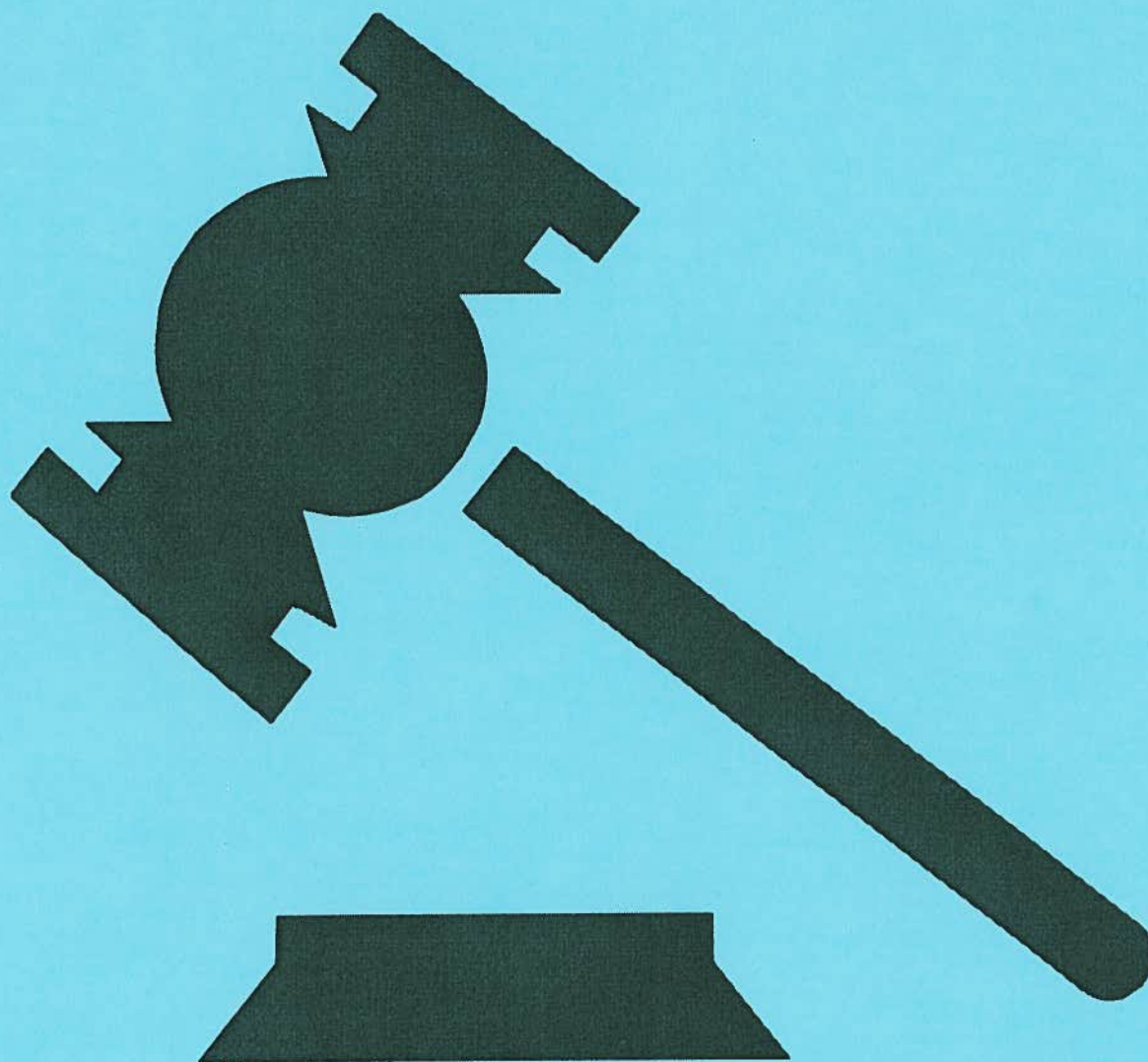
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st day of May, 2009.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director



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BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 10

In the Matter of:)
)
FRESNO COG ENVIRONMENTAL)
JUSTICE PLAN)

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE **FRESNO COG**
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
PLAN

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the designated Council of Governments (COG) for the Fresno County Region; and

WHEREAS, federal guidelines based on Title VI of the Civil Rights act, increasing attention has been placed on the need to incorporate environmental justice principles into the processes and products of transportation planning. Fresno COG, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Fresno County examined the process of transportation planning within the context of environmental justice principles.

WHEREAS, Fresno COG, under the direction of the Fresno COG Environmental Justice Task Force; identified and mapped locations of low income and minority populations, reviewed existing COG processes for identifying needs of environmental justice populations, documented and evaluated the agency's public involvement process, and quantitatively assessed the benefits and burdens of transportation plans with respect to target populations.

