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Air District expands Clean Cars for All grant program

Income-qualified residents may be eligible for up to \$9,500 for a clean air vehicle

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District is announcing the expansion of its Clean Cars for All grant program which offers incentives up to \$9,500 for income-qualified Bay Area residents to retire older cars and replace them with a hybrid, plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle, or get a pre-loaded Clipper Card for public transit.

The program was previously limited to designated communities but is now available to residents living in all areas under the <u>Air District's nine-county jurisdiction</u>. More than 100 families have benefitted from the program and over \$1 million in funding has been awarded since its launch in March 2019.

"The expansion of the Clean Cars for All program now makes clean air vehicles an affordable option for many throughout the Bay Area," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "The shift to clean air vehicles on our roads means improved air quality and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions so we can all breathe easier."

The Air District launched Clean Cars for All as part of a broad effort to ensure clean air vehicles are affordable options for residents across the Bay Area. Equitable access to clean air vehicles also ensures that all Bay Area residents benefit from lower fuel and maintenance costs as well as the improved driving experience.

Many residents that received the full \$9,500 grant were able to purchase a used electric vehicle using just the grant. The amount of money received from the Clean Cars for All program is based on the household size, income and choice of replacement vehicle. Additionally, up to \$2,000 in funding is available for home charging equipment and installation.

Applicants must live in the Air District's jurisdiction and their household income must fall under a specified limit based on their household size. Furthermore, the vehicle to be scrapped must be at least fifteen years old, functional and with current registration in the applicant's name. Bay Area residents may check the program website or complete an application to verify their eligibility for the program.

For more information or to apply for Clean Cars for All, visit www.baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall.



Clean Cars for All is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality and the global climate in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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