

SCAQMD Residential EV Charging Incentive Program Guidelines

The intent of the SCAQMD Residential EV Charging Incentive Program is to incentivize Level 2 charging for battery electric (BEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PEV or PHEV) and to encourage greater electric Vehicle Miles Traveled. This program will coordinate with other utility rebate programs for electric vehicle chargers. Outreach for this program will occur at clean air events and events targeted towards residents of Environmental Justice (EJ) communities, based on the following requirements:

1. Level 2 charger must be UL listed or certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
2. Incentives for Level 1 or DC fast chargers will not be eligible under this program.
3. Charger must be installed in garage, carport, or residential parking space as a permanent and not a temporary installation.
4. Incentive may be received for a Level 2 charger installed for use with either a BEV, PEV, or PHEV.
5. An electrical permit by the City/County/jurisdiction having authority to issue a permit and approve the work performed must be obtained. A copy of the final approved electrical permit must be provided with the completed application.
6. A self-installation where there is an existing 240V outlet in the garage/laundry room may not require a final approved electrical permit. The 240V outlet is considered to be an existing outlet if it is part of the original electrical infrastructure when the residential structure was constructed. A 240V outlet that was installed after the initial construction by a current or previous owner requires that a copy of the approved electrical permit be submitted with the online application. Photos which show evidence of wrapped conduit or other work that could only be performed by a licensed electrician will not qualify as sufficient support for an existing 240V outlet. Residents are expected to comply with all current City permitting requirements. Applications involving a self-installation will be evaluated and approved by SCAQMD staff. Please see photos on the program website for examples of eligible self-installations using an existing 240V outlet. The installation of the chargers are expected to be without any safety issues, including but not limited to, loose/exposed wires, trip hazards, etc.
7. All required documentation must be submitted with the application in order for an incentive to be issued. 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.
8. Please note that the DMV registration must be a permanent registration and not a temporary registration. Documentation is used as a form of address verification, so addresses shown in these documents should match. Exceptions to this will be evaluated by staff on a case by case basis.
9. In order to receive an additional low income incentive, proof of low income qualification must be provided. This includes one of the following proofs of low income qualification dated from the last 12 months: first page of the utility bill showing that the applicant receives a low income reduced utility rate, CalWORKS or TANF membership card.
10. Incentive can only be used to cover the cost of hardware and not towards the cost of installation, permits, electrical infrastructure, adapters for hardware, or other items. If the purchase of the vehicle includes the cost of charger, then the applicant may not apply for this program.

11. In some instances, a local utility program may offer a more generous incentive towards purchase of a Level 2 EV charger than the SCAQMD program. In such instances, applicants will be referred to another utility program.
12. Applicants will not be allowed to receive incentives for hardware from more than one program. However Applicants will be eligible to participate in the EFMP Plus-Up Program and to receive an incentive for a Level 2 charger for a PEV through this program since an incentive for Level 2 chargers for PEVs is not available through the EFMP Plus-Up Program.
13. Installation and hardware purchase cannot occur before September 4, 2015.
14. Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.