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## **Air District opens new round of waste transfer truck funding** *Up to \$50,000 toward new heavy-duty trucks*

A new round of funding is available to replace waste transfer trucks in the Valley.

Applications will be taken Sept. 1 through Sept. 30 for up to \$50,000 toward of the cost of new waste transfer trucks operating within the San Joaquin Valley. Owners of trucks that haul to facilities in Environmental Justice areas will be given priority consideration.

This Request for Applications (RFA) is being issued to solid waste transportation companies and owner/operators hauling to landfills and waste facilities within the District boundaries. Funding priority will be given to trucks that operate 100 percent in the Valley. All projects will be ranked and applicants notified of their status. Unfunded applications will be kept for future consideration as more funds become available.

To be eligible for the program, existing trucks must:

- Be in compliance with all applicable state regulations
- Be currently in operation
- Have a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 lbs. or greater
- Be equipped with a 1996-2003 model year diesel engine

Eligible new trucks must be equipped with a 2011 or newer model year engine certified by the state Air Resources Board to meet or exceed an emissions standard of .20 g/bhp-hr nitrogen oxides and .01 g/bhp-hr of particulate matter.

For more information and to obtain applications, visit [www.valleyair.org/grants](http://www.valleyair.org/grants) or call 559-230-5800.