

## 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. Only EV chargers that are listed in the online application are eligible for a rebate. EV chargers not listed on the online application will be considered for the program if staff determines they meet the eligibility requirements.
2. Only the purchase of a **new** Level 2 charger will be eligible for a rebate under this program. EV chargers that are included with the purchase of a vehicle are not eligible for a rebate. Only EV chargers purchased from a retail outlet, or online outlet such as Ebay or Amazon, as a new charger are eligible for a rebate. Chargers sold by private individuals including private sellers on online outlet such as Ebay or Amazon are not eligible for a rebate.
3. Rebates for Level 1 or DC fast chargers will not be eligible under this program.
4. Charger must be installed in garage, carport, or residential parking space as a permanent and not a temporary installation.
5. Installations which would require the use of an extension cord are not allowed as this could present a tripping hazard or cause an electrical fire. In addition, some EV and EV charger manufacturers as well as local City/County jurisdictions do not allow the use of extension cords for the charging of vehicles and the use of extension cords could invalidate any applicable vehicle or charger warranties.
6. Rebate may be received for a Level 2 charger installed for use with either a BEV, PEV, or PHEV.
7. An electrical permit by the City/County/jurisdiction having authority to issue a permit and approve the electrical work performed must be obtained. A copy of the final approved electrical permit must be provided with the completed application.
8. A self-installation where an existing 240V outlet in the garage/laundry room is utilized for the charger is eligible. 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, including those that may be installed as part of a solar installation. 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/County 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. Staff will make a determination as to whether an installation meets the requirements for a self-installation based on review of installation photos and other evidence provided by the applicant.

9. 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 as necessary; proof of charger purchase; copy of utility bill; DMV registration for the BEV, PEV, or PHEV; and installation photo.
10. Please note that the DMV registration must be a permanent registration and not a temporary registration, and the applicant must be listed as a registered owner or leasee. 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.
11. In order to receive a low income rebate of \$500, 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 utility rate (CARE), CalWORKS or TANF membership card. An applicant who receives the utility's low income rate (FERA) is eligible to receive a rebate of \$300.
12. Rebate 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. If the cost of the EV charger is less than the amount of the rebate, then the rebate will be reduced to reflect the cost of the charger.
13. In some instances, a local utility program may offer a more generous incentive towards purchase and/or installation of a Level 2 EV charger than the SCAQMD program. In such instances, applicants will be referred to another utility program.
14. 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 a rebate for a Level 2 charger for a PEV through this program since rebates for Level 2 chargers for PEVs are not available through the EFMP Plus-Up Program. Applicants are eligible to receive a rebate from other EV charger programs towards the cost of installation and/or permits.
15. Installation and hardware purchase cannot occur before September 4, 2015.
16. Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
17. Incomplete or inactive applications over 60 days will be automatically deleted from the database.
18. More than one rebate per household is allowed if the EVs are registered to separate individuals residing at the same address and a separate Level 2 charger is purchased for each EV. Please contact staff so that these applications can be flagged for special processing as duplicate applications per address are normally not permitted.
19. Determination of eligible vehicles was previously based upon South Coast AQMD's Clean Air choices list (<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community>) and will now be based upon CARB's Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (CVRP). CVRP guidelines changed on December 3, 2019 to exclude vehicles which are over \$60,000 MSRP or with less than a 35 mile electric range. CARB also evaluates vehicles each year to verify required emission standards. A list of CARB certified eligible vehicles (<https://cleanvehiclerebate.org/eng/eligible-vehicles>) will be periodically updated on the EV charger rebate form to reflect currently eligible vehicles for the South Coast AQMD residential EV charger rebate program.
20. A grace period of 60 days from April 7, 2020 will be in effect for eligible vehicles. Vehicles which are currently on the EV charger rebate online application will remain unchanged during this grace

period. Vehicles which are not currently on the EV charger rebate online application will be evaluated by staff on a case by case basis during the grace period.