WHEREAS, the proposed Environmental Justice Plan has undergone the required 45-day review and comment period; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on May 21, 2009 to consider and hear comments on the draft Environmental Justice Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Justice Plan document is considered to be a guide for work activity and may be considered for amendment by the Fresno COG Policy Board at any time deemed appropriate by Fresno COG's management staff and Policy Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG adopts the Environmental Justice Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adoption of the Environmental Justice Plan will become effective on May 21, 2009 and any comments received will be made available via the COG website and by mail upon request.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 21th day of May 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

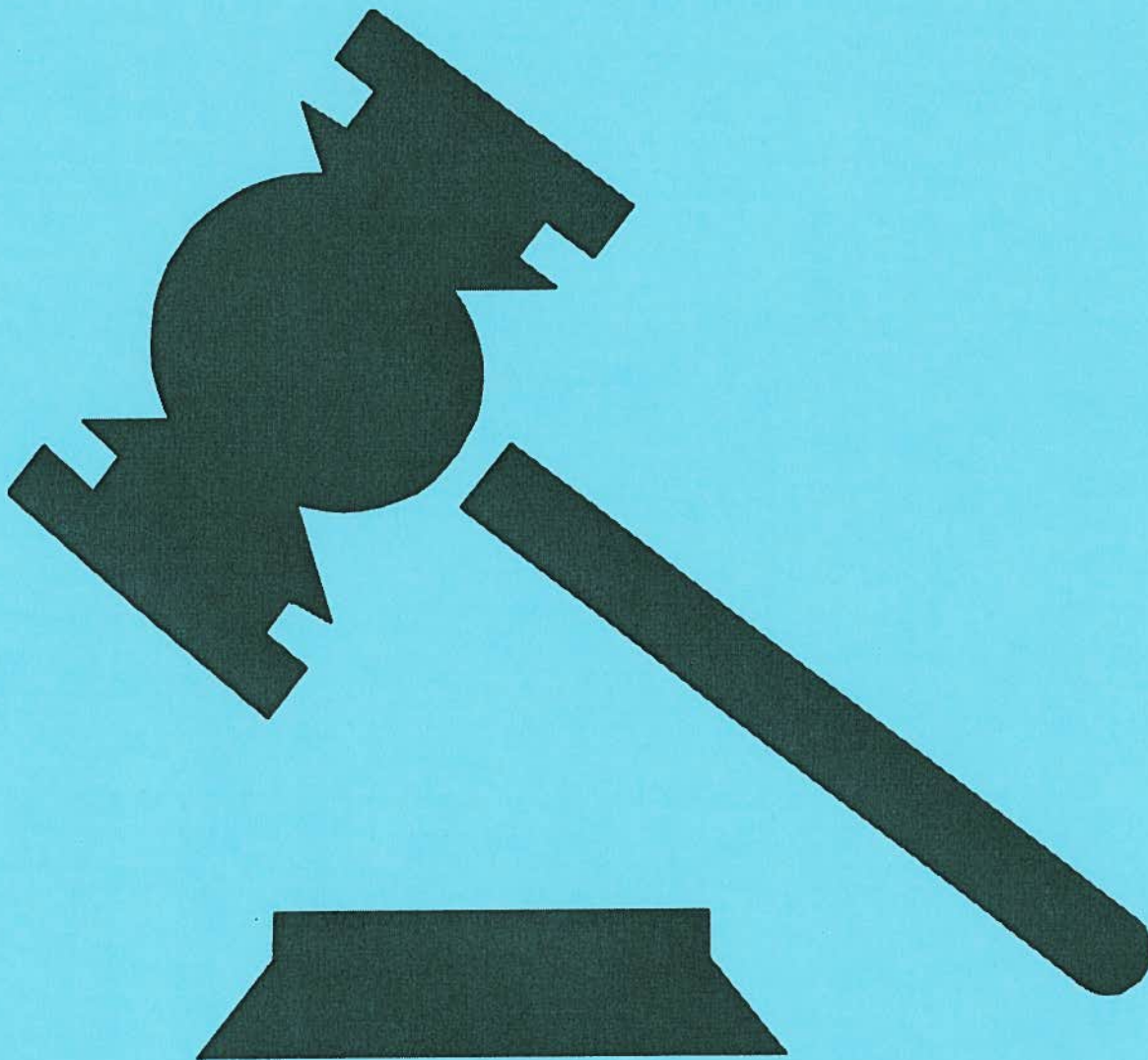
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

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Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director



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Fiscal Year 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - 'At&t Yahoo! Mail'

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**Fiscal Year 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant**

Thursday, April 16, 2009 4:47 PM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Please see below. If you are interested in applying for this grant, contact Sonia Hall at our office either by phone at (559) 244-0801 or e-mail at: sonia_hall2003@yahoo.com

FEMA**Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Newsletter****Application Period to Open:****Fiscal Year 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant**

The Department of Homeland Security has posted the FY2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

Program Guidance on the AFG Website. The application period is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Applications for these grants must be received by Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern

Daylight Time (EDT).

Nationally, the AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$510 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country. AFG awards aim to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

An applicant tutorial is available through the www.firegrantsupport.com website. The tutorial provides you with valuable grant information and will walk you through the preparation and submittal of competitive applications. In addition, the applicant tutorial will provide an overview of the funding priorities and evaluation criteria. Applicants who have questions regarding the Assistance to Firefighters Grants opportunity should contact the help desk at 1-866-274-0960 or at firegrants@dhs.gov. During the application period, the help desk will operate Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (EDT), but is prepared to revise hours of operation based on volume and demand.

