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Mr. Richard Corey
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Dear Mr. Corey:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites you to apply for **$6,380,862** of Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 105 grant funds for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20). This amount includes funding in the amount of $119,500 for projects located in the Imperial and San Diego County Air Basins - $100,000 for travel demand modeling of on-road motor vehicle emissions in Baja, California; and $19,500 for additional monitoring support for SPA BC in Baja, California. In addition, this award includes funding for the Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) program and your CAPCOA contribution which are estimated at the same amount as last fiscal year.

Please be advised that this FY20 target amount is only an estimate, based on the level of funding passed by Congress for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. Your final FY20 amount will be determined by the appropriations bill enacted by Congress. If the final level and distribution of FY20 grant funds are lower than this estimate, you will be asked to submit revised budget spreadsheets reflecting the final enacted amount of funding.

The Final FY2020-2021 Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) National Program Manager Guidance is located at https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-guidances to assist you with your application and work plan. When preparing your FY20 work plan, you must clearly identify the activities and tasks supported by this grant (remember, Title V activities are not allowable). Please continue to give careful attention to your proposed expenditure of non-Federal funds, since the maintenance of effort (MOE) level must be maintained. A decrease in your proposed expenditures could jeopardize EPA financial assistance. Please be sure to provide full budget detail as described in the application instructions for each budget category, and notify EPA immediately if the non-Federal contribution to the grant will decrease in your FY19 application.

Also, please remember all grants awarded on or after October 1, 2012, to CAA 105 grant recipients must comply with the work plan policy (GP1-11-03). Although this policy does not prescribe a standardized, one-size fits all work plan format, it ensures that negotiated work plans and associated grant progress reports prominently display the following three Essential Elements: 1) Strategic Plan Goal, 2) Strategic Plan Objective, and 3) Work Plan Commitments plus time frame. The **Strategic Plan Goal** for this grant is Goal 1 - Core Mission: Deliver real results to provide Americans with clean air, land, and water, and ensure chemical safety. The **Strategic Plan Objective** is Objective 1.1 - Improve Air Quality. Please contact your EPA Project Officer if you would like a copy of this policy.

Finally, please be aware that Clean Air Act 105 work plans for FY20 should include green tasks and activities. For example, grantees will be expected, to the fullest extent possible, to purchase green supplies and equipment. In making such purchases, grantees should consider the full life cycle cost and sustainability of products and equipment. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has a useful website http://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advgsa/advantage/main/start. Grantees should also employ energy conservation practices/materials management, such as waste prevention and recycling. Waste prevention and recycling reduce methane emissions from landfills, save energy, and protect forest carbon sequestration. A copy of EPA Region

9's Greening Grants Policy is located at: https://www3.epa.gov/region9/funding/greening-grants.html. Grantees are encouraged to work with their project officers to discuss other green practices which could be incorporated into their work plans.

Please apply for **$6,380,862** to be awarded under Section 105 of the Clean Air Act using **Grants.gov**. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this award is 66.001. With your application, please include a detailed budget and work plan, including milestones and deliverables. Your final application and work plan are due by **July 12, 2019**.

In addition:

- Please review the attachments: EPA R9 Application Guidance 2019 and 2019 Grants Guideline Flyer.
- Access EPA grant applications via Grants.gov: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/download-application-package.html.
- The new website for the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is located at: https://beta.sam.gov/
- The Grants.gov registration process can take up to 30 days to complete. Therefore, it is highly recommended that applicants complete their registration on Grants.gov now. Your organization must have an active SAM.gov registration to use Grants.gov. To register in SAM.gov, your organization must have a DUNS number. If it appears that the Grants.gov registration process may prevent you from submitting your application by the aforementioned due date, then please contact Support@grants.gov or call 1-800-518-4726 as support is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. You should also notify your Project Officer before the application due date to request an extension.
- **Please note that consideration for any new or additional federal funding is contingent on meeting all terms and conditions for existing EPA grants or cooperative agreements. This includes, but is not limited to, timely reporting; responding to audits/desk review reports; meeting audit/non-compliance corrective action plan milestones, and/or submitting final closeout reports within 90 days from the date a grant or cooperative agreement expires.**
- Federal Regulations, new EPA requirements, and other additional resources are located at http://www.epa.gov/grants. We suggest you forward these materials to your Project Manager, Financial Officer, and any other personnel in your organization requiring this information.

Questions regarding administrative or fiscal matters should be referred to your EPA Grants Management Specialist, Alba Espitia, at (415) 972-3667. Please call your EPA Project Officer, Angela Latigue, at (415) 947-4170 with programmatic questions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Valentine

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Enclosure

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