

FAQ

SCAQMD Residential EV Charging Incentive Program

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

Residents within the South Coast Air Quality Management District

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/jurisdiction> are qualified to receive either a \$250 or \$500 incentive towards installing a Level 2 charger. This incentive is only towards hardware costs, and not towards the cost of permits, installation, electrical upgrades, etc.

Are low income residents eligible to receive a higher level rebate?

Low income residents are eligible to receive the higher level rebate of \$500. 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. To receive a low income incentive, one proof of low income qualification from the last 12 months is required: first page of utility bill showing that Applicant receives the utility's low income rate, or CalWORKS or TANF membership card.

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

Residential Level 2 (240V) chargers that are UL listed (or certified by an equivalent nationally recognized laboratory) would be eligible.

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 photo.

How do I apply?

There is an online application process available at <http://aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/residential-ev-charging-incentive-pilot-program>.

What installations qualify?

All installations and purchases of Level 2 chargers on or after September 4, 2015. Installations with hard wired conduit may require an electrical permit or proof that a permit was obtained if this work can only be performed by a licensed electrician. In certain cases, SCAQMD 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 SCAQMD staff.

Can I install my own charger?

Installations will require a final approved building and safety permit to document that the charger was safely installed in the residence. Self-installation is allowed only if the city/county/jurisdiction issuing the permit allows self-installation, typically on an existing 240V outlet. Self-installation is also allowed if the applicant is a licensed electrician capable of performing this work, and all local building and safety requirements are met, with proof of permit and city inspection record, as necessary.

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 this program would only be for hardware for PEVs or PHEVs (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 instead 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 of the required documentation is provided. Once the application is deemed complete, staff anticipates being able to issue rebates within 4-6 weeks.

Why do you need my contact information and email address?

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