The AFG Program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate in coordination with the U.S. Fire Administration.

For access to the FY09 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Guidance or FAQs - visit www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/.

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ARRA Opportunities to Apply for Local Grants - 'AT&T Yahoo! Mail'

**ARRA Opportunities to Apply for Local Grants**

From: "steve samuellan" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Tuesday,

Apr. 21

ARRA Local Grants 04.21.09.pdf (43KB)

Please see the list below of Stimulus funding opportunities. This list was provided by Majority Leader Dean Flore Attached and below are ARRA funding opportunities for local government, education, non-profit and private entiti

Online Resources can be found at

Recovery.gov (CA) <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/>

Federal Recovery.gov <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/>

LAO: Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Opportunities for California Higher Education

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/handouts/education/2009/Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Opportun>

LAO: Federal Economic Stimulus Funding Overview

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/handouts/resources/2009/Federal Economic Resources Overview 03 17 09.pdf>

NCSL: <http://www.ncsl.org/statefed/2009economicstimulus.htm>

LOC: <http://www.cacities.org/federalstimulus>

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Manager

California Consulting, LLC

Central Valley Office

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Opportunities to Apply for Local Grants
Week of April 13, 2009**

Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs

The Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant Program provides funding in rural states and rural areas for job creation and retention in support of efforts to prevent and combat rural crime and drugs, and provides national support, including training and technical assistance programs, strategically targeted to address rural needs. The Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant Program will solicit applications in categories that target rural states and rural areas and that include the following: combating rural crime; improving rural law enforcement investigations; enhancing rural detention, corrections, and jail operations; facilitating rural justice information sharing; and training and technical assistance.

Eligibility: Local and tribal law enforcement agencies providing assistance to rural areas. National, regional, state, and local public and private entities providing training and technical assistance to rural areas.

**Application
Closing Date:** April 22, 2009

Website Link: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryRuralLE.pdf>

NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

NIH has designated at least \$200 million for a new initiative called the NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research. This new program will support research on topic areas which address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research that would benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds. NIH Institute and Centers have selected specific Challenge Topics within each of the Challenge Areas. The research in these Challenge Areas should have a high impact in biomedical or behavioral science and/or public health.

Eligibility: State and local governments, school districts, nonprofits, small businesses.

**Application
Closing Date:** April 27, 2009

Website Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-003.html>

Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program

The Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program provides resources to improve the capacity of state and local criminal justice systems. The Recovery Act funding will focus on job creation and retention in support of evidence-based and data-driven programs in the following areas: 1) preventing and reducing violent crime; 2) providing funding for neighborhood-based probation and parole officers, as a compliment to the COPS program; 3) reducing mortgage fraud and crime related to vacant properties; 4) hiring of civilian support personnel in law enforcement (training staff, analysts, dispatchers, etc.); 5) enhancing forensic and crime scene investigations; 6) improving resources and services for victims of crime; 7) supporting problem-solving courts; and 8) national training and technical assistance partnerships.

Eligibility: National, state, regional, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, and tribal jurisdictions.

Application Closing Date: April 27, 2009

Website Link: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>

SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program

Under the Recovery Act and EPA's 2005, EPA's SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program is soliciting applications for projects that can be commenced expeditiously and that reduce diesel emissions and maximize job creation and preservation through the creation of national, state or local innovative financing program(s).

Eligibility: U.S. regional, state, local or tribal agencies or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations or institutions that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets, or have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Application Closing Date: April 28, 2009

Website Link: <http://epa.gov/otag/eparecovery/progfinance.htm#eligibility>

National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Under the Recovery Act and EPA's 2005, EPA's National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program is soliciting applications for projects that can be commenced expeditiously and that reduce diesel emissions and maximize job creation and preservation through a variety of diesel emission reduction strategies. Eligible projects must include one or more of the following diesel emissions reduction solutions: verified emission control technologies including retrofit devices, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies; certified engine repowers; and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement. Eligible vehicles, engines and equipment may include but are not limited to: buses; medium-duty or heavy-duty trucks; marine engines; locomotives; and non-road engines or vehicles used in: i) construction; ii) handling or cargo (including at a port or airport); iii) agriculture; iv) mining; or v) energy production.

Eligibility: U.S. regional, state, local or tribal agencies or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations or institutions that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets, or have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Application

Closing Date: April 28, 2009

Website Link: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/prognational.htm>

Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program

Under the Recovery Act and EPA's 2005, EPA's Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program is soliciting applications for projects that can be commenced expeditiously and that reduce diesel emissions and maximize job creation and preservation through the use, development and commercialization of emerging technologies. An emerging technology is a device or system that reduces emissions from diesel engines or diesel engine powered vehicles or equipment that has not been certified or verified by EPA or the California Air Resources Board (CARB) but for which an approvable application and test plan have been submitted for verification.

