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## **Applications open for electric vehicle charger grants** *New program funds businesses, agencies that offer public charging access*

Businesses and public agencies can receive up to \$6,000 per electric vehicle charger through the Air District's new Charge Up! grants program.

"We're pleased to offer what Valley businesses, agencies and the public have asked for: convenient access to charging devices for the growing population of electric vehicles," said Sheraz Gill, the District's grants director.

The new grant program follows the District's popular Drive Clean! clean-air vehicle rebate program, which offers up to \$3,000 for the purchase of a qualifying battery electric, hydrogen fuel cell or plug-in electric hybrid vehicle.

Charge Up! awards up to \$5,000 for a single-port, Level 2 charger and up to \$6,000 for a two-port charger that will be available for public use. There is an annual funding cap of \$50,000 per applicant, and grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Eligible projects not selected for initial funding will be placed on hold pending additional funding. The first round of funding is \$2 million.

This is not a rebate program; contracts must be executed before chargers are purchased and installed. All applications will be evaluated using 2014 San Joaquin Valley PEV Readiness Siting Analysis. Siting criteria and charger requirements can be found at [www.valleyair.org/ChargeUp](http://www.valleyair.org/ChargeUp).

Applications can be submitted online or in person. For complete information and application materials, visit [www.valleyair.org/ChargeUp](http://www.valleyair.org/ChargeUp) or call the District's Grants Program at 559-230-5800.