



Air Pollution Control District San Luis Obispo County

Attachment 1

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SLO COUNTY CLEAN AIR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Version 8.0, January 28, 2026

INTRODUCTION

The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Clean Air Incentive Program provides funding to individuals, businesses and public agencies to help pay for projects that reduce emissions from heavy-duty engines, with a focus on diesel emission reductions. This incentive program is administered by the APCD and funded with APCD Board approved funding, which may include Carl Moyer, DMV, CHIRP, FARMER, mitigation funds, special dedicated CARB funding or other Board approved sources.

The contents of this document are subject to modification. Any significant program modifications will be posted on the APCD website at: www.slocleanair.org/programs/grants.php. Applicants are responsible for complying with all information contained in this document and proposals must adhere to all requirements.

All projects funded with Carl Moyer, DMV, CHIRP or FARMER funds under this RFP must comply with the current *Carl Moyer Program Guidelines* and applicable Carl Moyer Program Mail-outs and Advisories (Moyer Guidelines). Projects funded with FARMER funds must also comply with the current *FARMER Program Guidelines* and *Funding Guidelines for Agencies that Administer California Climate Investments*, both published by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Projects funded with local incentive monies under this RFP must comply with requirements as approved by the APCD Board. From this point forward, the term "Applicable Guidelines" will be used to refer to the particular set or sets of guidelines which apply to a project, based on the project's source of funds.

PROGRAM DETAILS, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND FUNDING

Program Details

- The APCD is currently seeking proposals to fund qualified emission reduction projects for the various funding categories listed below.
- Grant applications for each category contain additional eligibility criteria and are found on the following webpage: www.slocleanair.org/programs/grants.php.
- Grant project applications are awarded on a first-come, first serve basis, based on the date on which the APCD deems the application complete. If multiple applications are deemed complete on the same day, funding priority will be given to the most cost-effective projects.

Eligible Project Categories

- **Off-Road Heavy-Duty Equipment Replacement and Engine Repowers**
This category provides funding to help replace older off-road equipment, including agricultural tractors and construction equipment with new low-emissions or electric equipment and if necessary, charging infrastructure. This category also provides funding for marine vessel engine repowers.
- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure**
This category provides funding to local businesses, public agencies, non-profits, and multi-family dwellings to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Requirements and guidelines for this category are found in the [APCD EV infrastructure grant program](#).

General Eligibility Criteria

Off-Road Equipment Replacement & Marine Vessel Engine Repowers

To be eligible for funding, projects must meet the criteria described in the Applicable Guidelines. These criteria include but are not limited to the following:

- For the first six months of the Off-Road Heavy-Duty Equipment Replacement Program (approximately February 17, 2026 – August 18, 2026), funding priority will be given to small businesses. A small business is defined as a business which is independently owned and operated and meets the following criteria, or if affiliated with another concern, the combined activities of all concerns shall meet these criteria:
 - The number of employees is 20 or less; and,
 - The total gross annual receipts are \$5,000,000 or less.
- The emission reductions from the project must be real, quantifiable, enforceable, and permanent, and must not be required by any local, state, and/or federal rule, regulation, or other legally binding requirement. The project must be completed in advance of any regulatory emissions compliance deadline.
- Applicant must sign a Grant Agreement (contract) with the APCD.
- The new engine/equipment must not have been ordered or purchased prior to the effective date of the signed Grant Agreement. No work on the project, including ordering engines, equipment or vehicles, can begin until the contract is signed by all parties.
- The old engine/equipment must be in operating condition and in regular use.
- If required by CARB regulation, the old equipment must be reported to the CARB in the appropriate format (e.g. DOORS), and the fleet must be in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations, including the CARB Off-Road Regulation and the CARB Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation. All stationary or portable agricultural diesel engines 50 horsepower or more must be registered with or permitted by the APCD.
- For zero-emission off-road projects, the minimum eligible horsepower replacement is 20 horsepower. For diesel-to-diesel off-road projects, the minimum eligible horsepower replacement is 25 horsepower.
- The old engine/equipment must be destroyed and disposed of as scrap (except for infrastructure projects). This destruction must be documented with an APCD inspection.

