



Clean Cars for All (CCFA) Program Webinar Q&A – 10/09/2025

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#	Question	Air District Response
1	For those who have already applied for the program funds for purchase of a clean car, and are not requesting loans or financial counseling, what is the estimated response time from the program	Currently the timeline for our case managers and staff to conduct an initial review of an application may take up to 90 days but generally may average closer to 60 days.
2	Does my 2001 hybrid qualify?	Yes. A 2001 hybrid vehicle qualifies, along with any passenger car, truck, sport utility vehicle or van of model year 2007 or older with a gasoline—or diesel—powered engine and a total gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less.
3	What if I don't have a car to give? I'm disabled was looking to get help with a car	To qualify for CCFA, Participants are required to own a qualifying vehicle to retire. If you do not have a qualifying vehicle to retire, you may be able to receive \$7,500 to purchase or lease an eligible vehicle through the Driving Clean Assistant Program's Financial Assistance pathway. For more information, visit: https://drivingcleanca.org/about-us/dcap-eligibility/
4	Does your vehicle have to pass smog to qualify?	It depends on a variety of factors. If a vehicle with a clean title is unregistered due to a failed smog check, we can accept a DMV vehicle registration renewal notice and a failed smog check (which shows you can't register the car), along with Proof of Operability in the form of 2 years of auto insurance or repair invoices. Please visit our "Apply" page for more information on registration and Proof of Operability requirements: https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all/apply .
5	If I purchased a new plug-in hybrid electric vehicle recently but this program was not available at the time, do I still qualify?	No. You must first apply, receive approval, and be issued an Award Letter before purchasing an eligible vehicle through the CCFA program. Purchases made prior to receiving approval and an Award Letter cannot retroactively receive the CCFA grant.
6	Is there a requirement on how long I've owned the vehicle in order to qualify, or can the vehicle have been recently purchased?	Currently there is no minimum ownership period required before retiring a qualifying vehicle through the CCFA program. All owners of a qualifying vehicle to retire must demonstrate two years of DMV vehicle registration history without a lapse greater than 120 days. If there is a lapse in registration greater than 120 days,



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		Proof of Operability is required. This documentation may which may be difficult to obtain from the prior owner and may cause delays or denial of application approval.
7	If I'm buying a vehicle, do I need the updated title before taking the car to a dismantler, or can I bring the title transfer document as proof that I own the car?	When applying, Participants must upload a State of California Certificate of Title containing their name and the make/model of the vehicle intended to be scrap through the CCFA program. Without this document, the participant cannot receive approval and move forward in the application process.
8	How long will this year's current application cycle run until? When did it start, and when will it go to?	This year's application cycle will run until funding is expended. As of October 2025, there are roughly \$8.5 million dollars remaining—enough for 700-800 grants—and funding is expected to last until Spring of 2026. The Bay Area Air District may obtain additional funding in 2026 to extend the application cycle.
9	I am income eligible at this current time because I was laid off from my job earlier this year but if I submit my most recent tax returns from the year prior, my income will be. will i still be eligible? is it based on current i come at time of application? if so what type of documents do you require?	Verification of Income eligibility is based on your most recent tax filing, not your current income. If you are applying in the fall of 2025, you will need to provide either your IRS Tax Return Transcripts or IRS Form 1040 for year 2024.
10	For cars 2007 and older that are not currently registered, is getting the car registered before grant approval a requirement? No records of services exist but same original owner.	<p>An unregistered vehicle not meeting the Retired Vehicle Eligibility requirements outlined in the Terms and Conditions may be eligible if proven to have been driven primarily in California for the past two years. Participants must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMV vehicle registration record or provide 2 years of your most recent registration cards, <u>and</u>• Proof of Operability. To learn about Proof of Operability requirements, please visit our "Apply page": https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all/apply. <p>Please ensure that all DMV laws and rules are followed when applying for and participating in the CCFA program. The Bay Area Air District and its employees disclaim liability for any traffic accidents or citations incurred by Participants during program participation.</p>
11	I heard that many federal clean air incentives expired at the end of the month of September. Does that affect funding for this program in any way, and if so, how?	No. The expiration of the Federal Tax Credit does not affect funding for the CCFA program. The program is not funded by federal sources, but instead is primarily supported by California Climate Investments (CCI) and the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Regional Fund.



