

2021 CLEAN AIR GRANTS SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Si requiere asistencia para someter una solicitud en español, comuníquese con el Distrito al Grants@sbcapcd.org

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) offers grant funds to benefit public health by cost-effectively replacing old, high polluting equipment with newer, cleaner equipment earlier than required by regulation or through normal attrition. For more information on the District's program, see www.OurAir.org/funding.

The grant funds come from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Carl Moyer Program and Community Air Protection Program.

Our 2021 Clean Air Grants program follows the California Air Resources Board's 2017 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/guidelines/current.htm. All funded projects must meet and comply with the requirements found within these guidelines, including cost-effectiveness thresholds.

FUND AVAILABILITY

- Applications will be accepted during the following time period:
 - Open - Monday, August 02, 2021
 - Close - Friday, September 03, 2021
- Once the application period closes, no more applications will be accepted;
- The 2021 Clean Air Grants Program will commit at least \$1,600,000 in CARB funds for all grant projects combined;
- Successful projects will be eligible to receive a grant within a range from \$10,000 to \$250,000, and not to exceed 80% of the total eligible project costs;
- Emission reductions from the project must be surplus to any rule or regulation;
- Priority will be given to zero-emission or near-zero emission technology projects, and projects located in low-income communities as defined by AB 1550:
www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/communityinvestments.htm
- The District has discretion on how grants funds are distributed.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Public, private, and nonprofit entities are eligible to apply and may submit a maximum of one (1) application per program category;
- Applications are limited to one (1) school bus grant project per public school district and determinations are at the final discretion of the District;
- Only applications deemed complete will be eligible for grant funds. Submittal of an application does not guarantee approval of grant funds;
- The District will review all completed applications as they arrive and schedule pre-inspections to confirm accuracy of the application information;
- Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant. Additional information can be submitted prior to September 03, 2021 to help complete the application;
- The District issues grant funds on a reimbursement basis. Distribution of funds does not occur until the applicant has paid for or financed the entire cost of the project;



- Applicants shall provide documentation, such as Articles of Incorporation, that demonstrate that the person with Grant signing authority (Section B of the application) has the ability to bind the company/organization into a grant agreement with the District;
- Once all projects are reviewed and inspected, the District will rank projects using a variety of criteria, including but not limited to location, equipment technology, emission reductions, and cost-effectiveness;
- Once grant funds are depleted, any applicants with pending complete applications will be notified that grant funding is no longer available;
- Submit the attached application and required documents to:

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

Attn: Desmond Ho

260 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

or

301 E. Cook, Suite L, Santa Maria, CA 93455

or

e-mail documents to: Grants@sbcapcd.org

- Within 24 hours, you'll receive a confirmation from the District that we've received your application. If you don't receive a response within 72 hours confirming that the District has received your submittal, please assume the application was not received and contact:
 - Desmond Ho at (805) 961-8873 or by e-mail at Grants@sbcapcd.org

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for funds, On-Road Heavy Duty Vehicle Projects must meet Air District guidelines as well as the criteria located in CARB's 2017 Carl Moyer Guidelines, Chapter 4: On-Road Equipment:

www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/guidelines/2017gl/2017_gl_chapter_4.pdf

Eligible project types and criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- School Bus Low-NOx (a CARB certified engine meeting emission levels of 0.10 g/bhp or less) or Hybrid Replacements;
- School Bus Zero-Emission Replacements;
- School Bus Repowers;
- School Bus Electric Conversions;
- School Bus Fleet Expansion with Zero-Emission School Bus;
- Infrastructure Projects in support of on-road applications are eligible for funding. This includes infrastructure such as electric vehicle battery charging stations and alternative fueling stations. For more information on the District's Infrastructure Program as well as a link to the application, see www.ourair.org/ev-charging-program;
- Additional projects may be considered on a case-by-case basis, such as on-board natural gas fuel tank replacements in existing school buses or the enhancement of deteriorating natural gas fueling dispensers.



