



2026 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) [grant funds](https://www.ourair.org/grants/) (<https://www.ourair.org/grants/>) benefit public health by cost-effectively replacing old, high polluting equipment with newer, cleaner equipment earlier than required by regulation or through normal attrition and supporting the expansion of alternative charging and fueling infrastructure.

The grant funds come from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Carl Moyer Program, Community Air Protection Program, Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program, Climate Heat Impact Response Program (CHIRP), DMV surcharge revenue, and the District's Clean Air Fund.

Our 2026 Clean Air Grants program follows the most recent CARB's [Carl Moyer Program Guidelines](#) and [Community Air Protection Incentive Program Guidelines](#). All funded projects must meet and comply with the requirements found within these guidelines. School bus fleet expansion projects are not required to meet a cost-effectiveness threshold.

FUND AVAILABILITY

- Applications will be accepted during the following time period:
 - **Open - Monday, July 27, 2026**
 - **Close - Friday, September 4, 2026**
- Applications submitted before July 27, 2026, or after September 4, 2026, will not be accepted;
- Successful projects will be eligible to receive a grant within a range from \$10,000 to \$250,000.
 - *Actual grant amounts vary based on several factors, including but not limited to eligible project costs and fund availability.*
- School bus projects will be competitively ranked, and priority will be given to projects located within [disadvantaged communities](#);
- The District has discretion on how grants funds are prioritized and distributed.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 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;
- Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant;
- Submittal of an application does not guarantee approval of grant funds;
- The District issues grant funds on a reimbursement basis. Reimbursement of funds does not occur until the applicant has paid for or financed the entire cost of the project;
- Applicants will 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 completed project applications are reviewed, the District will rank each project using a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, location;
- Once grant funds are depleted, any applicants with pending completed applications will be notified that grant funding is no longer available;
- To apply for grant funds, submit the attached application and required documents to:



Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

Attn: Sydney Rouse

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

or

1011 West McCoy Lane, Santa Maria, CA 93455

or

e-mail documents to: Grants@sbcapcd.org

- Within 24 hours, you'll receive 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:
 - Sydney Rouse at (805) 979-8327 or by e-mail at Grants@sbcapcd.org.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for funds, school bus projects must meet District guidelines, along with criteria located in CARB's most recent [Carl Moyer Guidelines, Chapter 4: On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicles](#) and CARB's [2008-2020 Lower Emission School Bus Guidelines](#).

Funded projects must not be used to meet any local, state, or federal rule, regulation, or requirement during the contract period, and must be in surplus of any applicable rules or regulations.

The eligible project type is limited to a school bus fleet expansion with a zero-emission school bus.

- The zero-emission school bus must be new (used school buses are not eligible);
 - The zero-emission propulsion system (battery electric or fuel cell) must have a minimum range of 35 miles.
- The engine in the new school bus must be CARB certified for sale in California and must comply with durability and warranty requirements;
- At least 51 percent of the total annual usage must occur in Santa Barbara County.
- The school district must operate the zero-emission school bus for the entire project life (e.g., 5 years).

Funds for charging and fueling infrastructure must be applied for separately and can be found at the District's Clean Air Grants for [Infrastructure Program webpage](#).



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

1. ☐ **Completed Application (Sections A-E, where applicable)**
2. ☐ **New Zero-Emission School Bus Documents**
 - CARB Engine or Vehicle Certification (i.e. CARB Executive Order)
 - Current itemized dealer price quote (new bus not yet purchased)
3. ☐ **AB 1550 Disadvantaged Community Supplemental Documentation (if applicable)**
 - Copy of bus routes or other documentation indicating that at least one school bus stop is in a disadvantaged community.
 - Percentage of students receiving Free or Reduced-Price Meals



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ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE ACCEPTED

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 of all co-funding sources (secured and unsecured) for this project in an attachment to this application.**

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. School district 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. NEW SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION (NOT YET PURCHASED)

1. Make:	2. Model:
3. Model Year:	4. GVWR:
5. School bus type: ☐ Type C ☐ Type D ☐ Special Ed ☐ Other:	
6. Estimated annual mileage for the new bus:	



7. Department of Transportation Number (if interstate):
8. California Highway Patrol CA Number:
9. Is Vehicle Used: ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. New Vehicle Cost:
11. Name of Vehicle Vendor:
12. Address of Vehicle Vendor:
13. Phone and E-mail of Vehicle Vendor:

D. NEW ZERO-EMISSION PROPULSION SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Make:	2. Model:
3. Model Year:	4. Fuel Type:
5. Horsepower:	6. EPA Family #:
7. CARB Executive Order:	8. Type of Battery Pack(s):
9. Size of Battery Pack(s):	10. Electric range (miles):

E. APPLICATION STATEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Projects approved for funding are required to use the District's [Standard Grant Agreement template](#).
2. I have legal authority to apply for grant funds for the entity described in this application;
3. The proposed project is not required to be implemented by any local, state, and/or federal rule, regulation, or other legally binding requirement;
4. No vehicle 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;
5. 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;
6. 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;
7. 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;
8. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that all technologies are either verified or certified by CARB to reduce NOx, and/or PM pollutants;
9. I understand that at least 51 percent of the total annual usage must occur within Santa Barbara County;
10. I understand that I must submit usage reports annually to the District for the life of the project;



11. 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 (ERC), Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credit (MSERC), and/or Certificate of Advanced Placement (CAP), for all time, from the District, CARB, and/or any other district.
12. I understand that I am eligible to claim credits generated under the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Program;
13. 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;
14. 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;
15. 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 requested data and cooperate with all data monitoring and reporting requirements;
16. I understand that a tamper-proof non-resettable digital hour meter/odometer must be installed and functional on all vehicles/equipment/engine;
17. 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;
18. 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;
19. 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 2022 Grants Program;
20. 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;
21. 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.



Third Party Certification

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

GRANT PROGRAM OUTREACH

How did you hear about the 2026 Clean Air Grants Program? (check all that apply)

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

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

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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
- Innovative Clean Transit Rule
- Advanced Clean Fleets 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: