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## \$7 million in grant funding available to install new publicly accessible EV charging stations

Public agencies and private businesses can recoup up to 85% of cost

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Beginning December 7, 2021, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's *Charge!* program will begin accepting applications to help offset a portion of the cost of purchasing and installing new publicly available electric vehicle charging stations throughout the region.

The goal of the *Charge!* program is to help build a charging network able to support the Bay Area's electric vehicle adoption goals of 90 percent of the overall vehicle fleet by 2050.

"Adoption of electric vehicles continues to expand at a robust pace," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "More charging stations in key locations will quicken the energy transition and make buying an electric vehicle the smarter option for Bay Area residents."

Charge! program funding can be used to install publicly accessible charging facilities for light-duty electric vehicles at workplaces, destinations, transit parking locations, along transportation corridors and at multi-unit dwelling facilities. The Air District will prioritize projects that install electric vehicle charging at multi-unit dwellings (specifically affordable and below market rate housing sites), and projects located in environmental justice communities.

A webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 10 a.m., to provide an overview of this solicitation and answer questions from interested parties. For more information, please go online to <a href="https://www.baaqmd.gov/charge">www.baaqmd.gov/charge</a> or contact Danny Fung at <a href="https://dfung@baaqmd.gov">dfung@baaqmd.gov</a>. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2022, 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

The *Charge!* program has been funded primarily through the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Fund and Mobile Source Incentive Fund which provides grants to improve air quality within the nine-county Bay Area by reducing emissions of pollutants from on-road vehicles and may include additional funding sources as available.

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