EXISTING EQUIPMENT:

- Bus must be owned by a public school district;
- All bus model years are eligible for replacement, repower, and expansion project funding, with some exceptions;
- School bus must be compliant with the Statewide Truck and Bus Regulation and have an OEM diesel particulate filter (DPF) installed or be retrofitted with a DPF that reduces diesel PM emissions by at least 85 percent;
- The owner's entire school bus fleet must be compliant with all of CARB's on-road regulations and pass a compliance check by CARB. The owner's fleet must be registered in CARB's Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS). For information on CARB's on-road regulations please visit: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/truckstop/truckstop.htm;
- School bus must have been registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles within Santa Barbara County for the past 24 months;
- Existing school bus must have a current CHP safety certification (CHP Form 292) at the time funding is awarded for the project;
- School bus proposed for replacement must be operational at the time of application and operation must be demonstrated during District pre-inspection;
- At least 51 percent total annual usage of existing bus must occur in California. Only usage in California can be used for on-road emission calculations;
- The existing school bus must currently operate on diesel fuel or alternative fuel such as compressed natural gas.

REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

- Replacement engine must be a zero-emission school bus or low NOx bus (with a CARB certified engine meeting emission levels of 0.10 g/bhp NOx or less);
- Replacement school bus for all projects must be new. Used school buses are not eligible;
- Emission reductions obtained through projects must not be required by any federal, state, or local regulation, memorandum of agreement/understanding with a regulatory agency, settlement agreement, mitigation requirement, or other legal mandate;
- Project must meet a cost-effectiveness calculated in accordance with the cost-effectiveness methodology discussed in the 2017 Carl Moyer Program Guidelines;
- No emission reductions generated shall be used as marketable emission reduction credits, or to offset any emission reduction obligation of any person or entity;
- No funded project shall be used for credit under any federal or state emission averaging banking and trading program;
- Engine in new school bus purchase must be certified by CARB for sale in California and must comply with durability and warranty requirements;
- Replacement school bus must be in the same weight class as the existing vehicle (either LHD, MHD or HHD), with some exceptions;
- School bus must be powered by an engine certified to the applicable heavy-duty intended service class as shown on the engine certification Executive Order, with some exceptions.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed Application (Sections A-J, where applicable)

2. Proof of Existing Vehicle Ownership, Operation, and Registration

- Copy of the existing vehicle title
- Copy of the vehicle's Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) registrations covering the past 24 months showing that the vehicle has been registered and is currently registered within Santa Barbara County
- Proof of insurance for previous 24 months
- CHP Safety Certification (School Buses)

3. Proof of Existing Vehicle Usage

- Baseline vehicle mileage records covering the previous 24 months showing miles traveled in total and in California (attach copy of vehicle mileage logbook, preventative maintenance records, or other documentation showing odometer readings with dates)

4. Proof of Compliance

- Sign and date the CARB Compliance Statement (page 10) and submit with application
- Copy of the TRUCRS Fleet List located on the Vehicle Information tab showing the compliance option each vehicle in the fleet is using
- Copy of the TRUCRS General Fleet and Compliance Information Summary showing compliance located on the Compliance Status tab

5. Replacement Vehicle Documents

- CARB engine certification (CARB Executive Order)
- Current itemized dealer price quote

6. AB 1550 Low-income Community Supplemental Documentation (if applicable)

- Copy of bus routes or other documentation indicating that at least one school bus stop is located in a low-income community. The AB 1550 map can be viewed at www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/communityinvestments.htm
- Percentage of students receiving Free or Reduced-Price Meals (FRPM)



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FUNDS DISCLOSURE

Has this project already received funds, or have the potential to receive funds, from a source other than Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District? **YES*** **NO**

**If yes, please provide details in an attachment to this application.*

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Company/Organization name:		
2. Contact Name and Title:		
3. Street Address:		
4. City:	5. State:	6. Zip code:
7. Primary contact number:		
8. Email:		
9. Company website (if available):		
10. Bus Address (if different than business):		

