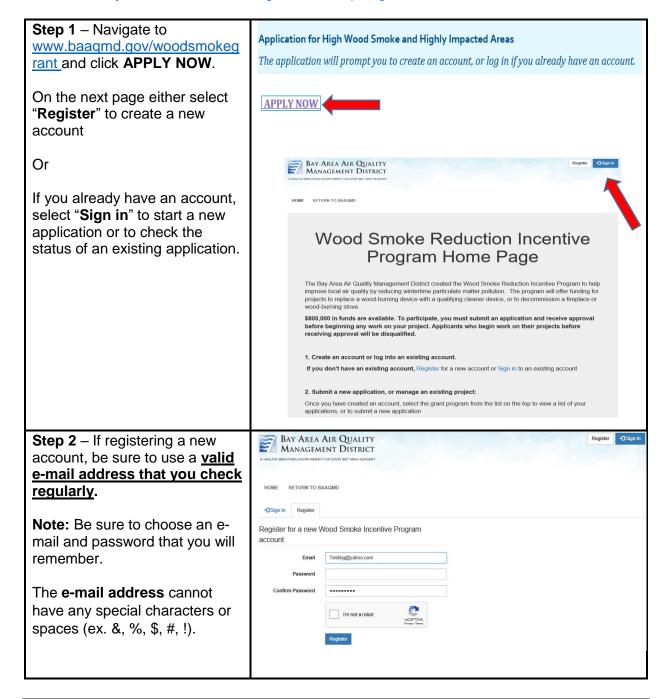


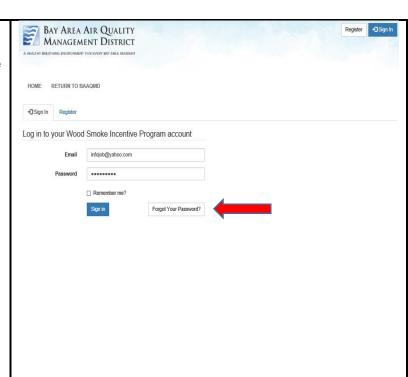
Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program Online Application User's Guide

WSRIP applications must be submitted online. This document provides step-by-step instructions on how to create a **user profile** (or account), log into the account, create and manage your application, and submit documents through the application website.

If you have questions, please contact BAAQMD Wood Smoke Program staff by phone at (415) 749-5195 or by e-mail at woodsmokegrants@baaqmd.gov.



If you already created an account, but forget your password, enter your Username (e-mail address) and click "Forgot Password" to reset it.



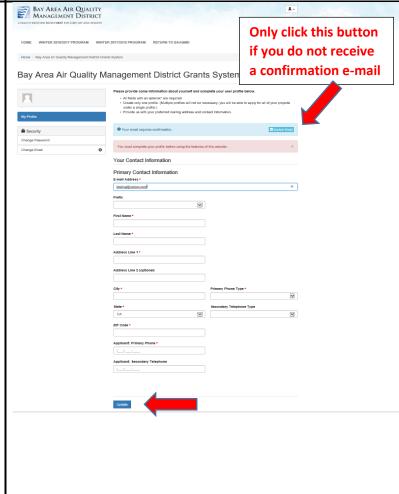
Step 3 – After you have chosen an e-mail address and password, you will be taken to the next screen to complete your user profile. You will receive an e-mail containing a link to confirm your account (see Step 4).

Note: If you do not receive the confirmation e-mail, resend the e-mail by clicking "**Confirm E-mail**."

Enter the required **Contact Information** indicated by red asterisks.

Note: The **e-mail address** cannot have any special characters or spaces (ex. &, %, \$, #,!).

Once you have completed the **Contact Information**, click the "**Update**" button to save and continue.



Step 4 – Once the account is created, you will receive an e-mail from the Air District. Open the e-mail and click "Complete Registration". Alternatively, you can copy the listed URL provided in the e-mail and paste it into your web browser.

Check junk or spam if you do not see the e-mail in your inbox.

