

School Bus Fact Sheet: Carl Moyer Program (Year 26)

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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is inviting applications for the School Bus Grant Program, aimed at replacing older school buses with newer zero-emissions school buses. Funding is also available for associated infrastructure projects.

Who can apply?

- Public school districts
- Joint Powers Authorities
- Public Charter Schools
- County Offices of Education
- Private fleets contracted to provide public school transportation

Before applying, contact our staff to discuss your fleet.

Eligible Project Categories

- **Bus Replacements:** Targeted at buses with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 14,001 lbs or heavier with the baseline bus being fueled by diesel or alternative fuels, and the replacement bus being zero-emission (i.e., battery electric, hydrogen). Equipment should be new, commercially available, and have certification or approval from the California Air Resources Board (CARB).
- **Infrastructure:** Funding exclusively for infrastructure is not available currently. If funding for infrastructure is being requested, it must be coupled with bus replacement projects within the application. Eligible projects encompass new infrastructure development, conversion of existing fueling stations, or expansion of charging or hydrogen fueling facilities to accommodate on-road school buses.

Key Requirements

- School buses must operate or be domiciled in a [Disadvantaged \(SB535\)](#), [Low-Income \(AB1550\)](#), or AB617 Community to be considered eligible for funding. AB617 communities are:
 - West Oakland
 - East Oakland
 - Richmond-San Pablo
 - Bayview-Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco
- No work should commence, nor should any equipment be ordered until a grant agreement has been fully executed (signed by both parties).
- Bus replacement projects require destruction of the old/existing bus.
- An example of the documentation required to be submitted with the application is

provided below. A full list of required documents and associated descriptions can be located under the resources section of baaqmd.gov/schoolbuses.

- Title of the existing buses
- Mileage Records
- Current and past 24 months of Insurance for the existing buses
- DMV registration documentation of the existing buses for the 24 months prior to application
- CARB TRUCRS fleet documentation
- Vendor quotes (including ARB Executive Order) for replacement or new buses and infrastructure equipment (if applicable)

For public school districts, a school board Resolution approving the application and proposed project costs.

Funding Amounts for Public School Bus Projects

Project type	Maximum Funding per piece of equipment
Zero-Emission Bus Replacement	Up to 100%
Battery-electric charging or alternative fueling infrastructure	Up to 100%

How to Apply

To apply go to www.baaqmd.gov/schoolbuses

- Applicants submit one application for all vehicles and equipment they are seeking funding for.
- Applicants do not need to apply to a specific funding opportunity, Air District staff will evaluate the application to determine eligibility against all available funding options.

Regulatory Requirements

School bus fleets must be compliant with all applicable California Air Resource Board Truck & Bus Regulations and applicable Air District regulations. Call the CARB hotline at 1-866-6-DIESEL (634-3735) or visit the on-road & school bus fleet information pages at www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop. Air District staff do not have access to fleet records (TRUCRS) and cannot answer specific questions about your fleet.

Contact information

To find out more, visit www.baaqmd.gov/schoolbuses or contact the Air District Incentives Division at grants@baaqmd.gov or 415.749.4994.