



WAIRE Mitigation Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) WAIRE Mitigation Program and the Grant Management System (GMS)

1. When is the solicitation period for the WAIRE Mitigation Program?

2026 WAIRE Mitigation Program: PA2027-01

Event	Date*
Issue Program Announcement	September 4, 2026
Application Drafting and Saving Period	September 22, 2026 at 12:00 PM to October 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM
Application Submittal Period	October 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM to December 15, 2026 at 12:00 PM
Application Due	December 15, 2026 at 12:00 PM
Award Considered by the Board	Fall 2027 (anticipated)

*all times in PST

Please note that Staff will only be available to answer questions during normal business hours – Tuesday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

2. How does the program decide which projects to approve?

Applications are first-come, first-served per Source Receptor Area (SRA) that has available funds. Projects must also meet program criteria before they can be considered.

3. How much total project funds will be available for this solicitation?

Please visit the [WAIRE Mitigation Program website](#) or see the [Program Announcement](#) to see funds available by SRA table.

4. What if I apply for funds for projects that will be located in an adjacent SRA?

Applications for these projects will only be considered after the solicitation period and only if no eligible projects are identified within the original SRA. Projects that are awarded funds in an adjacent SRA shift all geographical requirements (e.g. equipment or domicile location, 100 annual truck trips to that SRA) to that SRA.

5. Is there a cap on how much funding a single business can receive?

There is no cap on the total amount of funding a single business can receive, other than the total funding available in each SRA.

6. Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include warehouse owners and operators, fleet owners and operators, and electric charging or hydrogen fueling providers that support warehousing activities. Third parties may submit

applications on behalf of their clients; however, the clients themselves must sign and submit the final application(s).

7. Which vehicle and equipment types are eligible?

Eligible categories include:

- Zero-Emission Class 4–8 Trucks (On-Road Trucks, On-Road Yard Trucks, and Off-Road Yard Trucks)
- Electric Charging Infrastructure
- Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure

8. Are co-funding or stacked incentives allowed?

Yes. Projects may receive funding from multiple incentive programs (such as HVIP or federal programs), but the WAIRE Mitigation Program does not allow total combined funding to exceed 85 percent of the eligible project cost. Applicants must disclose all additional funding sources when applying. For WAIRE Mitigation Program infrastructure awards, at least 50 percent of the total award must be used for equipment, while the remaining portion may cover other direct project costs such as installation, design, engineering, and similar activities.

9. Can I acquire the vehicle through a lease?

Vehicle leasing is not allowed; only new vehicle purchases are eligible.

10. Can the electric charging or hydrogen fueling infrastructure exclusively serve light duty vehicles?

No.

11. Who can I contact to help assist with specific project questions?

Please email waire-incentives@aqmd.gov, and a staff member will follow up with you.

12. How do I submit an application?

You may start, edit, and submit an application using the GMS online portal at <https://gms.aqmd.gov/>. Please keep in mind that you will need to register your company first in order to apply or you may already have an account if you previously applied through the South Coast AQMD's GMS.

13. How do I add a third party?

Third parties assisting a client or company must register individually and create their own account to be added as a "Third Party" user.

Registration

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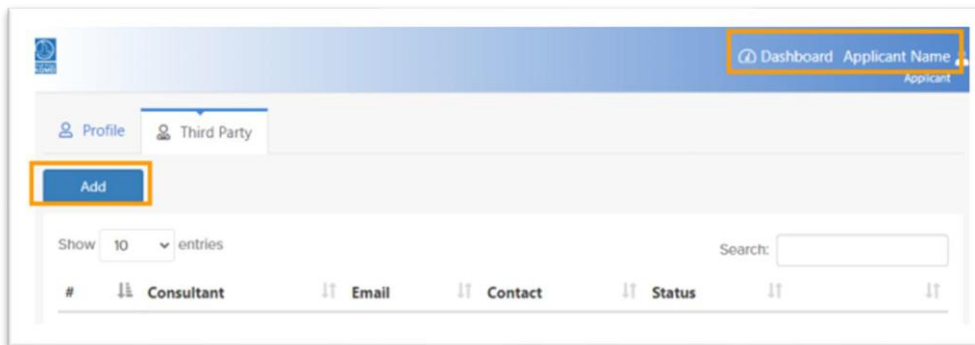
Choose account type*