Eligibility: U.S. regional, state, local or tribal agencies or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations or institutions that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets, or have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Application

Closing Date: May 5, 2009

Website Link: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/progmerge.htm#eligibility>

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National Institutes of Health High-End Instrumentation Grant Program

The NCRR High-End Instrumentation Grant (HEI) program encourages applications from groups of NIH-supported investigators to purchase a single major item of equipment to be used for biomedical research that costs at least \$600,000. The maximum award is \$8,000,000. Additionally, it is expected that the funds will be expended expeditiously, within 18-24 months from the date of award. Instruments in this category include, but are not limited to, structural and functional imaging systems, macromolecular NMR spectrometers, high-resolution mass spectrometers, cryoelectron microscopes and supercomputers.

Eligibility: Public higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations.

**Application
Closing Date:** May 6, 2009

Website Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-118.html#SectionIII>

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training and Technical Assistance Grants

This program furthers the Department's mission to provide training and support to Internet Crimes Against Children task forces as they develop effective responses to online enticement of children by sexual predators, child exploitation, and child obscenity and pornography cases. This program furthers the purpose of the Recovery Act by providing funding for hiring and retaining trained experts to provide training and technical assistance to law enforcement officers, prosecutors, forensic analysts, and other related professionals to increase their skills sets and make them more employable in child exploitation units. OJJDP is particularly interested in proposals for training programs focused on: (1) Computer Forensics, (2) Prosecution of Child Sexual Exploitation and Technology Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation Offenses, (3) Specialized Techniques for Investigating Child Sexual Exploitation Offenses (for example, cell phone technologies or file encryption), and (4) Wellness for Law Enforcement and Other Professionals Exposed to Child Exploitation Images at Work.

Eligibility: State and local governments and nonprofit organizations.

**Application
Closing Date:** May 14, 2009

Website Link: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/ARRAICACTTA.pdf>

Internet Crimes Against Children Research Grants

Through this program, OJJDP seeks to encourage innovative and independent research and data collection to further our understanding of the scope and prevalence of technology and internet-facilitated crimes against children and to enhance the administration of justice through improved investigation of crime. This program furthers the purpose of the Recovery Act by helping state and local law enforcement agencies budget investigation and prosecution dollars efficiently and conserve funds by investing strategically in initiatives and programs that have a demonstrated effect on management of child exploitation units, preventing crime, and holding offenders accountable.

Eligibility: State and local governments and nonprofit organizations.

Application

Closing Date: May 14, 2009

Website Link: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/ARRAICACResearch.pdf>

Petroleum Reduction Technologies Projects for the Transportation Sector

Under this Area of Interest funds are being offered for cost-shared projects that expand the use of alternative fueled vehicles and advanced technology vehicles. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle or advanced technology vehicle is also eligible. Operation and maintenance of vehicles, infrastructure and other associated equipment acquired through the program are also allowable within specified limits.

Eligibility: State or local governments or a metropolitan transportation authority, or combinations of these, and a designated Clean Cities Coalition in order to apply to the program funding. Any of these four entities may be the lead applicant.

Application

Closing Date: May 29, 2009

Website Link:

<https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/9FEFD7404BACF12F8525757400701AFE?OpenDocument>

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Competitive grants awarded for activities eligible under division B, title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289, NSP round 1), to address home foreclosure and abandonment and for the provision of capacity building and support for NSP grantees. For programmatic funding, rating factors will include grantee capacity to execute projects, leveraging potential, and concentration of investment to achieve neighborhood stabilization.

Eligibility: States, units of general local government, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities, which may submit proposals in partnership with for profit entities.

Application

Closing Date: September 1, 2009

Website Link: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/nspg.cfm>

Public Housing Capital Fund

To provide funds for the capital and management activities of Public Housing Agencies as authorized under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (the "Act"), with the exception that funds cannot be used for operations or rental assistance. The funds shall be awarded by competition for priority investments, including investments that leverage private sector funding or financing for renovations and energy conservation.

Eligibility: Public Housing Agencies that own or operate Low Income Public Housing and are eligible to receive capital funding under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (the "Act").

Application

Closing Date: September 30, 2009

Website Link: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcapfundh.cfm>

Economic Development Administration Recovery Act Funding

Under the EDA American Recovery Program, EDA will help restore, replace and expand economic activity in regions that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring, and prioritize projects that will diversify the economic base and lead to a stronger, more globally competitive and resilient regional economy.

Eligibility: State and local governments and nonprofit organizations.

Application Closing Date: June 30, 2010

Website Link: <http://www.eda.gov/PDF/FY09ARRAFFOFINAL031309.pdf>

Rural Business Enterprise Grant Programs

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area will solicit applications under the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program. The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. The USDA Rural Development will administer grant awards made under the RBEG program and 7 U.S.C. 1932(c)(2) for fiscal years (FY) 2009 and 2010.

Eligibility: State and local governments and nonprofit organizations that will serve rural areas.

Application Closing Date: Applications submitted for ARRA funding may be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office until funds are depleted or until a date to be published in Fiscal Year 2010, whichever occurs earlier.