B. GRANT SIGNING AUTHORITY

1. Name:	2. Title:
3. Attach Articles of Incorporation (or other company documentation) that verifies the person's title and authority to sign the grant agreement	

C. Existing Vehicle Information

B. Project Type: <input type="checkbox"/> School Bus <input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Natural Gas Fuel Tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
1. Is this a public fleet vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Does this vehicle operate in an AB 1550 Low-income Community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):	
4. Make:	5. Model:
6. Year:	
7. GVWR:	8. License Plate Number:



9. Registered Owner:
10. Department of Transportation Number (if applicable):
11. California Highway Patrol CA Number (if applicable):
12. Fleet Size: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> >10 vehicles

D. Existing Main Engine Information

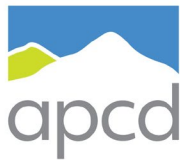
1. Make:	2. Model:
3. Year:	4. Fuel Type:
5. Engine Horsepower:	6. Serial #:
7. EPA Family #:	

E. Existing Auxiliary Engine Information (if applicable)

1. Make:	2. Model:
3. Year:	4. Fuel Type:
5. Engine Horsepower:	6. Serial #:
7. EPA Family #:	

F. Activity Information (records for past 24 months are required)

1. Total annual miles traveled (attach a copy of the records): Mileage from the past 0-12 Months: _____ Mileage from the past 13-24 Months: _____
2. Percent equipment operated in California in recent 24 month period: _____%
3. Percent equipment operated in Santa Barbara County in recent 24 month period: _____%



G. Replacement Vehicle Information

1. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):		
2. Make:	3. Model:	4. Year:
5. GVWR:		6. License Plate Number:
7. Department of Transportation Number (if interstate):		
8. California Highway Patrol CA Number:		
9. Purchase Date:		10. Is Vehicle Used: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11. New Vehicle Cost:		
12. Name of Replacement Vehicle Vendor:		
13. Address of Replacement Vehicle Vendor:		
14. Phone and e-mail of Replacement Vehicle Vendor:		

H. New Reduced Emission Engine Information

1. Make:	2. Model:
3. Year:	4. Fuel Type:
5. Engine Horsepower:	6. Serial # (if available):
7. EPA Family #:	

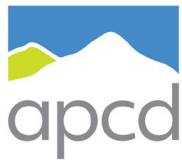
I. New Auxiliary Engine Information (if applicable)