☐ Applicant
Applying for yourself or on behalf of the company you work for

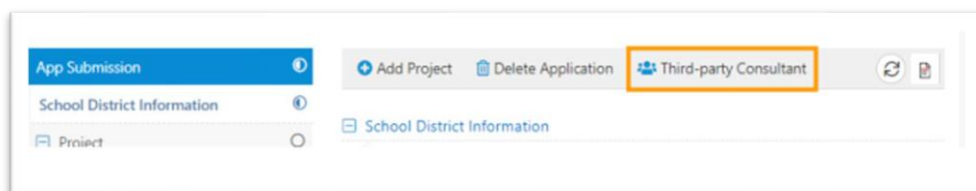
☒ Third Party
Assisting a client or company you do not directly work for

Once they have registered, applicants can add the registered third party to work on the application on the account profile or the application tab:

- Account Profile



- Application Tab



14. If I apply for WAIRE Mitigation Program funding in future years, do I need to register again?

If you register once in the AQMD Grant Management System (GMS) for the WAIRE Mitigation Program, you will not need to register again for future applications. Users can update their Personal Information, Company Information, and Password Recovery Security Questions at any time through their Account Settings.

15. Are there restrictions on the document type (.doc, .xls, PDF, JPEG, etc.) that I can upload into the GMS?

No, the GMS accepts most common document types, including Microsoft Word and Excel files, as well as image formats like PDF, JPEG, and PNG. However, the HEIC file extension (a format commonly used by iPhones) is not acceptable as the system cannot read this format.

16. Am I able to save my application before submitting?

Yes, once you have created an application through the GMS, users are allowed to save and continue from where you or the registered and added third party have left off in the application form. Third parties cannot submit the application.

17. Can trucks, electric charging infrastructure, or hydrogen fueling infrastructure projects be included in a single application?

No. Each application must contain projects from only one category (On-Road/Off-Road Vehicle, Electric Charging Station, or Hydrogen Fueling Station). An applicant can submit multiple applications (e.g., one for trucks, and another for charging infrastructure).

18. Can an application include multiple projects within the same category?

Yes. A single application may contain multiple projects, as long as all projects fall within in the same category (On-Road/Off-Road Vehicle, Electric Charging Station, or Hydrogen Fueling Station) and meet eligibility requirements.

For example:

- An application may request 6 trucks
- An application may request 4 electric charging stations, across multiple sites
- An application may request 3 hydrogen fueling stations, across multiple sites

(Clarification: An *application* is the full submission, while a *project* is an individual funding request within that application, e.g., one truck purchase or one charging station installation)

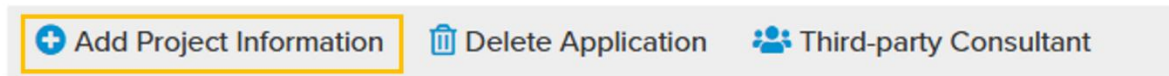
19. What is the recommended maximum number of projects allowed per application?

Each application may include a **recommended maximum of 6 projects**.

If more than 6 projects are planned, it is recommended to create and submit additional applications to keep each one manageable and easier to review.

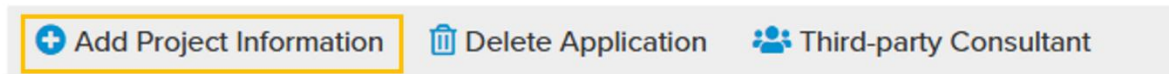
20. How do I add more vehicles to my application?

In the vehicle application, select “Add Project Information” at the top to add any additional trucks to the application.



