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Air District relaunches Clean Cars for All program on Clean Air Day

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

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District has relaunched its Clean Cars for All program with more than \$8 million available for qualified residents to purchase a clean air vehicle.

The program provides up to \$9,500 for income-qualified members of communities disproportionately affected by air pollution to retire older vehicles and replace them with a new or used hybrid, plug-in hybrid, electric, or fuel cell vehicle, or get transit card or e-bike. Additionally, up to \$2,000 in funding is available for home charging equipment and installation for purchasing a plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle.

“As cars and trucks on Bay Area roads remain the largest source of air pollution in the region, getting more clean air vehicles on our roads will improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Cindy Chavez, Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez who is also chair of the Air District Board of Directors. “The Clean Cars for All program reduces our reliance on fossil fuels while providing a reliable source of transportation to the residents who need it most.”

“The shift from gas-powered to clean air vehicles is necessary to improve air quality and move the Bay Area toward reaching its bold climate goals,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “The Clean Cars for All program accelerates this shift while helping residents hardest hit by air pollution choose clean air vehicles and reap the benefits of driving electric.”

The Air District launched the program in March of 2019 as part of a broad effort to make clean air vehicles affordable options for residents across the Bay Area. Equitable access to clean air vehicles also ensures that all residents benefit from lower fuel and maintenance costs as well as the improved driving experience. The California Air Resources Board has recently awarded the Air District an additional \$8.33 million to continue support for this program.

Participating residents may choose one of the following clean air transportation options to replace their 2005 or older vehicle that will be scrapped:

- **Electric Vehicles** operate solely on their electric motor. Electric vehicle batteries recharge by plugging into an outlet or charging station.
- **Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles** use hydrogen fuel and an electric motor instead of a gasoline engine.
- **Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles** combine an electric motor with a gasoline engine. Plug-in hybrid batteries are recharged by the gasoline-powered motor during braking and by

plugging into an outlet or charging station.

- **Hybrid Electric Vehicles** combine an electric motor with a gasoline engine. These vehicles cannot be "plugged-in" to be recharged. The gasoline-powered motor also acts as a generator to recharge batteries on hybrids.
- **E-bike or Transit Card** that can be used for public transportation on Bay Area transit systems.

Applicants must live in a designated, eligible community in the Bay Area and their household income must fall under a specified limit based on their household size. For more program details, information about how to apply, to complete an application, or to verify eligibility, visit www.baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall.



Clean Cars 4 All is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative 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 [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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