INCENTIVES

The Valley air basin has made significant progress toward clean air since the District was formed two decades ago. However, there are remaining challenges to meeting ever-tightening air quality health standards. Consequently, more than $100 million in funding finds its way to clean air projects in the Valley air basin each year.

The District operates one of the largest and most well-respected voluntary incentives program in California, with more than $1 billion in public and private funds invested to date and more than 100,000 tons of lifetime emissions reduced. Awards through the District have increased more than 1000 percent in fewer than 10 years, reflecting the commitment of the District, businesses and industry, residents and municipalities to clean the air and improve the quality of life in the Valley.

Air District grant programs and funding are kept current with immediate and emerging needs throughout the air basin. Some examples of funding awarded to date by the District through various grants include:

- More than $118 million to replace agricultural engines
- More than $65 million to replace school buses
- Nearly $1.5 million to replace gas-fueled lawn care equipment
- Nearly $39 million for transit and alternative-fuel projects for public agencies
- $12 million to take polluting cars off the road
- More than $13.5 million to replace high-polluting, residential wood-burning devices

For more information, visit www.valleyair.org or contact the nearest District office.
PUBLIC AGENCIES

Public agencies can make clean-air changes on a large scale through infrastructure improvements, upgrading a vehicle fleet or establishing a telecommuting program. All of these are possible through our public agency grants, which include a variety of programs:

- Public Benefit Grants – For the purchase of new, alternative-fuel vehicles and infrastructure
- School Bus Programs – To retrofit or replace existing school buses with new emission-control systems
- Bike Paths – Establish bicycle infrastructure
- Public Transportation Subsidy and Park & Ride Lots – Subsidize passes for bus, shuttle and commuter rail services and constructing park and ride lots

RESIDENTS

Electric lawn mowers, cleaner burning hearth devices and electric cars: If you’re in the market for one of these items, the Air District has money for you! With financial assistance from the Air District, making a significant change for clean air is surprisingly easy through any of the following incentive grants:

- Tune In, Tune Up – Free auto emission checks and repair vouchers
- Burn Cleaner – Change out open hearth and older, polluting wood-burning devices for cleaner, wood- and gas-burning devices
- Clean Green Yard Machines – Replaces gas-fueled lawn and garden equipment for new, zero-emission electric equipment
- Drive Clean! – Rebates for purchasing or leasing a new, clean-air vehicle
- Vanpool Voucher – For vanpooling to work

BUSINESSES

The incentives program can make it possible for business owners to adopt a cleaner, economical technology that helps their business while improving air quality. Some options include:

- Tractor Replacement Program – Replacement for in-use, off-road ag tractors and mobile equipment
- Ag Pump Replacement Program – To replace or repower ag pump engines and motors
- Truck Voucher Program – For truck owners to replace heavy-duty & medium-duty on-road diesel trucks
- Off-Road Replacement – Replaces off-road, in-use, heavy-duty construction and other non-agricultural equipment
- Locomotive Replacement – Replaces in-use switcher & short-line locomotives
- Forklift Program – For the purchase of electric forklifts

TECHNOLOGY

Some of the best emission-reduction ideas are still being developed or are just in their infancy. The Air District’s Technology Advancement Program (TAP) provides funding for businesses and individuals to develop new emission-reduction technology.

In order to encourage technology development in critical areas, TAP has three focus areas tailored for Valley businesses and sources of emissions. They include finding renewable energy systems that are cleaner or zero emission compared to their non-renewable alternatives; identifying technologies that eliminate emissions from existing waste management processes; and demonstrating zero- or near-zero-emissions solutions to mobile source categories.