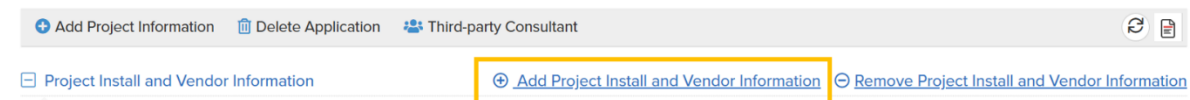
21. How do I add more infrastructure projects to my infrastructure application?

In the infrastructure application, select “Add Project Information” at the top to add any additional infrastructure projects (within the same category) to the application.



22. How do I add more vendors/installers to my infrastructure application?

In the infrastructure application on the “Project Install and Vendor Information” page, click on “Add Project Install and Vendor Information” where you can upload vendor quotes.



23. Are there any compliance requirements?

Yes, all applicants must be in compliance with existing rules and regulations, including South Coast AQMD Rule 2305, at the time of application, agreement execution, and throughout the duration of the agreement term. Vehicle and fleet compliance will be verified prior to an award being granted and again before payment is made.

24. What documentation is required?

Common documentation for all categories:

- If any, South Coast AQMD Facility ID number(s), ID(s) for unresolved Notice(s) of Violation
- Purchase orders or procurement agreements
- Vendor quotes dated within the required timeframe
- Documentation for other sources of funding
- TRUCRS documentation
- Business Documents
 - Business Information Request
 - Campaign Contribution Disclosure
 - Business Status Certification
 - W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
 - Direct Deposit Form
 - 590 Withholding Exemption Certificate
 - Certificate Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
 - Labor Form

Common documentation for truck projects may include:

- DOORS documentation (e.g., for yard trucks)
- CARB Certification Zero-Emission Powertrain Executive Order Number (on-road trucks)

Common documentation for infrastructure projects may include:

- Project timeline, schedule, or plans
- Vendor quotes (equipment, installation, design/engineer, etc.) dated with the required timeframe
- Technical specifications for chargers or hydrogen components/systems
- Site plans, engineering drawings, local permits and plans for chargers or hydrogen systems
- Land title documents, lease agreements, and site owner authorization (for leased properties) for chargers or hydrogen systems
- CEQA Notice of Determination
- Fleet commitment letters
- List of equipment that will utilize the chargers or hydrogen systems

Other types of documentation may vary depending on category.

25. Are zero-emission infrastructure projects evaluated differently from vehicle projects?

Yes. Zero-emission infrastructure projects have different program criteria and though these projects are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, infrastructure applications require more comprehensive documentation.

26. How much time do I have to receive my equipment or complete my infrastructure project?

- Trucks must typically be delivered and placed into service within 18 months of contract execution, or as negotiated in the final contract with South Coast AQMD.
- Infrastructure projects must typically be installed, commissioned, and fully operational within 36 months of contract execution, or as negotiated in the final contract with South Coast AQMD.
- Required documents—such as invoices, commissioning records, and installation verification—must be submitted without delay.

27. Are inspections required?

Yes. Typical inspections include:

- Verification of new zero-emission truck delivery
- Inspection of charger or hydrogen fueling installation
- Confirmation that equipment meets all program requirements and that the applicant is complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws prior to reimbursement

28. How does reimbursement work?

Award reimbursement (payment) occurs after the project is completed, the equipment or infrastructure has been delivered or installed, required inspections have been conducted, and all invoice documentation has been submitted and approved. Applicants must first submit:

- Vendor invoices
- Proof of payment
- Delivery or installation documentation

29. What happens after submitting an application?

Applications may receive follow-up requests for clarification or additional documentation.

30. Are annual reports or usage tracking required?

Yes. All funded vehicle and infrastructure projects must submit annual reports, such as miles driven, hours operated, and charging or fueling activity, for three years following vehicle delivery or infrastructure commissioning.

31. Where can I sign-up to be notified of any updates to the WAIRE Mitigation Program?

You can sign up at the following link: <http://www.aqmd.gov/sign-up>. Please select 'WAIRE Mitigation Program' under the 'Incentive Programs' category.

32. If selected, is there a penalty for withdrawing my application?

No. Participation in these programs is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw your application at any time without any penalties, however, any costs accrued by the applicants are not the responsibility of South Coast AQMD.