1. Make:	2. Model:
3. Year:	4. Fuel Type:
5. Engine Horsepower:	6. Serial # (if available):
7. EPA Family #:	



J. APPLICATION STATEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I have legal authority to apply for grant funds for the entity described in this application;
2. The proposed project is not required to be implemented by any local, state, and/or federal rule, regulation, or other legally binding requirement;
3. No replacement equipment has been purchased and no work on this project has begun or will begin until the Grant Agreement is fully executed by the District Board of Directors or by the Air Pollution Control Officer;
4. I understand the grant will reimburse a portion of the total costs and I must retain copies of receipts and cancelled checks to prove that I paid for the total project cost before receiving reimbursement;
5. I understand there are conditions placed on receiving a grant and agree to refund the grant (or a pro-rated portion) if it is found that I do not meet those conditions at any time;
6. I understand I must complete the equipment purchase specified in the application no later than the period of performance stated in the Grant Agreement. This deadline may be extended for cause if requested by the applicant and approved in writing by the District;
7. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that all technologies are either verified or certified by CARB to reduce NO_x, and/or PM pollutants;
8. I have attached hour meter reading documentation that validates the historic operation of the baseline equipment for at least the previous 24 months;
9. I understand any existing vehicle/equipment/engine that has been replaced must be permanently destroyed and rendered inoperable. This work shall be documented by the District;
10. I understand that the existing engine may not be removed from the equipment until the manufacturer's permanently marked serial number is documented by District inspection or a District tamper-proof tag is affixed to the engine that ensures the engine's identity can be verified after removal;
11. I understand that both the existing vehicle/equipment/engine operates and the new vehicle/equipment/engine/motor will operate 100% of the time within Santa Barbara County;
12. I understand that I must submit usage reports annually to the District for the life of the project;
13. I understand I will be prohibited from applying for any form of emission reduction credits for this funded vehicle/equipment/engines including: Emission Reduction Credit, Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credit, and/or Certificate of Advanced Placement, for all time, from the District, CARB, and/or any other district;
14. I certify that I have disclosed if the proposed project has been funded or being considered for any funds by another air district or any other public or private agency;
15. I understand that disclosure is required of the value of any current financial incentive that directly reduces the project price, including tax credits or deductions, grants, or other public financial assistance;
16. I understand that a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit may be required to be installed on vessels and vehicles/equipment if the District ascertains during the application process that the grant equipment has the potential of operating outside of the boundaries of Santa Barbara County for a significant portion of the project life. I will submit data as requested and otherwise cooperate with all data monitoring and reporting requirements;
17. I understand that a tamper-proof non-resettable digital hour meter/odometer must be installed and functional on all vehicles/equipment/engine;
18. I understand that the District has the right to conduct audit inspections to ensure the project equipment is fully operational and at the activity level committed to in the grant agreement;
19. I certify that the requested funds do not include administrative costs. Administrative costs are defined as costs related to application preparation and submittal, project administration, monitoring, oversight, data gathering, and report preparation. I will provide all funds necessary to cover administrative costs and any required matching funds required for this project;



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20. I understand that an IRS Form 1099 will be issued to me for the incentive funds received. I understand that it is my responsibility to determine the tax liability associated with participating in the 2021 Clean Air Grants Program;
21. I have signed and submitted to the District a CARB Regulatory Compliance Statement to certify compliance with all federal, state, and local air quality rules and regulations at the time of application submittal;
22. Agreement to Conduct the Transaction Electronically. Counterparts may be executed and delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including pdf, digital signature, or any electronic signature complying with the U.S federal ESIGN Act of 2000, California's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civ. Code 1633.1, et seq.) or other applicable law) or other transmission method, and any counterparts so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validity delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.



I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all information provided in this application and any attachments are authentic and accurate:

Name of responsible party:	Title:
Signature of responsible party: _____	Date:

Third Party Certification

I have completed the application, in whole or in part, on behalf of the applicant:

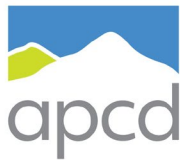
Name of third party:	Title:
Signature of third party: _____	Date:
Amount paid to third party:	Source of funds to third party:

GRANT PROGRAM OUTREACH

How did you hear about the 2021 Clean Air Grants Program? (check all that apply)

- District Website
- District E-mail
- Radio
- Equipment Dealer
- I'm a Returning Applicant
- Word of Mouth
- Other _____

Please let us know your thoughts on the program, and if you think it can be improved.



REGULATORY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

As an applicant for California Air Resources Board grant funding, I declare:

I am in compliance with, and will remain in compliance with, and do not have any outstanding/unresolved/unpaid Notices of Violations (NOV) or citations for any federal, state, or local air quality regulation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Crop Handling Equipment Reg
- Drayage Truck Regulation (including dray-off trucks)
- Marine Shore Power Reg
- Portable Diesel Airborne Toxic Control Measure
- Sleeper Berth Truck Idling Reg
- Statewide Engine Airborne Toxic Control Measure
- Statewide Truck and Bus Reg
- Commercial Harbor Craft Reg
- In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Reg
- Off-Road Large-Spark Ignition Fleet Reg
- Public Agency and Utility Rule
- Solid Waste Collection Vehicle Reg
- Transit Fleet Rule

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided is accurate:

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Authorized Representative's Name:		
2. Authorized Representative's Title:		
3. Legal Owner Name:		
4. Company Name:		
5. Street Address:		
6. City:	7. State:	8. Zip Code:
9. Phone:	10. E-mail:	