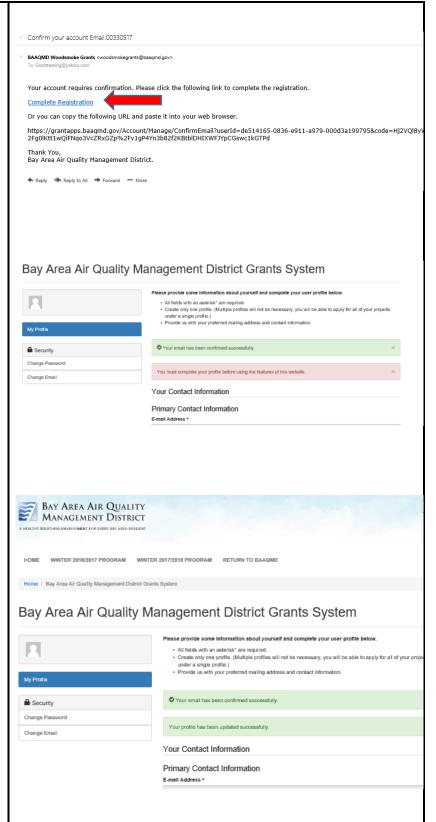
Note: After confirming your account, do NOT use the activation e-mail to log into the application system. This link only works **once**. If you click it again, an error message will appear.

Always log in through the website:

www.baaqmd.gov/woodsmok egrant.

After the account is confirmed, you will be able to log in with your e-mail and password. The message "Your e-mail has been confirmed successfully" will show in your user profile.

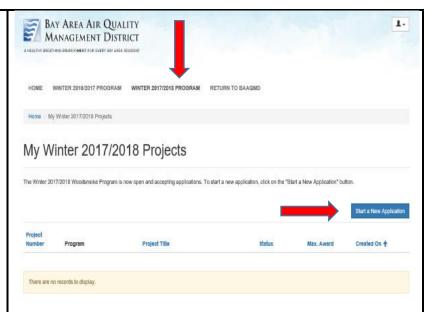
When your profile is updated, the message "Your profile has been updated successfully" will show.



Step 5 – Once your e-mail is confirmed and your user profile is updated, navigate to the "Winter 2017/2018 **Program".**

This page shows all your existing applications in the system.

If you would like to start a new application, click the "Start a New Application" button.



Step 6 – When starting a new application, you will be taken to a page to review general information about the application.

Once you finish reviewing the general information, click "Next" to fill out the application.

Submit a new application for the 2017 Woodsmoke Reduction Incentive Program

Welcome to the online application system for the Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program. Before getting started, please read the Program Guidelines and Frequently Asked Cuestions (FAGs) on our website at www.baaqnid gov/woodsmokegrants.

Before are instructions to apply and submit a grant application. Please note that submittal of an application does not guarantee an award of funds. Applicants who begin their project before receiving a Notice to Proceed from the Air District will be disqualified.

Instructions to submit an application for a new project.

Fill out the grant application beginning on the next page. The process takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes. To save time, you'll want to have the following items ready;

Property Assessor's Parcel Number (APN),

Ogilal plobs of your existing vood-burning device, and

If you are applying for the low-income Highly impacted Residents (HIR) funding, an electronic copy of your proof of enrollment in one of the qualifying low-income assistance programs.

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

A confirmation email will be sent to you when your application is successfully submitted. If you do not receive a confirmation email after you submit your application, please contact us by email at woodsmokegrant@baaqnid.gov.

How to Navigate:

Do not use your browser's "Back" or "Forward" buttons. Use the Save and Continue button on the bottom of each page to ensure that your information is saved correctly.

Questions:

If you have questions after reading through these instructions, you may contact us directly by email at woodsmokegrants@baaqnid.gov with the subject "Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program"

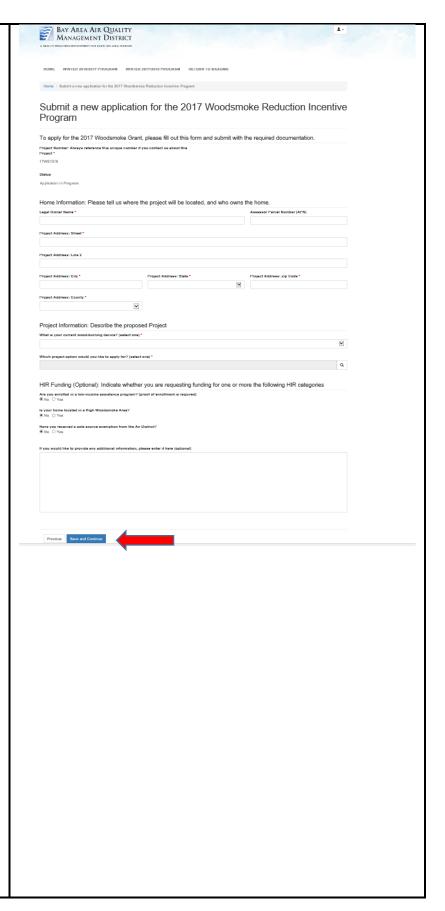
Step 7 – Fill out the required **Information** indicated by red asterisks.

