

Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program

The Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program (Clean Mobility Options) is a new statewide voucher-based funding program that supports zero-emission car-sharing, ride-sharing, bike-sharing, and innovative transit services for low-income and disadvantaged communities. Clean Mobility Options provides up to \$1,000,000 in voucher funds per project to cover the costs for vehicles, infrastructure, planning, outreach, and operations. Funding supports comprehensive project costs for up to one year of design and development activities prior to the launch of projects and two years of project implementation, including infrastructure and outreach. Applicants must operate projects for four years. Eligible applicants are public agencies, non-profit organizations, and tribal authorities. The grantee will begin accepting and processing applications in early 2020. Vouchers for Clean Mobility Options will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis.



The Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot is 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.

Dates: April 2019 – Ongoing
Grantee: CALSTART
Partners: Shared-Use Mobility Center, Grid Alternatives, and Local Government Commission

Grant Amount:
CARB Contribution: \$20,000,000 (first round)
Matching Funds: \$820,000
Project Total: \$20,820,000



Vehicles/Equipment to be Funded

- Fund zero-emission electric vehicles, bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, electric scooters, and other innovative mobility options in disadvantaged and underserved communities to improve access
- Set aside \$1,000,000 for tribal authorities, and an additional \$1,000,000 for communities to assess their transportation needs and implement tailored projects with vouchers up to \$50,000 each
- Encourage collaborative investments by professional mobility providers and other partners
- Facilitate cooperation between public transit agencies and community-based organizations
- Conduct public outreach events around the state during fall 2019

Lessons Learned

- Community-based clean mobility projects provide a way to advance the state's environmental, equity, and economic development goals while prioritizing benefits for underserved communities
- Unmet needs for mobility around the state are significant, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities
- Diverse types of mobility providers are interested in assisting communities to meet their specific transportation and mobility needs
- Clean mobility projects typically require infrastructure which can be challenging to implement, but can be done effectively with a mix of public- and private- sector partners

Program Highlights

- Conducted three public work group meetings to incorporate stakeholder feedback in developing the project eligibility criteria and program design
- Public outreach events are taking place around the state in fall 2019
- Implementation Manual and Mobility Provider Directory will be published in fall 2019
- Applications will begin being accepted and processed in early 2020

