Clean HEET Program

SUMMARY OF BASIC ELIGIBITY, PROGRAM DETAILS, AND PROGRAM PROCESS

The Clean Heating Efficiently with Electric Technology (Clean HEET) Program was developed by the Bay Area Air District (Air District) to reduce wintertime wood smoke pollution and improve air quality by incentivizing Bay Area homeowners to remove and/or replace qualifying wood-burning devices with electric heat pumps.

Complete program information is available in the Program Guidance located at: www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant

BASIC ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

- **Existing wood-burning stoves, pellet stoves, fireplace inserts, or open-hearth fireplaces are eligible for replacement with an electric heat pump**. Existing device(s) must be indoors, operational, older than 2020, and currently in use to burn wood for heating purposes.
- **The removal and decommissioning of open-hearth fireplaces and uncertified wood stoves /inserts, without replacing them with an electric heat pump, is eligible for decommission-only funding.** Existing device(s) must be indoors, operational, older than 1988 (for stoves/inserts), and currently in use to burn wood for heating purposes.
- Applicant must be the legal homeowner, and home must be within the Air District's jurisdiction.
- Priority will be given to homes located in the AB617 communities of West Oakland, East Oakland, Richmond-San Pablo, and Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco and homes located in disadvantaged and low-Income communities, as identified by California's Climate Investments Priority Populations Mapping tool.
- Applicants must receive a *Notice to Proceed* from the Air District before making any purchases or starting any work. Examples of "work" include, but are not limited to, placing a deposit or work order for equipment or with a contractor, purchasing or ordering equipment, or beginning physical work. Projects that started work before receiving Air District approval do not qualify for funding.
- All project work must be performed by a licensed contractor licensed by the California Contractors State License Board.
- Existing devices must be permanently destroyed, decommissioned, and disposed of at a licensed dismantler/recycling facility by a licensed contractor.
- Projects involving open-hearth fireplaces or fireplace inserts must permanently render the fireplace inoperable by, at a minimum, permanently sealing it or removing the fireplace structure. 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.
- Program Participants must obtain all related permits related to project work required by their local building department.
- Project Participants must comply with the Program Requirements, Guidelines, and Terms and Conditions.

GRANT FUNDING

Funding Amounts

Project Type	Existing Device	Manufacture Year	Maximum Base Funding
Install an Electric Heat Pump	Free-standing wood stove or wood-burning fireplace insert	2014 and earlier	**$15,000**
		2015-2019	**$10,000**
	Pellet-burning stove or fireplace insert	2014 and earlier	**$15,000**
	Open-hearth fireplace	Any	**$12,000**
	Second Pellet-burning device, if applicable	2014 and earlier	**+$3,000**
	Second wood-burning device, if applicable	2019 and earlier	**+$3,000**
	Plus-Up Funding for qualifying low-income participants	-	**+$10,000**
Decommission Only	Wood-burning stove or insert	1988 and earlier	**$1,500**
	Open-hearth fireplace	Any	**$1,500**
	Second Device, if applicable		**+$1,500**

- Applicants who participate in a qualifying low-income program may apply for additional Plus-Up funding.
- Grant award may be combined with incentives offered from other agencies, but Clean HEET funds paid may NOT exceed actual eligible project costs, after incentives and discounts are applied.
- Grant funds will be paid only after all approved work for a project has been completed. All checks will be made payable only to the legal homeowner.
- Application submittal does not guarantee funding.

PROJECT PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated based on the Program Evaluation Criteria located in the Program Guidelines, and Terms and Conditions on a first-come, first-served basis, except in cases where non-priority projects may be placed on a waitlist.

Applications are accepted online at www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant

Application and Award:

1. Gather supporting documentation.
2. Apply using the online portal and wait for Air District staff to contact you on next steps.
3. If a project is approved, the applicant will receive a *Notification of Funding* offer from the Air District.
4. Applicants must review the *Terms and Conditions* and respond to the Air District if they accept the funding within 7 days of receipt of receiving a *Notification of Funding*.
5. **Once funding is accepted, applicants will receive a *Notice to Proceed* from the Air District. This starts the beginning of the Project, and permission to begin work.** Projects that started work before receiving a *Notice to Proceed* do not qualify for funding.

Project Work:

6. Obtain all required permits and submit within 45 days of receiving a *Notice to Proceed*.
7. Work with a licensed contractor to complete all work including: install new heat pump (if applicable), remove and destroy old device, and decommission fireplace (for fireplace and insert projects).
8. Document installation and destruction with photos.
9. Submit required documentation online to request reimbursement.
10. Collect reimbursement check after Air District verifies that all program requirements have been met.
11. Breathe easy and thank you for cleaning the air!!

All project work must be completed within 120 days of receiving a *Notice to Proceed*