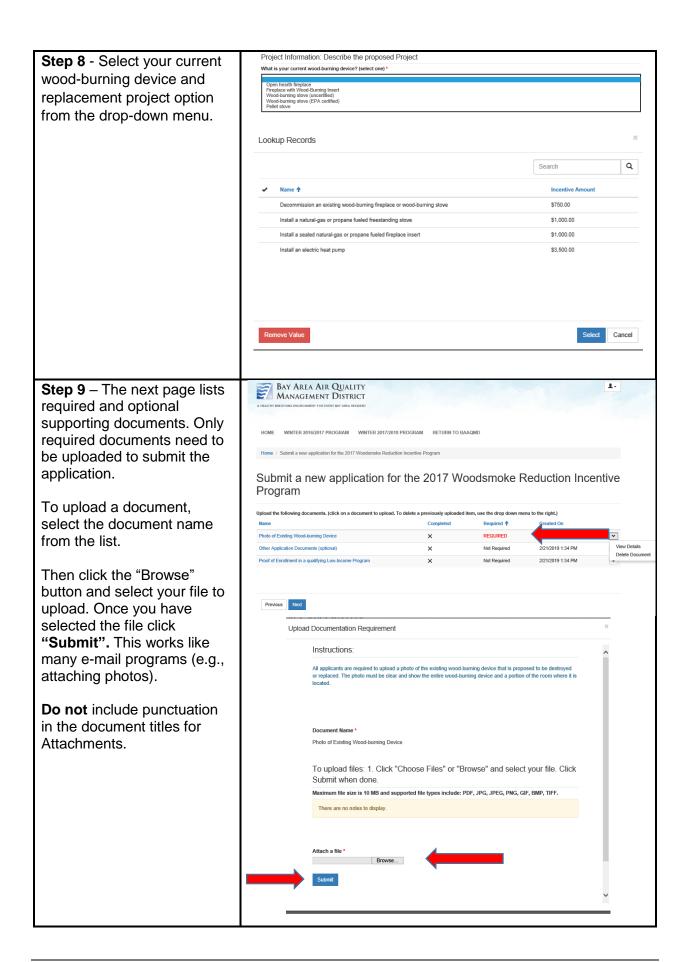
Refer to **Step 8** for current wood-burning and replacement options.

To check whether your home is located in a High Woodsmoke Area, use the Map of Eligible Areas. High Woodsmoke Areas are shaded **red** in this map.

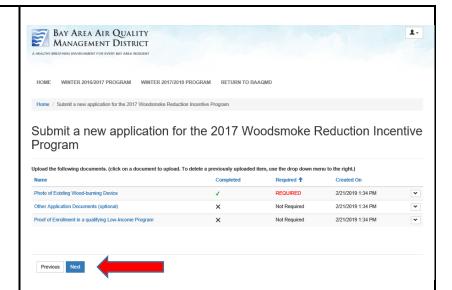
For more information about the low-income assistance program, refer to the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> (FAQs).

After filling out all information click "Save and Continue".





Step 10 - Click Next once the required files are uploaded.

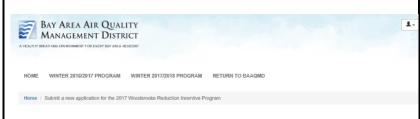


Step 11 - The Application Submittal screen is the final step to submit your application.

Read and review the Program Terms & Conditions.

Ensure that you have included all required information before clicking Submit.

To return to your application to make changes, click Previous.



Submit a new application for the 2017 Woodsmoke Reduction Incentive Program

By checking the box below, I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application is true and that I agree to comply with all of the Program Terms and Conditions listed

Basic Eligibility: Applicants must be the legal owner of an existing residential property that is listed on their application. Properties must be located within the Air District's jurisdiction Employees of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District are not eligible.

Maximum Award: Awards are limited to a maximum of \$12,000 per peperty, not to exceed the actual total project cost. Award amounts are determined by adding the base award (based on the project option selected by the applicant) and Highly Impacted Resident funding, if the applicant demonstrates that they qualify for one or more of these conditions. Awards may be reduced if the Air District is unable to verify any of the information provided or if the actual total project cost is lower than the original award amount shown in the Not to Proceed.

Approval of Award and Notice to Proceed: Submission of an application does not guarantee an award of Program funding. Applicants must first have received approval of District ("Notice to Proceed") before any work on the project can begin. Applicants who have had any work related to their project performed (e.g., purchasing or installing equipment) before the Air District issues a Notice to Proceed are not eligible.

