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Agricultural tractor grant application period opens Oct. 15 *Funding first-come, first-served*

The second round of a popular grant program that replaces mobile agricultural equipment opens Oct. 15.

Funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and applications will be accepted beginning Monday at 7:30 a.m. at the District's Fresno office.

"The response we received to the initial funding cycle demonstrated a real need for this incentive," said Samir Sheikh, the Air District's grants program director.

The program is funded through state motor vehicle fees, the Carl Moyer Program and the federal DERA program.

To be eligible for the program, tractors must:

- engage in agricultural operations as defined by the state Air Resources Board,
- operate annually 75 percent within California and 50 percent within the Valley air basin,
- be domiciled within the air basin,
- be in-use and operational,
- have a horsepower rating of 25 or greater,
- have an uncontrolled (tier 0) or tier 1 engine,
- not receive funding from any other local, state or federal programs.

New tractors must have a current model year emissions engine (tier 3 or tier 4i or cleaner) and must serve the same function as the old tractor.

The applicant must not purchase, make payments toward and/or take possession of the new tractor before receiving a fully executed contract from the Valley Air District.

For more information, call the grants program at 559-230-5800 or visit http://www.valleyair.org/Grant_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm#AgTractor.