Website Link: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/>

From: steve samuelian <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: ARRA Workshops and News
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 4:28 PM

Grant writers from California Consulting, LLC will be attending these workshops and sending reports out to our clients summarizing what was discussed. Thank You.

AB 811 WORKSHOPS

Assembly Bill 811, signed by Governor Schwarzenegger last year, allows all California cities and counties to offer low-interest loans for energy efficiency projects and solar panels to homeowners and small businesses. Home- and business owners would pay back the loans through assessments on property tax bills. If the property is sold, any outstanding loan balance is taken over by the new owner. Many local governments are considering using AB 811 or AB 811-like programs to offer energy-efficiency and solar loans to their residents. There is much interest from local cities and counties how they can tap into ARRA funding for these programs.

Local Government Leaders Financing Seminar
April 24, 2009 - 9:30 am to 4 pm
Berkeley, California

The University of California, Berkeley will host a seminar for local government leaders to introduce an emerging financing tool - Clean Energy Municipal Financing. This tool allows local governments to fund upfront costs of energy improvements for property owners. Cost is \$35. Participants must register by 8 pm, April 22.

For more information
<http://rael.berkeley.edu/financing/seminar>

AB 811 and ARRA Funding Workshop
April 29, 2009 - 10 am to 2 pm
Sacramento

Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the ARRA provisions regarding distributing funds for specific energy related projects. The workshop will concentrate on Assembly Bill 811 and other funding mechanisms that finance the installation of energy efficiency improvements, distributed generation and renewable energy sources through contractual assessments. Discussion will focus on if and how ARRA

More information regarding the April 27 Staff Workshop including how to attend by WebEx or by phone-in is available at
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/meetings/index.html>

SEP Funding Workshops

May 4, 6 and 7, 2009 - 4 pm to 8 pm

Various locations

The California Energy Commission staff has scheduled workshops to discuss ARRA provisions regarding disbursing funds for specific energy related projects. These workshops focus on the State Energy Program (SEP) including program description and objectives, funding levels, DOE guidance, Energy Commission preliminary funding program areas, and timelines for providing input into developing guidelines and design of energy programs.

The workshops will examine the broad energy program funding areas under consideration and the timetable for how the public and stakeholders can assist the Energy Commission with developing guidelines. At the workshop, energy programs and activities to support energy efficiency retrofits for residential and non-residential applications including clean energy systems and green force work development will be discussed. All three workshops will follow the same agenda and address the same issues.

The workshops will be held:

May 4 - Diamond Bar

May 6 - Fresno

May 7 - Sacramento

Workshops will be Webcast where possible. Agenda is the same for all three workshops and available soon on line.

For more information

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/meetings/index.html>

Block Grant Funding for Local Government Workshops

May 4, 6 and 7, 2009 - 1 pm to 3 pm

Various locations - Targeted for local government officials and staff

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The California Energy Commission staff will conduct workshops targeted for local governments to discuss ARRA provisions regarding the funds for specific energy related projects. The workshops concentrate on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (Block Grant) including program description and objectives, funding sources, DOE guidance, application process and timelines for providing input into developing guidelines.

These workshops will provide information to the various local governments, specifically small cities and counties, about the Block Grant program elements and objectives, application processes, and timelines for developing guidelines and opportunities for public input. All three workshops will follow the same agenda and address the same issues.

The workshops will be held:

May 4 - Diamond Bar

May 6 - Fresno

May 7 - Sacramento

Workshops will be Webcast where possible. Agenda is the same for all three workshops and available on line soon.

For more information

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DOE ARRA FUNDING NEWS

Transportation Electrification Funding - Amendment to the Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0000028)

DOE released Amendment 1 to the Funding Opportunity Announcement for Transportation Electrification (responses due May 13th).

The DOE National Energy Technology Laboratory is seeking grant applications for projects that accelerate the market introduction and production of advanced

electric drive vehicles. One of the electric drive technologies emphasized in this project are Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV), which directly supports the President's goal to "Get One Million Plug-In Hybrid Cars on the Road by 2015."

More information on this funding opportunity is available at:

<https://www.fedconnect.net>

(Click on "Search Public Opportunities" and search by reference #

DE-FOA-0000028)

Smart Grid Initiatives - Notice of Intent and Draft Funding Opportunity Announcement Released (DE-FOA-0000036)

The DOE released a Notice of Intent for the DOE Smart Grid Investment Grant Program for a smart grid regional demonstration initiative. The grants will allocate more than \$3.375 billion for the DOE Smart Grid Investment Grant Program. The Smart Grid Investment Grant Program will provide grants ranging from \$500,000 to \$20 million for smart grid technology deployments and grants of \$100,000 to \$5 million for grid monitoring devices.

The DOE also released the DRAFT Smart Grid Funding Opportunity Announcement for Smart Grid Demonstrations on April 16. Comments to the draft announcement are due by May 6. This DRAFT Funding Opportunity announcement will award \$615 million for smart grid storage, monitoring and technology viability in three areas: Smart Grid Regional Demonstrations, Utility-Scale Energy Storage Demonstrations and Grid Monitoring Demonstrations. The DOE will issue a FINAL Funding Opportunity Announcement later.