California Licensed Contractor: Any work performed with funding from this Program must be done by a contractor licensed in the State of California who will be required to fill out a sign a certification form provided by the Air District. Applicants receiving Program fund ("Program Participants") must include this document with their reimbursement request. To observable the person you are himing has a valid license number, visit the Contractors State License Board website. Work performed directly by the homeowner, or anyone who is not a licensed CA contractor, is not allowed.

Permits: Program participants must obtain permits for any work performed with funding from this Program. Program Participants must include a copy of the permit(s) with their reimbursement request. Work performed without required permits will not be eligible for reimbursement not allowed.

Scrappage Receipt: Program Participants who are decommissioning a fireplace insert or a wood-burning stove, or replacing one of these with a qualifying device, must have their old device cushed-bendered inoperable at a recycling facility and provide the Air District with proof of destruction (a scrappage receipt from the recycling facility). Program Participants with fair to submit a receipt showing proof of destruction will not be reimbursed.

Eligible Costs and Reimbursement Process: Only work described in the Notice to Proceed is eligible for reimbursement. Program participants may not use Program funding to pay for any costs associated with remodeling work that is not directly related to their project. Program Participants may request reimbursement only after they have completed their proje Reimbursement checks will be issued within 30 days after the Air District has verified that the Program Participant's reimbursement request is complete.

IRS and Tax Compliance: Funding from this Program may be required to be reported as income. Payments will only be made to Program Participants who provide a completed W-9

Compliance with Air District Rules: Properties must be and remain in compliance with the Air District's Wood Smoke Rule (Regulation 6, Rule 3). In addition, Pronot be used to purchase or install equipment for the purpose of complying with any federal, state, or local regulation; judicial order, agreement; memorandum of un contract; mitigation requirement; or other binding obligation already in place.

Inspection: Program Participants must agree to allow the Air District or its agents access to their property to inspect the completed project for compliance with progrequested. The Air District will provide not less than five business days' notice prior to an inspection.

Project Documentation and Verification Process: Participation in this program requires submittal of the following information/documentation: completed W-8 form and Contractor Certification Form, copies of invoices, photos of original and replacement devices, and valid photo ID. If applicable, copies of permits, and/or proof of enrollment in a qualifying low-income assistance program, are also required. The Art District will attempt to verify the project and applicant's eligibility using the information provided, however additional information may be requested to verify the project.

Project in Place for 5 Years: Program Participants must agree to keep and maintain their new equipment for at least five years, and continue to adhere to all rules and requi ted to the Air District's Wood-Burning Devices Rule, including no wood burning on Spare the Air days

Indemnification and Assumption of Risk: Program Participants agree to indemnify and defend the Air District and its Directors, employees, and agents against any arc loss, damage, or liability that arises out of, or is in any way connected with, the installation or use of the device purchased with Air District funds. In addition, Program Parage to assume all risk of damage to property or injusty to persons that may occur from equipment purchased or work conducted that was paid for with Air District funds. Public Records Requests:Program Participants unders tand and accept that informati on provided to the Air District may be subject to public

Failure to provide true information or fo adhere to any of the Program Terms and Conditions will result in forfeiture of the award. The Air District reserves the right to modify the terms of this Program at its discretion. ☑ I Agree •

Step 12 – After submitting your application, the system will e-mail a Confirmation message to the user's e-mail address on the account. The message will show a Project Number (e.g., 17WS####).

Note: Always include this number on any correspondence about your application and project.

Thank you for applying!

If you have questions, please contact BAAQMD Wood Smoke Incentive Program staff by phone at (415) 749-5195 or e-mail at woodsmokegrants@baaqmd.gov

E-mail subject: Grant application successfully submitted. Your project number is: 17WS#### E-mail:00330518

Applicant 375 Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Date: 2/21/2019

Dear Applicant

We are writing to confirm that we have received your application for funding through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (Air District) Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program (Program):

Project Number: 17WS####

Project Option: <Replacement Project Type>

Project Location: 375 Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105

The Air District will endeavor to complete the review of your application and make a determination within 30 days. If approved, you will be issued a Notice to Proceed from the Air District, at which point you may begin work on your project. Applicants who begin work (e.g., place a deposit for equipment, purchase or order equipment, place a work order, or begin any physical work) before receiving a Notice to Proceed from the Air District will be disqualified from the Program. For your reference, we have included a copy of the Program Terms and Conditions below.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Program Requirements and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents located on the Program <u>website</u>. You may also reach us by e-mail at woodsmokegrants@baaqmd.gov using the subject line "Re: Wood Smoke Grant, Project Number: 17WS####"

Thank you for your interest in helping to Spare the Air!

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