

**CMAQ Call for Projects**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
6/16/15

<b>Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)</b>
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**Q1. What funding years are available?**

A. The programming is available for fiscal years 16/17 and 17/18.

**Q2. Can a meeting with Kern COG staff be set up to review draft application?**

A. Yes, meetings with Kern COG staff are available but please allow for sufficient review time. The more information that is supplied, the better.

**Q3. Are there preapproval expenses allowed?**

A. No. You cannot bill for any expenses prior to federal authorization.

**Q4. Does each application need a separate individual resolution?**

A. Applicants may lump all CMAQ projects into one resolution.

**Q5. Can letters of support be included?**

A. Yes.

**Q6. Is there a limit to the number of CMAQ applications that can be submitted?**

A. There is no limit.

**Q7. Is 11.47% local match a requirement?**

A. 11.47 is the normal minimum local match required for member agencies. However, for projects considered under Category 2 (Partnership Program), it varies. An example for cost differential of eligible projects: diesel utility vehicle costs \$100,000 and CNG utility vehicle costs \$150,000 so the agency would apply for purchase of CNG and CMAQ funding would be available up to \$50,000. An example of bus purchase for 1988 or older bus: replacement bus for a bus that is from 1987. The agency can apply for purchase of CNG bus and CMAQ funding would be available up to 50% of cost. Category 3 (Fueling Stations) may be subject to increased local match requirements in order to allow for more projects.

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**Q8. Is the PM2.5 calculation on the website?**

- A. While, ARB has not yet updated the labeling, ARB has updated the database tool. It is available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/tsaq/eval/eval.htm>. Instead of calculating PM 10 in the database, it is actually calculating PM 2.5. At this time, when the report is printed from the database tool, manually write in that the results are for PM 2.5 and not PM 10. For PM 2.5, please use the updated rate tables that are separate from the tool and labeled on the ARB website as "Emission Factor Tables Updated May 2013" for use in the database tool. As per ARB staff, do not use emission factor tables in the database tool which will eventually be deleted from the database tool.

**Q9. Is it a requirement to complete the evaluation for PM10 and PM2.5?**

- A. It is not a requirement to have both a PM 10 and a PM 2.5 emissions reduction. Applications will not be eligible to receive points for PM 10 or PM 2.5 without a calculation.

**Q10. For questions 16-25 if not applicable, is it ok to enter N/A?**

- A. N/A is acceptable. However, applications will not be eligible to receive points for the criteria listed with a N/A response.

**Q11. What about the "gray area" regions?**

- A. If the application is reducing emissions in a region that is in close proximity to a non-attainment area, then the application might be eligible. It would be decided on a case by case basis.

**Q12. What is RACM/BACM? How are RACM/BACM determined?**

- A. Please contact Kern COG staff to determine if the proposed project is a Reasonably Available Control Measure (RACM) or a Best Available Control Measure (BACM).