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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](mailto:climate@baaqmd.gov).

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## VMT Data Portal Update



To assist Bay Area local governments in developing and updating community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories, the Air District has partnered with MTC to update the Vehicle Miles Traveled Data Portal, CAPVMT Data Portal 2.0. Jurisdictions in the Bay Area will find this site useful for developing and updating their GHG inventories, supporting climate planning activities, tracking progress, and understanding their community's transportation emissions within the broader context of the region. The data from this portal is consistent with the travel outcomes associated with MTC's Plan Bay Area 2050. You can access it at: [capvmt.mtcanalytics.org](https://capvmt.mtcanalytics.org).

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## AIR DISTRICT FUNDING

### Air District's Climate Tech Finance Program Updates

# CLIMATE TECH FINANCE

## Increasing Access to Capital for Cleaner Air

The Air District's Climate Tech Finance Program is expanding its loan services to support emission-reducing small businesses statewide, while the program's most recent project supports statewide expansion of electric vehicle access. Read more about these program updates below.

- **Statewide expansion to accelerate GHG reductions:** The Air District and [California IBank](#) announced the statewide expansion of the [Climate Tech Finance](#) program, a first-of-its-kind finance partnership designed to accelerate the growth of small businesses working to reduce GHG emissions. It has supported \$20.7 million in loans to date, with a focus on Bay Area companies and projects. By expanding the program statewide, entrepreneurs and small businesses across California will have access to the Air District's impact evaluation and IBank's loan guarantee of up to 80 percent of the loan principal or \$5 million, whichever is less. The Air District, IBank, and Financial Development Corporations are eager to support climate entrepreneurs, work with climate-oriented lenders, and scale up much-needed solutions to the climate crisis across California.
- **Support for Innovative EV Leasing Solution:** The Air District has awarded a loan guarantee to [Zevvy](#), formerly Flux EV, an electric vehicle leasing solution with flexible lease agreements designed to save drivers in the Bay Area money on gas and maintenance costs by choosing an EV over a gas-powered vehicle. Zevvy saves customers money through pay-by-the-mile lease products that include a low monthly fee and only a few cents for every mile driven. When the lease term is up, they have the option to return their EV, renew it month-to-month, or buy it outright, applying all mileage fees paid to the purchase price of the car. The most recent project under the Air District's Climate Tech Finance program, the loan guarantee provides a credit enhancement that supports Zevvy's



operational and technical capacities in the near term, thereby allowing the company to expand access to electric vehicles for thousands more drivers across California.

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## Funding to Reduce Air Pollution from Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines



Over \$100 million in funding is available to assist grantees in reducing their emissions through vehicle and equipment replacement. Zero-emissions projects are highly encouraged. Public and private entities that own a variety of equipment types operating within the Air District's boundaries are encouraged to apply in each category, particularly if fueling or charging infrastructure will be included in the application. [Apply for Funding here](#) through the application portal.

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**Air District Offers Funding for Clean Vehicle and EV**

## Charging Infrastructure



The Air District has several funding opportunities right now to help install EV charging infrastructure and replace older polluting light- and heavy-duty vehicles with clean ones. Check out the information below to see if your agency or your residents, non-profits and businesses in your jurisdiction are eligible.

- **Charge!** The Air District's Charge! Program provides grant funding to offset a portion of the cost to purchase and install new chargers for light-duty Electric Vehicles (EV) along transportation corridors, at multi-family housing facilities, destinations, transit parking locations, and workplaces across the Bay Area. A total of \$5 million in grant funding is available to eligible applicants, including public agencies, businesses, homeowner associations, and non-profits. Visit [www.baaqmd.gov/charge](http://www.baaqmd.gov/charge) for more information. Applications are due by 5 PM PT on March 3, 2023.
- **Clean Cars for All:** The Air District's Clean Cars for All program provides up to \$9,500 in grants for income-qualified residents of communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution to replace their older car with a new or used hybrid, plug-in hybrid, battery electric vehicle, or hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles. Additionally, up to \$2,000 in funding is available for home charging equipment and installation for purchasing a plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle. Participants that don't want a replacement vehicle can receive \$7,500 for a mobility option (public transit card or e-bike). Visit [www.baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall](http://www.baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall) for more information.

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## FEDERAL FUNDING

### **April 10 Deadline for First Round of Inflation Reduction Act EJ Grants for Governmental Entities and CBOs**



## **Environmental Justice Grants, Funding and Technical Assistance**

The EPA is accepting applications for two Inflation Reduction Act environmental justice grants until April 10, 2023. The funding is divided between two programs: [the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government \(EJG2G\) Program](#) (\$70 million total) for governmental entities (state, local, territorial and tribal levels) and [the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving \(EJCPS\) Cooperative Agreement Program](#) (\$30 million total) for CBOs or partnerships of CBOs. Click on the program links above to access more information, including program descriptions, application materials and pre-application webinars.

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### **Inflation Reduction Act Climate Pollution Reduction Plan Grants Application Opening Soon**



# Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

The EPA recently shared that it anticipates announcing the Climate Pollution Reduction Plan planning grants as soon as early March 2023. For more information about this funding opportunity, go [here](#).

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## OTHER FUNDING

### **PG&E To Launch a Pre-Owned EV Rebate Program Soon**



### **PRE-OWNED ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM**

When purchasing or leasing a pre-owned electric vehicle (EV), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customers may be eligible for up to \$4,000 in rebates.

[PG&E's Pre-Owned EV Rebate program](#) launched on February 1, 2023, and provides rebates towards the purchase or lease of a pre-owned electric vehicle (EV). Additional rebate information and [program requirements](#) can be found on

the website. Active PG&E residential electric customers are eligible to apply for the rebate. There is a standard option, which offers a \$1,000 rebate towards the purchase or lease of a pre-owned EV. For those that meet income qualifications, there will be a \$4,000 rebate towards the purchase or lease of a pre-owned EV. PG&E's Pre-Owned EV Rebate program is administered by the Center for Sustainable Energy. For questions, please contact [ev@pgerebate.com](mailto:ev@pgerebate.com).

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