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Air District offers \$90 million in grants to reduce toxic air pollution from heavy-duty diesel engines

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that more than \$90 million in incentive funding is now available through the Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program to upgrade or replace eligible heavy-duty vehicles and equipment with cleaner and zero-emissions technology.

Eligible equipment includes school and transit buses, mobile agricultural and construction equipment, marine vessels and locomotives, transportation refrigeration units, and airport ground support, cargo handling equipment, and heavy-duty forklifts. Applications are now being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through February 26, 2025, unless funding is exhausted sooner.

“Ozone-forming and toxic air emissions from older, heavy-polluting diesel engines affect regional air quality and create disproportionate health impacts in our most vulnerable communities,” said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. “Taking advantage of this grant funding to replace these engines with cleaner technology can protect our neighborhoods and deliver much-needed emissions reductions quickly and cost-effectively.”

At least 80 percent of the funding is reserved for projects operating within the Air District’s most impacted communities. Agricultural projects may operate anywhere within the Air District’s jurisdiction. The Air District’s most impacted communities include:

- West Oakland
- East Oakland
- Richmond-San Pablo
- Bayview-Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco
- [Disadvantaged Communities](#)
- [Low-Income Communities](#)

Additional information about project eligibility and program requirements is available on the Air District’s website. The public may contact the Air District with any questions, including how to start an application, by calling the Grant Information line at 415-749-4994 or via email at grants@baaqmd.gov.

Several upcoming webinars will cover background on the Air District, basic eligibility requirements, funding amounts, and an overview of the application process per equipment application.

- **School Buses:** Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. PST
- **Off-road and Agricultural Equipment:** Thursday, Oct.10, 2024 at 2 p.m. PST
- **Marine Vessels, Locomotives and Port Cargo Handling Equipment:** Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. PST

Registration is required. For more information, or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3N1ijTp>.

The Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program is managed locally by the Air District and funded through partnership with the California Air Resources Board's Carl Moyer Program, Community Air Protection, or CAP, Incentives Program, the Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions Program, or FARMER program, and other local funding sources. The CAP Incentives Program is a part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

For more information about this grant program and the upcoming webinars or to start an application online, visit the Air District's [Apply for Funding \(baaqmd.gov\)](https://www.baaqmd.gov) web page.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [X](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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