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12	Are there any other stackable grant incentive programs aside from the ones that were shown on the slide?	<p>The stackable incentives shown in the presentation reflect those currently available, but incentives offered may change. Please visit our “Other Clean Car Grants and Rebates” page for up-to-date information:</p> <p>https://www.baaqmd.gov/en/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all/resources/other-clean-car-grants-and-rebates</p>
13	Is there financial help to pay off the new vehicle?	<p>The CCFA program currently does not currently offer financial assistance to finance the remaining balance of an eligible vehicle purchase. Participants are encouraged to compare loan costs and APR (annual percentage rates) from multiple banks, credit unions, and authorized dealerships to find the most affordable option. Please note that APRs 16% and above are not allowed under the program.</p>
14	Do you need to be a legal resident or citizen for this program?	<p>No. Participants are not required to hold legal residency or U.S. citizenship to participate in the CCFA program.</p>
15	Will there be any barriers to trading in a car that is co-owned (two names on the car title, including my own)? Will there be any barriers to trading in a car that is co-owned (two names on the car title, including my own)?	<p>If there are two people on title and it’s listed as “/” and not listed as “Or,” both individuals must be present for the Post-Inspection (release of ownership to dismantler), unless the Participant has power of attorney for the other person.</p>
16	How can I estimate the amount of my voucher in the range of 9,500 to 12,000?	<p>Participants who choose a Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) may receive up to \$9,500. Participants who choose a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) or Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) may receive up to \$2,000. Participants who reside in a disadvantaged community (DAC) census tract will receive an additional \$2,000 in grant funding. To confirm if you reside in a DAC census tract, view our Disadvantaged Community Census Tract Guide.</p>
17	Will there be any barriers to trading in a car that is co-owned (two names on the car title, including my own)?	<p>If there are two people on title and it’s listed as “/” and it’s not listed as “Or,” both people need to be present for the Post-Inspection (release of ownership to dismantler) unless the Participant has power of attorney for the other person.</p>
19	For the Mobility Option, are there bike shops that are offering to participate with the program like preferred vendors?	<p>The Mobility Option currently does not currently maintain a list of participating bike shops. Participants may purchase new or used e-bikes from any bike shop or similar sports recreation store. Private party purchases are not permitted.</p> <p>Participants must request approval from our office before purchasing an e-bike by mailing an in-store estimate or a list of website URLs for the requested items. Reviews may take up to 10 business days. A list of eligible bike accessories can be</p>



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		found on pages 4-5 of the Mobility Options Manual .
20	How much funding did this current program cycle start off with? Compared to the current \$8.5 million	The current application cycle, which began on August 19 th , 2025, started with \$10,000,000.
21	Does the dismantling car must have the same owner name as the EV Car?	Yes. Participants must be the legal owner of the vehicle being retired and must provide a California Certificate of Title in their name of that vehicle. Participants are also required to purchase an eligible vehicle and hold title and registration in their name. Participants may be listed as either the main buyer or co-buyer on an eligible vehicle purchase.
22	Do you qualify if don't do taxes and receive government assistance?	Participants who receive government assistance are not disqualified from receiving a CCFA grant and are encouraged to apply. Participants who do not typically file taxes may instead submit a Household Income Affidavit to report household income as part of the CCFA application. Please visit the "Apply" for more information: https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all/apply
23	Do you have a program for the 2008 models in the near future?	Currently there are no plans to expand eligibility to include 2008 model-year models.
24	What if I buy a car while I wait for approval will I still qualify?	Participants who purchase a vehicle before being approved and issued an Award Letter are not eligible to have the CCFA grant applied retroactively. Eligible vehicles must be purchased after approval and issuance of Award Letter, with no exceptions.
25	How long are applications eligible to get their cars accepted for the program? 120 days lapse in registration for example. Can the car be registered then after 120 days be accepted?	A vehicle being retired through the program may have a lapse in registration over 120 days (within the past two DMV registration cycles) and still be eligible if Proof of Operability is provided. To learn about Proof of Operability requirements, please visit our "Apply" page: https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all/apply
26	If my address changes before the grant award can it be updated?	Yes. If your address changes after applying, but before receiving an Award Letter, please notify our office by email: cleancarsforall@baaqmd.gov . A change of address may affect your eligibility. Awarded Participants are also required to notify our office if they have a change of address during their 30-month project term.
27	At the time of purchase, if I'm approved but still need a co-signer, can the co-signer be listed as the primary and me	A Participant can be listed as the main buyer or the co-buyer on the sales contract. Typically, if the co-signer has a better credit score, a dealership may assign the co-signer as the main buyer to secure a better APR.



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28	Service requirements for vehicles must be at least 2 years old?	<p>If a Participant is required to meet Proof of Operability requirements, service records must be no older than 24 months from the date a CCFA application is submitted. For more information about Proof of Operability requirements, please visit our "Apply page:</p> <p>https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all/apply</p>