For information

<https://www.fedconnect.net>

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DE-FOA-0000036)

Check out Smart Grid FAQs at

http://www.oe.energy.gov/information_center/american_recovery_reinvestment_act.htm

ARRA Fuel Cell Funding Awarded

Fuel cell technology received a boost with \$41.9 million in ARRA funds to 13 projects. The industry participants add over \$72 million in cost-share funds bring the total funds invested to almost \$114 million. Two companies in California received a total of \$4.3 million in ARRA funds for fuel cell demonstrations.

Jadoo Power (Folsom, CA) \$1.8 million

Jadoo, together with Acumentrics Corporation, NASCAR Media Group, Lynch Diversified Vehicles, California's Police and Fire Departments of the City of Folsom, and Airgas, Inc., will establish the environmental and cost benefits of using a 1-kW fuel cell power system to generate electricity, as opposed to traditional gas/diesel generators and lead acid battery power sources. This demonstration will provide operating data from each field unit at customer sites, as well as degradation analysis and projected system lifetime.

PolyFuel, Inc. (Mountain View, CA) \$2.5 million

This project will further integrate and miniaturize the components of PolyFuel's portable power system for use in mobile computing, and analyze failure modes to increase durability. Polyfuel will also conduct a design for manufacturability and assembly review to ensure that the systems meet the cost targets for commercialization.

Recovery Task Force Daily Actions: April 23, 2009 - 'AT&T' Yahoo! Mail'



Recovery Task Force Daily Actions: April 23, 2009

Thursday, April 23, 2009 6:30 PM

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RECOVERY.CA.GOV

DAILY ACTIONS: April 22, 2009

Today, the Governor's Recovery Act Task Force is taking the following actions in relation to federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds:

Needy Families Assistance. The California Department of Social Services (DSS) will request Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Funds for the 2008-2009 state years from the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance. At over \$200 million, this is one of the largest sources of Recovery Act dollars resulting in General Fund savings.

Homeless Prevention. The Department of Housing & Community Development is posting the draft Consolidated Plan Amendment for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program online at: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/econrecov/>. Stakeholder meetings are scheduled for April 28 in Sacramento, May 5 in Colton and Merced. California is expected to receive \$189 million in homeless prevention funds from the Recovery Act, of which HCD will administer about \$45 million.

Other announcements:

5,000 Infrastructure Projects. State Treasurer announced the completion of a \$5.23 billion sale of the Build America Bonds. The Governor announced that this sale, combined with an additional \$1.9 billion of additional bonds, means California will restart all stalled infrastructure projects. The list of projects can be found here: http://www.dof.ca.gov/capital_outlay/funding_released/

GAO. The U.S. Government Accountability Office issued its first report regarding the Recovery Act. The report highlight's California's efforts at oversight of the Recovery Act funding and the funding already being put to use in the state. <http://www.gao.gov/>

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds Applications. Through Wednesday – the third business day following the Governor's announcement that education funding through the Recovery Act's State Fiscal Stabilization Fund was available – 681 applications were received from school districts, higher education institutions, and charter schools throughout the state. That is a 48 percent return rate out of a possible 1,300.

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The Central Valley Transportation Center: Video - AOL Yahoo! Mail



The Central Valley Transportation Center: Video

Friday, April 24, 2009 5:13 PM

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As California continues to lead the way in the development and implementation of alternative energy and fuels, we wanted to present...

The Central Valley Transportation Center: Good Jobs, Clean Energy, Green Education

This project began with the City of Reedley and Kings Canyon Joint Unified School District collaborating on how to meet challenging transportation needs in rural communities located in the heart of the Central Valley. As a result, a seed of change has been planted. Please join us. Together our seed of change will grow.

Click on link to watch a short 2-minute video:

<http://media.1street.com>

You can join us by replying to this email and expressing your support.

Respectfully,

Mary Fast, Mayor, City of Reedley
Juan Garza, Superintendent, Kings Canyon Unified School District

We have received letters of support from the following:

Minority Leader Mike Villines
Majority Leader Dean Florez
Assembly Member Juan Arambula
Mark Wallace, Mayor, City of Dinuba
Victor Lopez, Mayor, City of Orange Cove
Jerry L. Sessions, Superintendent, Dinuba Unified School District
Deborah Marvin, Director, Valley Regional Occupational Program
Dr. Barbara Hioco, President, Reedley College
Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Tony Boren, Executive Director, Council of Fresno County Governments
Alan Weaver, Director, Department of Public Works and Planning, County of Fresno

Grant Application Available (AB118) - AT&T 1800: MAIL



Grant Application Available (AB118)

Friday, April 24, 2009 10:09 PM

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See announcement below:

Now available on CEC website: Grant Solicitation and Application PON-08-010 for AB 118 Funding – Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Cost Share:

Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

A workshop for applicants is scheduled for April 27, 2009 at 9 a.m:

Due dates vary, see Table 2 of the Application Manual

For more information:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/transportation.html#PON-08-010>

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Expanded Use SRF Applicant Notification - A1&1 1400: mail

**Expanded Use SRF Applicant Notification**

Monday, April 27, 2009 4:39 PM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Please see below an important announcement from the State Water Resources Control Board sent out on April 23.

