

## Community Air Protection Incentive Funds

*Grants for Clean Technology Vehicles, Engines and Equipment  
Reduce Air Pollution in California Communities*

### What are Community Air Protection Funds?

Recent state budgets have included \$495 million for local grants to put advanced technologies to work for cleaner air in California communities. These “incentive” grants help owners of higher-polluting older vehicles and equipment replace them with newer models that have much lower emissions -- or zero emissions. Grant funds may also be used for changes at small industrial facilities like chrome platers and auto body shops to reduce emissions of air toxics, or to build zero-emission charging stations, or to support local measures that air districts and communities identify through Community Emission Reduction Programs under Assembly Bill (AB) 617.

### What rules apply to these “CAP” Funds?

Funds must go to projects that are consistent with community-identified priorities. Local air districts will select projects, which must reduce toxic or smog-forming pollutants beyond the benefits of air agency rules and regulations. Most of the funds must go to projects located in disadvantaged communities, or projects that reduce emissions in communities with a high air pollution burden -- communities selected or being considered for selection by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) under AB 617. Most projects will also reduce the emissions that cause climate change, supported by the funds as California Climate Investments.



### What kinds of projects are eligible?

First-year funds (\$250 million, AB 134, 2017) can be used to clean up older trucks and buses, construction and farm equipment, locomotives, marine engines, or infrastructure like electric vehicle charging or natural gas vehicle fueling stations. In April 2018 CARB adopted a Supplement to the Carl Moyer Guidelines for CAP Funds Projects, which adds priority for zero-emission vehicle projects and infrastructure consistent with legislative direction.

Second-year funds (\$245 million, SB 856, 2018) can be used for the sources above and also to reduce toxic and smog-forming pollution from industrial equipment at places like chrome plating facilities, gasoline transfer stations, aggregate processors, automotive coating and oil extraction facilities. Funds can also be used for projects or programs identified in the Emission Reduction Programs that air districts are developing with community organizations under AB 617. CARB will be considering the first new guidelines for these sources in 2019, focusing first on a subset of facility types. The staff proposal for initial CAP Guidelines is expected in March 2019.





## Partners in Community Air Protection

Partnering with communities is essential to the success of Community Air Protection Funds. CARB and local air districts are reaching out to the public for ideas on the use of the Funds – and to support new guidelines for new types of projects. Air quality agencies want to hear from interested members of the public about the air pollution sources that concern them the most, both to help project selection and to build the list of eligible projects in support of community needs. We invite ideas through community steering committees, local environmental justice organizations, and public workshops. You may also email your ideas to CARB using the address [carlhelp@arb.ca.gov](mailto:carlhelp@arb.ca.gov).

## Where can I get more information about Community Air Protection Funds and other types of financial assistance?

More information about Community Air Protection Funds is available on CARB and air district websites including the CARB web page, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/cap/capfunds.htm>.

For equipment owners, more information about other funding opportunities related to type of equipment can be found using the Funding Wizard at <https://fundingwizard.arb.ca.gov/search/cci>, and the CARB Truck Stop website, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop>.

For more information about AB 617 activities and funding opportunities in your area, contact your local air district. A list of local air districts can be found at [https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/air\\_district\\_contacts.htm](https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/air_district_contacts.htm).

Other information about AB 617 implementation in the California communities most affected by air pollution is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program>.

Information on California Climate Investments, including the Funding Guidelines that apply to CAP Funds, is found at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-climate-investments>.



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