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### **Air District funding fireplace changeout program**

*Up to \$800,000 available starting January 16 for specific smoke impacted communities*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced the availability of funds to install cleaner heating options for residents located in areas highly affected by wood smoke and areas with disproportionate impacts from air pollution.

Funds are available to replace a wood-burning fireplace or stove with a cleaner heating option. For residents who already have a cleaner heating option, funding is also available to decommission a wood-burning fireplace or stove. The program will open at 11 a.m. on January 16, 2018, on a first-come, first-served basis.

“Moving towards cleaner heating alternatives and away from inefficient wood burning will improve air quality for all Bay Area residents, especially those who live in areas such as inland valleys or near freeways which are highly impacted by wood smoke and other air pollution,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “These grants are targeted to reduce the health impacts of wood smoke in the communities that need it most.”

To be eligible, homeowners and landlords must own a residential property that is located within the Air District’s nine-county jurisdiction and [within an eligible area](#). They must apply for approval of their project and receive a Notice to Proceed from the Air District. Projects that have been initiated or completed before receiving the Air District’s approval are not eligible for funding.

Funding by Device	Air District Incentive
Decommission a Fireplace or Woodstove	\$750
Gas-fueled Heating Stove/Sealed Insert (Natural Gas or Propane)	\$1,000
Electric Heat Pump	\$3,500
Enhanced Funding for Select Groups - Additional Criteria	
Sole Source of Heat Exemption	\$1,500 additional
Designated High Wood Smoke Area	\$1,500 additional

Low-income Assistance

\$8,500 additional

To learn more about the program, the areas eligible for funding, or to apply, please go online to [www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant](http://www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant).

The Air District is committed to increasing the availability of incentives and is currently working to secure additional funding for residents who are not located in one of the eligible areas. Residents who wish to be informed if and when this funding becomes available can sign up for email alerts at [www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant](http://www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant).

To request an application by mail please write: Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program, Strategic Incentives Division, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600; San Francisco, CA 94105.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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