Dear Expanded Use SRF Applicants,

The State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance (Division) has received an overwhelming number of applications for Expanded Use SRF funds. Due to the limited amount of funds available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and the short timeframe for processing applications, Division staff will group and process the applications received as of Thursday April 30th at 4:00 PM. After April 30th, the FFAST system will remain open to Expanded Use SRF applications, but staff will not be actively processing the applications and will hold them for regular SRF processing once ARRA funds have been depleted.

In order to be considered for the limited ARRA funds available for new Expanded Use projects, a complete application must be submitted by 4:00 PM on April 30. Please contact the FFAST Help Desk by email at FFAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any problem using FFAST. For questions related to the Expanded Use SRF Program please contact either Mark Magtoto at 916-341-5481 or by email at mmagtoto@waterboards.ca.gov or Ahmad Kashkoli at 916-341-5855 or by email at akashkoli@waterboards.ca.gov.

Thank You,

NPS Expanded Use Program Staff

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California Consulting Announces New Grant Writer - 'A1&1 Yahoo! Mail'



California Consulting Announces New Grant Writer

Monday, April 27, 2009 8:22 PM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

California Consulting, LLC today announced the appointment of Sara Mirhadi as a Grant Writer/Project Manager in their Fresno Office. Sara will serve as a full-time staff member assigned to grant writing and project management for the Company.

Ms. Sara Mirhadi is a graduate of California State University, Fresno with a degree in political science. Ms. Mirhadi also has a Juris Doctorate from San Joaquin College of Law.

Ms. Mirhadi has a broad spectrum of work experience. She has worked as a law clerk in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Fresno and as an Acting Legal Officer in Yosemite National Park. She has also worked as a law clerk for a private attorney.

Sara has also previously served as a field representative for former State Senator Jim Costa where her duties included, representing Mr. Costa at events, helping the district's constituents and researching legislative issues. Ms. Mirhadi learned a great deal about issues concerning the Central Valley while working with State Senator Costa.

Ms. Mirhadi also worked for the City of Fresno's Housing and Community Development Department. At the City of Fresno she worked on the Mayor's 10 x 10 Blue Ribbon Committee, which developed a plan to build 10,000 affordable, accessible homes by 2010; created and drafted the Universal Design Ordinance, which required home development projects funded by the City of Fresno to incorporate accessible features; and administered the Rental Rehabilitation Program, which provided no interest loans to landlords to fix their rental units.

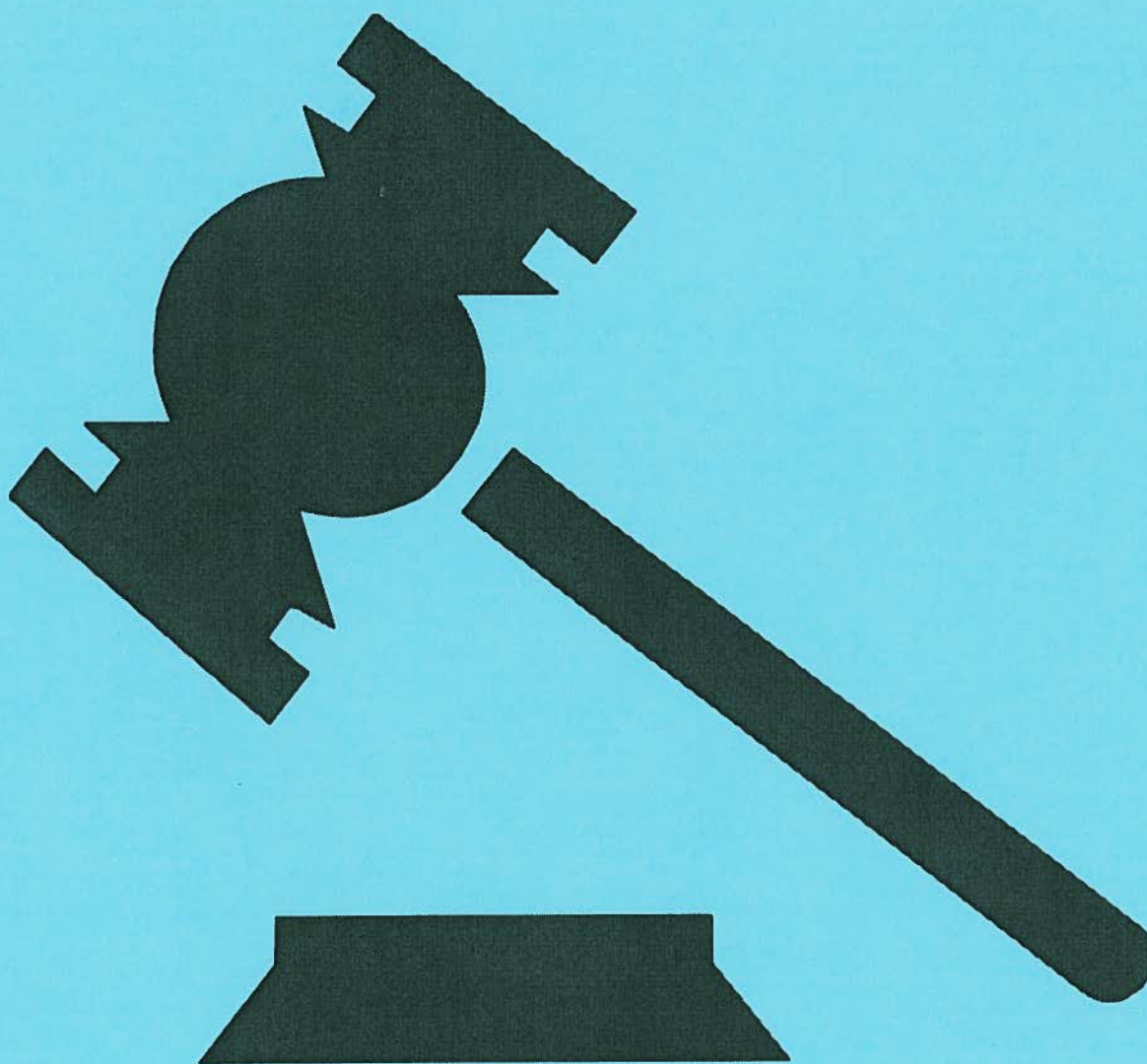
Ms. Mirhadi also enjoys volunteering in her community. Her volunteer activities include: Board Member of the Girl Scouts, Board Member for the Central Unified School District Foundation Board, and part of the Family Selection committee for Habitat for Humanity, Fresno County. Ms. Mirhadi political activities include: former member of the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee, former member of the 29th Democratic Assembly District Committee, and former member of the Young Democrats of Fresno State.

