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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Local Government Climate Newsletter

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If you are a local government working on a climate-related plan or project, we'd love to chat about how we can help support you. Contact us at climate@baaqmd.gov.

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AIR DISTRICT UPDATES

Air District Publishes First-of-Its-Kind Environmental Justice Guidance



2 BEST PRACTICES FOR CENTERING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, HEALTH, AND EQUITY

The Air District has published an environmental justice chapter, “[Best Practices for Centering Environmental Justice, Health, and Equity](#),” in the agency’s recently updated [California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, Air Quality Guidelines](#). This guidance is the first of its kind to be published in California and recognizes the policy imperative to help address long-standing and emerging inequities in the siting, design, and development of potential sources of pollution. Apart from mitigating the impacts of pollution, this guidance will promote meaningful participation of community members in all phases of the environmental and land use decision-making process.

Bay Area Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council



The Electric Vehicle (EV) Coordinating Council has members representing charging infrastructure and technology companies; auto manufacturers; city/county staff and transit authorities; federal and state government agencies; utilities and Community Choice Aggregators; interest groups; and regional entities. It serves as a venue for members to discuss EV-related emerging trends and to share information and best practices from their experiences implementing projects that support accelerated EV adoption within their communities. The Air District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission recently selected Acterra, in partnership with Cool the Earth, as the new facilitators for the EV Coordinating Council.

The next EV Council meeting is planned for this summer. [Sign up here](#) to be notified about upcoming Council meetings and other EV Council resources.

AIR DISTRICT FUNDING

Charging Infrastructure Funding for Electric Heavy-Duty Vehicles



This summer, the Air District will open a competitive solicitation for electric charging infrastructure to support heavy-duty electric vehicles and equipment including heavy-duty trucks, transit and school buses, agricultural equipment, marine vessels, locomotives, and more. Approximately \$30 million will be available to help spur the deployment of electric heavy-duty vehicles and equipment in the Bay Area. For more information and to get onto a mailing list to stay informed of updates, visit: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/apply-for-funding>.

FEDERAL FUNDING

Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD)'s [Green and Resilient Retrofit Program](#) (GRRP) provides owners of HUD-assisted multifamily housing with capital resources to reduce carbon emissions, make utility efficiency improvements, incorporate renewable energy sources, and make properties more resilient against the effects of climate change. Three paths of funding are available to meet the needs of properties at all stages of redevelopment. USHUD is hosting weekly registration-free [office hours](#) through **July 19**.
 - US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)'s [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program](#) (EJ TCGM) has been extended until **June 30, 2023**. This program provides approximately \$550 million to community-based organizations or partnerships to become Grantmakers, who will then design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, and provide resources and support to communities.
 - USEPA's [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund](#) (GGRF) is expected to open soon, accepting applications through late summer 2023. It will consist of a \$20 billion grant competition for nonprofits and a \$7 billion grant competition for States, municipalities, Tribal governments, and nonprofit financial lenders to enable the deployment of residential rooftop solar, community solar and associated storage, and upgrades in low-income and disadvantaged communities.
 - US Department of Energy (USDOE)'s [Heat Pump Defense Production Act Program](#) provides \$250 million to expand domestic electric heat pump manufacturing. Eligible entities include educational institutions, general public, local governments, Tribal entities, non-profits, private sector, and States. The application is open now and closes **August 1, 2023**.
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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Opportunities

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

- US Department of Transportation (DOT)'s [Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities](#) grant program is providing up to \$160 million to reduce truck idling and emissions at ports, including through the advancement of port electrification. Apply by **July 26**.
- USDOE's [Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas](#) provides \$1 billion to fund community-driven energy projects that deliver measurable benefits to energy customers in rural or remote areas. Full applications are due **August 2, 2023**.
- USEPA's [FY23 Clean School Bus Grant Competition](#) provides \$400 million to replace diesel buses with electric and cleaner alternatives. Closing **August 22, 2023**.

OTHER FUNDING

Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP)

HYBRID AND ZERO-EMISSION TRUCK AND BUS VOUCHER
INCENTIVE PROJECT

Incentives for Clean Trucks and Buses



Point-of-sale discounts to power California
communities
and drive commercial technology transformation

School Buses



\$70K

INCENTIVE RANGE

\$198K

[Vehicle Catalog](#)

The California Air Resources Board is providing point-of-sale vouchers for hybrid and zero-emission trucks and buses. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with \$197 million available. See <https://californiahvip.org> for more details.

Clean Transit, School, and Shuttle Bus Funding

California
VW Mitigation
Trust

Interested in funding for clean buses?

The VW Mitigation Trust is offering \$130 million, administered by the San Joaquin Valley Air District, to replace older, high-polluting transit, school, and

shuttle buses with new battery-electric or fuel-cell buses to improve public health of riders and residents. Entities in California that operate primarily within the state are eligible. Applications are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Up to \$400,000 per vehicle is available. [Apply here](#).



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