



Agricultural Worker Transportation Program

Cycle 3

***Program
Description***

SB 1135, Statutes of 2006, section 99320 of the Public Utilities Code, requires the Department of Transportation to establish the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (AWTP), effective January 1, 2007. The intent of the AWTP is to provide safe, efficient, reliable and affordable transportation services, utilizing vans and buses, to agricultural workers commuting to/from worksites in rural areas statewide. The emphasis of the AWTP will be to implement vanpool operations similar to the successful Agricultural Industries Transportation Services (AITS) program ongoing in Southern San Joaquin Valley, transporting agricultural workers to regional employment sites.

***Target
Audience***

Competitive grants are to be awarded to public agencies to purchase or lease new and/or used vans and buses, including energy efficiency retrofits, and program related equipment to operate transportation services for agricultural workers statewide.

Funding

To fund the AWTP, the Budget Act of 2006 contains a one-time appropriation of \$20 million from the Public Transportation Account (PTA). During the first two cycles, in total the Department awarded \$535,552 for planning grants from the \$1 million set-a-side for this purpose, and \$14.9 million for service implementation grants. **The AWTP balance is now \$4.6 million.** For FY2008-09, or the third funding cycle, the Department will be soliciting grant applications for planning grants and service implementation grants (24 month duration). Match is not mandatory for AWTP grants. However, it is strongly encouraged for the service implementation grants.

***Application
Deadline***

Cycle 3 AWTP grant applications will be due on October 1, 2008. All applications must be submitted to the Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation (DMT). The AWTP grant application for Cycle 3 is now accessible online at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/Awtp.html>

***For More
Information***

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