

FAQs

South Coast AQMD

Residential EV Charging Incentive Program

Who is qualified to receive a rebate for installing a residential EV charger?

As of September 5, 2023, the Residential EV Charging Incentive Program will focus solely on low-income residents within the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Eligible applicants can qualify to receive rebates up to \$500 towards the purchase of a Level 2 EV charger. This rebate is only towards hardware costs, and not towards the cost of permits, installation, electrical upgrades, etc. EV chargers that are included with the purchase of the vehicle are not eligible for a rebate. An upgraded Level 2 EV charger that is purchased for an additional cost does qualify for a rebate. A receipt for the purchase of a Level 2 EV charger is required.

Which documents are required to demonstrate low-income status?

To receive a rebate, applicants will be required to provide proof of low-income qualification from the last 12 month with either: (1) first page of utility bill showing that the applicant receives the utility's low-income rate (CARE or FERA) or (2) CalWORKS or TANF membership card.

Are all rebates \$500 regardless of the cost of the Level 2 EV Charger?

Low-income residents are eligible to receive rebates of up to \$500. However, if the cost of hardware is less than \$500, then the rebate will be the maximum cost of the hardware cost based on the receipt (minus tax).

What type of charger do I need to install in order to qualify?

Residential Level 2 (240V) EV chargers that are UL listed (or certified by an equivalent nationally recognized laboratory) are eligible. Only new Level 2 EV chargers are eligible for a rebate.

What documentation do I need to provide?

Required documentation includes final approved building and safety permit; proof of charger purchase; copy of utility bill, DMV registration for the BEV, PEV or PHEV; and installation photos.

How do I apply?

There is an online application process available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/community-detail?title=ev-chargingq-incentive>

What installations qualify?

Effective April 2, 2023, purchases of Level 2 EV chargers and ONLY hard-wired installations are eligible for a rebate under the Residential EV Charging Rebate Program. Installations with hard-wired conduit will require an electrical permit or proof that a permit was obtained. Also, the work can only be performed by a licensed electrician. In certain cases, South Coast AQMD staff may request the local entities' inspection record as supplemental proof of installation that meets the local building and safety requirements. This determination will be made at the discretion of South Coast AQMD staff.

Can I install my own charger?

No. Self-Installations of EV chargers will no longer be eligible for rebates under the Residential EV Charging Rebate Program as of April 2, 2023.

Can I qualify for more than one rebate?

Low-income applicants may qualify for rebates through the EFMP Plus-Up Program (www.replaceyourride.com) depending on their geographical location in a disadvantaged community. Rebates for the Residential EV Charging Incentive Program would only be for Level 2 EV charging hardware for PEVs or PHEVs; however, qualified applicants would receive a rebate for hardware AND installation for BEVs only through the EFMP Plus-Up Program. Some local utilities also offer rebates for chargers, and applicants who qualify for their local utility program are encouraged to apply for a rebate through their utility, if that rebate is more generous than this program.

How long will it take to receive my rebate?

Once an application is submitted, staff will verify that all the required documentation is provided. Once the application is deemed complete, staff anticipates being able to issue rebate payments within 8 to 12 weeks.

Why do you need my contact information and email address?

This will allow the South Coast AQMD to provide updates to you on the application process. In addition, to gauge the benefit of this pilot incentive program, the South Coast AQMD may request your feedback using a short online survey, mainly to gather information on your experiences with your vehicle and Level 2 EV charger.