"We are pleased to welcome Sara to our team. Her experience and background in the legal arena will serve our clients well," said company owner Steve Samuelian while announcing the appointment.

California Consulting, LLC is a grant writing and governmental affairs company based in Fresno with an affiliate office in Sacramento. The company represents 45 clients statewide including 20 cities, two county governments, 11 school districts, two special districts, Fresno COG and several other clients.

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Figure 1. Percentage of correct responses for each group across the five conditions. Error bars represent standard error of the mean.

1994) and a high level of accuracy (85%) for the high group. The low group showed a significant decrease in accuracy in condition 5 (55%) compared to the other conditions (65–75%).

Figure 2 shows the percentage of correct responses for each group across the five conditions for the two types of trials. The control group showed a steady increase in accuracy from ~65% to ~85% for both types of trials. The low group showed a significant decrease in accuracy in condition 5 (55%) for both types of trials. The high group showed a significant decrease in accuracy in condition 5 (65%) for both types of trials.

Figure 3 shows the percentage of correct responses for each group across the five conditions for the two types of trials. The control group showed a steady increase in accuracy from ~65% to ~85% for both types of trials. The low group showed a significant decrease in accuracy in condition 5 (55%) for both types of trials. The high group showed a significant decrease in accuracy in condition 5 (65%) for both types of trials.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS																		
	Clovis	Coalinga	Firebaugh	Fowler	Fresno City	Huron	Kerman	Kingsburg	Mendota	Orange Cove	Parlier	Reedley	Sanger	San Joaquin	Selma	Fresno County	Admini- stration	Total
YTD REVENUES																		
Registration Fees																		\$361,678.58
Interest																		\$8,154.11
Other																		
TOTAL REVENUES																		\$369,722.69
COSTS (3rd QUARTER)																		
Personnel	4,340.00		3,968.00	248.00	93,200.00		2,356.00	620.00				6,944.00	2,992.00	868.00	4,712.00	38,001.24	2,375.00	160,624.24
Services and Supplies			175.00					50.00				258.75	561.36	80.00				1,125.11
Major Purchases (\$2,500+)																		0.00
TOTAL COSTS	4,340.00		4,143.00	248.00	93,200.00		2,356.00	670.00				7,202.75	3,553.36	948.00	4,712.00	38,001.24	2,375.00	161,749.35
YTD COSTS	19,220.00	3,100.00	5,790.00	2,975.00	186,200.00		3,224.00	2,680.00				14,301.50	10,757.61	948.00	9,062.00	78,553.80	4,750.00	\$42,182.91
UNEXPENDED REVENUES																		
VEHICLES ABATED																		
VOLUNTARY ABATEMENTS																		
PUBLIC	10		4	2				1										17
PRIVATE	11		18		466		19	2				52	22	3	38	253		884
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PUBLIC	3																	3
PRIVATE	4		6					1				2		2		15		29
TOTAL ABATEMENTS																		
PUBLIC	13		4	2				1							0	0		20
PRIVATE	15		23		466		19	3				54	22	5	38	268		913
GRAND TOTAL ABATEMENTS	28		27	2	466		19	4				54	22	6	38	268		933

