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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 Secures Victory & Record-Breaking Violation Penalties Against Chevron Refinery



On Feb. 13, the Air District announced it reached two separate agreements with Chevron and Martinez Refining Company resulting in an end to the litigation against the agency over its groundbreaking Regulation 6, Rule 5, the most health protective rule of its kind in the nation. The agreement includes major emissions reductions from both refineries, unprecedented penalties and other payments of up to \$138 million, and a Richmond-area Community Air Quality Fund, among other benefits. The Air District estimates that the emission reductions achieved by the rule will result in tens of millions of dollars per year in health benefits by reducing early deaths and other health impacts of exposure to particulate matter.

Final Bay Area Priority Climate Action Plan Available

Bay Area Regional Climate Action Planning Initiative

Priority Climate Action Plan for the Northern and Central Bay Area Metropolitan Region

The Air District submitted the final [Priority Climate Action Plan \(PCAP\)](#) for the San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley MSA under the [USEPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant \(CPRG\) Program](#) to the USEPA on February 29th. It is available on the Air District [website](#). The PCAP includes a short list of near-term, high priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and benefit [frontline communities in the region](#). The PCAP covers Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Marin County, Napa County, City and County of San Francisco, San Mateo County, and the portions of Solano County and Sonoma County within the Air District's jurisdiction. Additional information on the regional planning effort can be found on [this page](#). The California Air Resources Board developed a statewide PCAP, which can be found [here](#). The Air District will kick off development of a regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan later this spring.

Meet the Climate Team's Newest Member, Richard Chien



The Air District's Planning and Climate Protection Division is happy to announce that Richard Chien has recently joined as an Advanced Projects Advisor on the Climate Team. Richard comes to the Air District with twenty years of experience as the San Francisco Environment Department's former lead staff on climate action planning and green buildings. In his new role, Richard will be supporting advancement of the Zero-NOx Appliance Rules through the Implementation Working Group, and will lead key components of the Bay Area Regional Climate Planning Initiative's regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. He lives with his family in Oakland.

AIR DISTRICT FUNDING

Expanded Clean Cars for All Program



The Air District's [Clean Cars for All program](#) (CCFA) just relaunched! The program has expanded to include the entire Bay Area within the Air District's jurisdiction and now has more than \$28 million in California Air Resources Board funding available for this program relaunch. CCFA now offers up to \$12,000 for income-qualified residents to retire older, more polluting vehicles (vehicle model years 2007 and older) and replace them with a new or used hybrid, plug-in hybrid, electric or fuel cell vehicle, or get a prepaid transit card or e-bike and bike accessories. Additionally, up to \$2,000 is available for home charging equipment when purchasing a plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle. More information on the program can be found at baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall.

FEDERAL FUNDING

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Opportunities

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

- The Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) \$9.9 billion in federal formula funding for public transit, one of the biggest U.S. investments in public transportation ever. Funding will be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration to tribal nations, cities, and state departments of transportation.
- The Department of Energy (DOE) [announced](#) \$90 million in funding for the Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation initiative, which will support state and local building code adoption to improve building efficiency and resilience. The concept paper submission deadline is **April 5**. The full application submission deadline is **June 6**.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) more than \$1 billion in funding for cleanup efforts at over 100 Superfund sites of hazardous waste around the country.

Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

- EPA's [Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program](#) is now accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in funding to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. Eligible applicants include a partnership between at least two community-based organizations (CBOs) or a partnership between a CBO and one or any

combination of the following: a Federally-recognized Tribe; a local government; or an institution of higher education.

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'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. The next wave of application deadlines for Leading Edge, Comprehensive, and Elements cohorts are **April 30, 2024, May 30, and March 28**, respectively.
- The EPA [announced](#) \$3 billion in funding for the new [Clean Ports Program](#), dedicated to helping ports reduce emissions to zero.

USDA's Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Grant Program



The US Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s FY2024 [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production](#) (UAIP) grant program funds planning and implementation projects, with priority for areas facing food and nutrition insecurity. Grants range from \$75,000 to \$350,000. Eligible entities include non-profits, local government, tribal organizations, and schools K-12. Applications are due **April 9, 2024**. Additional information can be found [here](#).

FHWA's Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program



The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has [opened applications](#) for up to \$44.5 million in funding for projects that will strengthen safety and improve bicycling, walking and access to public transit in communities across the country. FHWA's new Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP), made possible by the President's Investing in America Agenda, is a competitive grant program that will focus on building networks of connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements, including to better connect trail networks between communities. Applications close **June 17, 2024**.

OTHER FUNDING

PCE New Member Agency Energy Grants & Local Government Electrification Program



PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY

Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE)'s Board of Directors has authorized two new local government grant and loan opportunities: the recently approved [Member Agency Energy Grants](#), and a new **Local Government Electrification Program**, which offers both grants and loans to participating member agencies of PCE and will be available annually each Spring. Applications for the Member Agency Energy Grants are being approved on a rolling basis. Applications for the Local Government Electrification Program opened in March 2024, and will remain open for 6 weeks. Projects will be selected and funding will be reserved within 30 days of the application period closing. Reach out to Marc Hershman, PCE's Director of Government Affairs or Blake Herrschaft, PCE's Building Electrification Programs Manager, with any questions.

California Energy Commission Opportunities



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- **Grid Supportive Transportation Electrification:** The California Energy Commission (CEC)'s Electric Program Investment Charge Program has a solicitation open to fund technology demonstration and deployment projects that support the approved Electric Program Investment Charge 2021–2025 (EPIC 4) Investment Plan's strategic objective to increase the

value proposition of distributed energy resources to customers and the grid. Submissions are due **March 29**. Learn more [here](#).

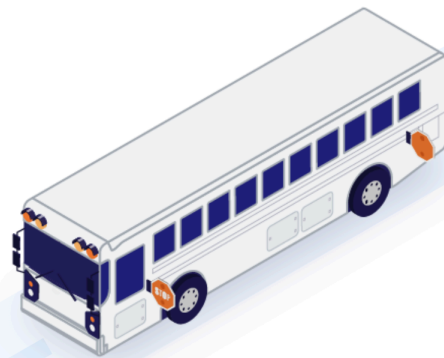
- **Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets:** The CEC's Clean Transportation Program announced the availability of up to \$30 million in grant funds for projects that will provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure for light-duty government fleets. The submission deadline is **April 5**. Learn more [here](#).

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



[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. Funding remains open for all vehicle types. See <https://californiahvip.org> for more details.

Clean Transit and Shuttle Bus Funding



Interested in funding for clean buses?

The VW Mitigation Trust is offering \$130 million (up to \$400,000 per vehicle), 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. Funding for school buses is closed but remains open for shuttle and transit buses. Entities in California that operate primarily within the state are eligible. Applications are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; [apply here](#).



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