FAQs

AB 2766
MOTOR VEHICLE SUBVENTION FUND PROGRAM

What is the AB 2766 program?
Assembly Bill 2766 was adopted in 1990 to provide a revenue stream for programs to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles and for related planning, monitoring, enforcement, and technical studies.

How is the AB 2766 program funded?
State law, H&S Code Section 44223, authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect a registration surcharge of $4 per vehicle to fund the AB 2766 Subvention Fund Program.

How is AB 2766 money distributed to cities and counties in the South Coast Air Basin?
AB 2766 revenue is distributed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District on a quarterly basis to the 162 participating cities and counties in the South Coast Air Basin based on the prorated share of their population.

Are there guidelines that describe how local jurisdictions can spend AB 2766 funds?
Yes. Projects that are funded with AB 2766 dollars must meet the criteria and guidelines outlined in the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) Criteria & Guidelines document as summarized in South Coast AQMD’S most recent AB 2766 Resource Guide.

Does the South Coast AQMD have a list of projects that are eligible for AB 2766 funding?
The South Coast AQMD’s AB 2766 Resource Guide provides descriptions & examples of projects eligible for funding. However, the AB 2766 statute emphasizes that flexibility be employed when planning projects to meet jurisdictional needs while also fulfilling the statute’s aim of reducing mobile source emissions; a partial list of eligible projects is detailed below. The Resource Guide along with Annual Staff Reports and other AB 2766 program resources can be found on the AB 2766 website: www.aqmd.gov/ab2766.

How are cities and counties held accountable for appropriate use of AB 2766 funds?
Annual reports on the use of the funds and the results of programs implemented are to be submitted to the South Coast AQMD, usually by the 1st Friday each February. Audits of local government programs are performed at least every two years.

How do cities and counties obtain the Criteria & Guidelines, Resource Guide and reporting forms?
Each year, the South Coast AQMD provides updated reporting software, reference materials and supplemental resources on the AB 2766 website. Also, local governments can access their previous year’s reports via SCAQMD’s OnBase system: https://onbase-pub.aqmd.gov/SAppNet.

Can the AB 2677 ANNUAL REPORT be submitted electronically?
Yes. The Annual Report is submitted electronically via our OnBase electronic submittal process. Each year, prior to the February due date, the South Coast AQMD offers hands-on training classes that provide an overview of the submittal process, review program updates and address specific local government concerns.

Why are local governments asked to report Pre-Designated funds?
Unspent funds that have accumulated are asked to be conceptually or officially obligated for specific use in the future. This pre-designation shows an effort has been made towards project planning for program effectiveness.

How does the South Coast AQMD use the ANNUAL REPORT data submitted by cities and counties?
The South Coast AQMD compiles all program and financial information and prepares an annual report for CARB that outlines the regional benefits and effectiveness of the program.
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The following South Coast AQMD staff are available to provide guidance in all aspects of the program. Program contact information is also provided on the AB 2766 webpage: www.aqmd.gov/ab2766.

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- Clean Fleet Vehicle Purchases
- Electric Riding Lawnmowers
- Community Rideshare Programs
- Land Use/General Plan updates related to mobile source emission reductions
- Alternative Fuel Infrastructure
- Signal Synchronization
- Transit Subsidies

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