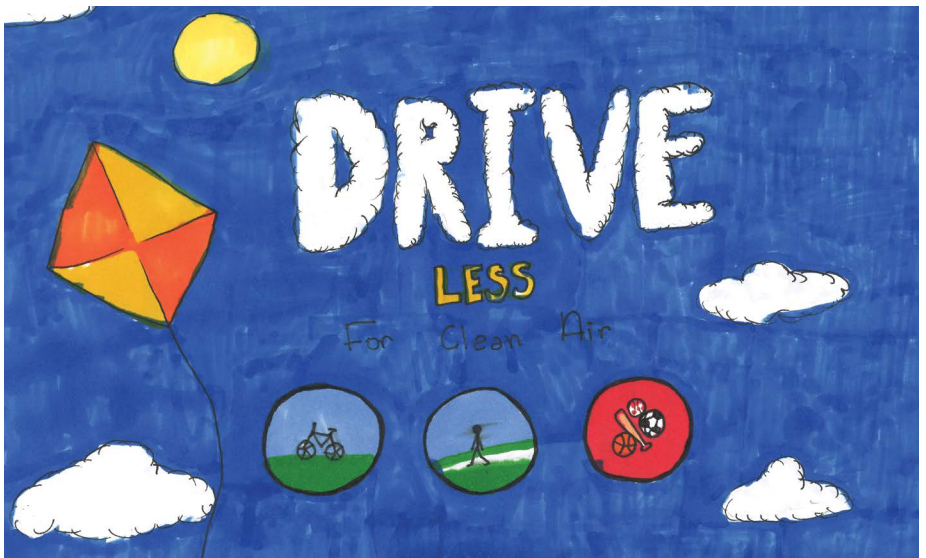


# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## District takes action to accept over \$20 million in funds

The Valley Air District ended 2021 with the acceptance of more than \$20 million in additional funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's highly competitive 2021 Targeted Air Shed Grant Program. The funds will go toward the replacement of old agricultural tractors, heavy-duty trucks and wood-burning devices.

Of the more than \$20 million award, \$8 million will support the District's Tractor Replacement Program and help fund the replacement of about 210 older tractors with new, cleaner Tier 4 tractors.

Another \$8 million will help fund the replacement of about 5,760 wood-burning devices in the District's Burn Cleaner Program.

The remaining \$4,768,770 will help fund the replacement of about 56 older, diesel-powered trucks with new, near-zero or zero-emission trucks through the District's Truck Replacement Program.

To learn more about these grants and the many clean air funding opportunities the District provides, visit [valleyair.org/grants](http://valleyair.org/grants) or call 559-230-5800.

## Annual Kids Calendar Now Available, Winners Announced

The Valley Air District is excited to announce this year's winners of the 2022 Healthy Air Living Kids Calendar Contest. Artwork from 14 students were selected out of entries from throughout the Valley's eight counties.

Thank you to the following students for their entries:

- Aria Delgado, 12th grade, Sanger – Cover Artist, "Healthy Air Living, Aire Limpio, Vida Sana."
- Ian Corder, 5th grade, Hanford – "Don't burn wood for clean air."
- Presley T., 4th grade, Visalia – "Check to decide. Ride or inside."
- Liam Donnelly, 3rd grade, Fresno – "Don't fuss take the bus!"
- Santiago Anaya Plata, 8th grade, Turlock – "Working on our environment."
- Evelyn Aceves, 12th grade, Lodi – "Be green, keep our air clean."
- Andrew Hernandez, 6th grade, Madera – "We care, clean air!"
- Hope Fochetti, 6th grade, Hanford – "Drive less for clean air."
- Ally Meneses, 6th grade, Hanford – "Turn off the engine while waiting to pick kids up from school."
- Julianna Rodriguez, 3rd grade, Fresno – "You can bike or walk to school."
- Leah Lidyaev, 11th grade, Madera – "Drive less to help clean the air."
- Alondra Castillo-Sanchez, 6th grade, Los Banos – "Don't Burn Wood! Switch to gas!"
- Angelleeanna Bingham, 12th grade, Lodi – "Healthier Air, Healthier Environment, Healthier World."
- Jace Recio, 4th grade, Bakersfield – "When we work together, we make air better."

To view, download and print your own copy of the calendar, visit [valleyair.org/kidscalendar](http://valleyair.org/kidscalendar). To request a calendar, call 559-230-6000 or email [public.education@valleyair.org](mailto:public.education@valleyair.org) with your mailing info.

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