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\$5 million in VW funding now available for hydrogen refueling stations in California

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is announcing the availability of \$5 million in Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust funding for hydrogen refueling stations.

The VW funding will augment the \$45.7 million that is currently available through the California Energy Commission's grant funding opportunity, [GFO-19-602 - Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure](#).

To be eligible to participate, station developers must apply to the [GFO-19-602 - Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure](#) competitive solicitation by 5 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2020. Eligible applications that propose to purchase and install publicly available light-duty hydrogen refueling infrastructure that meets the requirements of the California Energy Commission's solicitation may be awarded VW funding.

To listen to a pre-application workshop WebEx recording, visit:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2019-12/qfo-19-602-hydrogen-refueling-infrastructure>.

Additionally, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will host an online information session on the VW funding for hydrogen refueling stations on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 3 p.m. Interested parties are encouraged to attend but are not required. [Registration](#) is required to attend the session.

The VW Environmental Mitigation Trust is a nationwide program that provides funding for California to fully mitigate the excess NOx emissions caused by VW's use of illegal emissions testing defeat devices in VW diesel vehicles. More than 20 percent of the total project funds available for hydrogen stations are expected to benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities.

The \$5 million in VW funding for hydrogen refueling stations is part of the Light-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure category, which is one of five categories that will provide funding through the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust program in California.

The following list details the four other project categories under the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust program in California and the regional air quality agency assigned to administer the funds statewide on behalf of CARB:

- [Zero-Emission Transit, School and Shuttle Bus Projects](#), administered by San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
- [Zero-Emission Class 8 Freight & Port Drayage Trucks](#), administered by South Coast Air Quality Management District.
- [Zero-Emission Freight & Marine Projects](#), administered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.
- [Combustion Freight and Marine Projects](#), administered by South Coast Air Quality Management District.

For more information on the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust, the project categories, or additional details on eligibility requirements for the Light-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure program, visit www.californiavwtrust.org, email CaliforniaVWTrust@baaqmd.gov or call 1-844-9VW-FUND.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) 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 [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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