Carl Moyer Grants Management: Online Application and Emissions Calculation Tool

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) contracted with Trinity Technology Group to build an entirely new end-to-end solution with business rules and workflow management for online application submittal and evaluation. The new grants system accepts applications 24 hours a day and allows users to electronically store and retrieve packaged applications. The system also provides the grants staff with an emissions calculation tool that facilitates funding eligibility determinations, thereby expediting the application funding process for qualified grant proposals.

Overview

In partnership with the California Air Resources Board (ARB), local air districts throughout the state of California administer the Carl Moyer Program (CMP), a program that offers grants to owners of heavy and medium duty vehicles in the state. In San Francisco, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) manages the Carl Moyer Grants to help reduce air pollution emissions in the Bay Area.

Carl Moyer Program funds are offered on a first-come, firstserved basis based on a grant staff's application completion determination. In 2010-2011, the Carl Moyer Program provided around 19 million dollars to Bay Area businesses, and BAAQMD implemented an Incentive Information System (IIS) to improve grant program administration for CMP in this, and upcoming, program years. BAAQMD's Strategic Incentives staff and grants applicants will use IIS in lieu of the paper application process.

Key Benefits to the Client

- **Pre-Screening** Applicants can be pre-screened and informed of Carl Moyer Program funding eligibility.
- Automated Proposal Process Many of the operations needed to submit and review a proposal are present and easy to use.
- **Cost-Effectiveness Calculations** The system runs cost-effectiveness calculations to assist staff make decisions reflectinig Carl Moyer Program guidelines.
- **Generates Documents and Status Updates** Staff can view, upload, and share various required grant documents. System alerts staff of changes in a status.
- **Facilitates Invoicing and Payment Tracking** –Staff are able to review, update, and attached payments and invoice information.
- **Maintenance of Security Roles and Projects** Application allows the grants manager to assign projects and share events with selected staff.



TrinityTG worked closely with Bay Area Air Quality Management District to ascertain their requirements and create a sustainable solution. The resulting solution enhances user experiences in many ways, including:

Enhanced Application Process:

- The new system allows interested parties to create proposals. Organization users and authorized third parties can create a Carl Moyer Program application.
- Users can select project type, and can enter applicant and proposal information including equipment, engine, retrofit and/or cost information depending on proposal type.
- The system allows users to attach any documentation to be evaluated with the proposal application.

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Figure A. Screenshot captures the new user page for those organizations interested in creating proposals.

Proposal Validation and Submittal:

- The system validates the proposal in reflection of business rules.
- Applicants can locate and fill application gaps prior to submittal of application.
- Users can electronically sign and submit applications.
- Grants staff can review proposals for completeness, cost-effectiveness, guideline eligibility, surplus evaluation, and environmental justice criteria.



Calculates Cost-Effectiveness:

- Calculations can be reviewed, accepted and/or recalculated.
- The systems cost-effectiveness calculations and CMP guidelines inform staff decisions regarding cost.
- The system will track allocated funding, remaining funding, and actual current funds against current CMP year budget.

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Figure B. Calculations can be reviewed, accepted, and recalculated.

Facilitates Inspection and Audit Workflow and Air Resources Board (ARB) Reporting:

- Grants staff can download pre-populated inspection forms, upload completed inspection forms, and update inspection results.
- Grants staff selects Carl Moyer Project data to be exported and formatted into excel spreadsheets for ARB reporting purposes.

The solution incorporates more functions for ease of system management:

- The grants staff can designate when the system will and will not accept new applications for a program year.
- Account information can be accessed and modified by grants staff.



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Figure C. Input parameter values are either entered by the user or defaulted by the system based on a reference table.

Assists Contracts and Funding Workflow/Tracking:

- Grants staff or system can notify the applicant organization of contract approval.
- Grants staff can download a proposal contract that is pre-populated with required proposal details.
- Proposals can be uploaded to share them with other grants staff.
- Finalized contracts are scanned and attached to the proposal file.
- The system tracks contract activity and records the contract execution date through to project completion.



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