- For mobile-source projects, Program participant must have a physical address in San Luis Obispo County.
- Eligible infrastructure projects must be located in San Luis Obispo County.
- At least 75% of the operation of the old and the new engine/equipment must be in California (except marine projects).
- The new engine/equipment must remain in service for the project life and may be required to operate a minimum amount if specified in the Grant Agreement (e.g., engine hours).
- No emission reductions generated by the SLO County Clean Air Incentive Program shall be used as marketable emission reduction credits, or to offset any emission reduction obligation of any person or entity, nor shall they be used for credit under any federal or state emission averaging banking and trading program.
- Replacement engines must be certified by CARB for sale in California and must comply with durability and warranty requirements. Marine engines must be certified by the U.S. EPA or CARB.
- If an off-road equipment replacement or marine project will provide an electric replacement, please work with staff on application materials necessary if the APCD grant will also assist with the cost of the charging infrastructure.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure:

Projects must be located in San Luis Obispo County and provide battery electric charging that maintains 95 percent uptime. Project types include, but are not limited to the following:

- Electric Vehicle (EV) Battery Charging Station: New, conversion of existing, or expansion of existing Level 2 or Level 3 battery charging stations. Eligible EV charger projects include:
 - Multi-unit dwelling residential charger for complexes of 4 or more units.
 - Public chargers – Non-residential, publicly accessible chargers should be accessible to the public 24 hours a day or as many hours as allowed by local ordinance. Publicly accessible stations with restricted access such as gated facilities must be accessible to the public during their regular business hours. Publicly accessible stations must provide equal access and opportunities to all users.
 - Fleet chargers – a “fleet” is multiple vehicles owned or leased by a business or government agency, used to transport goods and/or personnel in the transaction of business or performance of governmental duties. A fleet charger can be publicly accessible or restricted to fleet use only.
 - Private chargers – Non-residential charger that is not listed on [DOE Alternative Fueling Station Locator](#) and [PlugShare](#) websites and is restricted to site host determined uses (e.g. charging for employees, guests, and/or fleet vehicles).
- Additional projects may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Project Funding and Caps

- Eligible and ineligible project expenses for grant funding vary depending on the project category. For details, see the SLO County APCD applications for the project category.
- APCD grants do not pay for spare filters or maintenance for emission control systems.

- If applicable, projects must not exceed the cost-effectiveness threshold in the Applicable Guidelines (cost per weighted ton of reduced emissions).
- For offroad equipment replacement projects, including marine vessel repowers and agricultural engine electrification, each fleet under common ownership and control (as defined in the CARB Truck & Bus Regulation) is limited to a maximum total award amount of \$100,000 per APCD grant agreement, or in the case of marine vessels, \$100,000 per engine, and a maximum cumulative total award amount of \$300,000 for all active APCD grant agreements at any time. Projects will be subject to the maximum category funding level allowed in the Applicable Guidelines or 65% of eligible project expenses.
- For infrastructure projects, except for public entities (as defined in the Moyer Guidelines), that are under common ownership and control, (as defined in the CARB Truck & Bus Regulation), are limited to a maximum single project or cumulative total award amount of \$300,000 for all active APCD grant agreements at any time. Projects will be subject to the maximum category funding level allowed in the Applicable Guidelines.

SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

The SLO County Clean Air Incentive web page (www.slocleanair.org/programs/grants.php) has links to our list of Frequently Asked Questions and category-specific eligibility requirements and applications. Applications must be delivered to:

For Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (Agricultural Tractors, Marine Vessels, Construction Equipment)

San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District
Attn: Meghan Field
3433 Roberto Court
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
mfield@co.slo.ca.us

For Electric Infrastructure Projects:

San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District
Attn: Tom Hickey
3433 Roberto Court
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
thickey@co.slo.ca.us

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

APCD Phone: 805-781-5912, Fax: 805-781-1002

For more information on the Carl Moyer, AB 923 and FARMER funded incentive programs please visit the following CARB websites:

ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/carl-moyer-memorial-air-quality-standards-attainment-program
ww2.arb.ca.gov/index.php/our-work/programs/farmer-program

The grant eligibility information presented here is a summary. The full grant guidelines for project funding administered by CARB are available at the CARB websites:

ww2.arb.ca.gov/guidelines-carl-moyer
ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/farmer-program/farmer-program-guidelines
ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-funding-guidelines-administering-agencies