Clean HEET Program

APPLICANTS – PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CONTRACTOR(S) PRIOR TO HIRING THEM TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Residential wood burning is the largest source of woodsmoke and particulate matter, a harmful air pollutant, in the Bay Area during the winter.

The Clean Heating Efficiently with Electric Technology, or **Clean HEET** incentive program, was developed by the Bay Area Air District to encourage homeowners to replace qualifying wood-burning stove, pellet stove, fireplace insert, or open-hearth fireplace with electric heat pumps or the decommissioning and removal of a dirtier wood-burning device without a replacement. The program aims to help reduce wood smoke pollution and improve air quality in the Bay Area.

All Bay Area homeowners are eligible to apply. Awards range from $10,000 - $15,000 for one (1) wood-burning device heat pump replacement and $1,500 for decommission-only projects. Additional plus-up funding of $10,000 may be available for residents who participate in qualifying low-income programs and up to $3,000 for residents who apply to replace a second device in the same residence.

CONTRACTOR LICENSING

All construction, installation, decommission, and demolition work must be performed by a Contractor licensed to do the work performed by the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB).

Contractors installing heat pumps and removing or sealing wood-burning devices must possess a C20 (Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning) or B (General Building) license. Additional licenses, such as a C29 (Masonry) or C10 (Electrical), may be required depending on the type of work being performed. Contractors removing the wood-burning device without installing a heat pump must possess the proper CSLB licensing such as a C29 (Masonry) or B (General Building) license. Additional licenses may be required depending on the type of work being performed, and more than one contractor may be needed per project. Work performed without the proper California licensing is not eligible for funding.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

Contractors must provide the property owner with a quote for the project work in advance of project approval.

Contractors must provide the property owner with an itemized invoice or receipt showing a zero balance upon payment. Invoices should include the following:

- Equipment and materials
- Installation/labor (per hour & total)
- Options and upgrades
- Permitting and testing

- Discounts (e.g., manufacturer rebates)
- Other program incentives (e.g., state or local programs)

Contractors decommissioning a wood-burning stove or insert must render the device permanently destroyed and unusable (for example, creating a hole in the firebox). The destroyed wood-burning device must be disposed of at a licensed dismantler/recycling facility.

For projects involving an open-hearth fireplace or insert, contractors must permanently decommission and render the fireplace inoperable by either removing the fireplace structure or permanently sealing it. Fireplace sealing must involve: 1) installing a chimney cap or permanent weather-proof seal to the flue, and

2) sealing the fireplace opening with materials such as tile, drywall, or another permanent alternative.

Temporary methods, such as a balloon insert in the chimney or fireplace plug, do not meet the requirements. Contractors must fill out and sign a Contractor Certification Form after work is completed to provide the following information:

- Contractor business information, including CA contractor license number
- Confirmation of the property/location where work was performed
- Brief description of work performed
- For contractors installing a heat pump,
    - description of heat pump installed
    - coefficient of performance
    - heating seasonal performance factor
- For contractors decommissioning/disposing of existing stove or insert,
    - description of device removed
    - description of method used to render device permanently inoperable
    - if applicable, description of method used to render fireplace permanently inoperable
    - name of dismantler/recycling facility where device has been disposed of
- Contractor's signature attestation that the form has been accurately filled out

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The Air District thanks you for helping to create a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident, while protecting and improving public health, air quality, and the global climate.

Complete program requirements can be found on the Clean HEET website: www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant.

Staff are also here to help. Please reach out to us at woodsmokegrants@baaqmd.gov or (415) 749-5195 if there are any questions.