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Air District offers \$5 million for public electric vehicle charging stations

SAN FRANCISCO – The Air District is pleased to announce the opening of the 2017 grant funding cycle of the *Charge!* Program, which will fund further development and construction of a Bay Area-wide electric vehicle charging network available to the public.

Eligible applicants include businesses, non-profits and public agencies. The proposed stations must be available and accessible to the general public. Some examples may include – but are not limited to – libraries, parks, shopping centers, transit facilities, transportation corridors, multi-unit buildings and workplaces.

"Fast and convenient charging is key to convincing more people to opt for electric vehicles," said Air District executive officer Jack Broadbent. "The Air District is focused on fostering the development of a broad, publicly available electric vehicle charging network for Bay Area residents to ensure cleaner air now and in the future."

The *Charge!* Program helps offset a portion of the cost of purchasing, installing and operating new public charging stations, and is funded through the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air.

Mandatory pre-application webinar

All applicants are required to attend at least one online webinar before making their submission. The webinar will cover program requirements, the application process, evaluation criteria and other administrative obligations. Applicants may register for a webinar by going to www.baaqmd.gov. Webinar dates include:

- Wednesday, March 15, 2017 2 – 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11 a.m. – noon

The deadline for receiving applications is 4 p.m., May 22, 2017. Funding will be awarded for qualifying projects on a first-come, first-served basis. Higher funding amounts are available for projects that are coupled with solar power generation, projects located in transportation corridors and multi-port Level 2 stations.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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