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Accepting Applications for the Diesel Engine and Equipment Replacement Program Monterey, California – January 7, 2021

The Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) is pleased to announce that it will be accepting applications for grant funds through the Diesel Engine and Equipment Replacement Program (DEERP) beginning on Wednesday January 13, 2021. Grant applications can be accessed online at <https://www.mbard.org/diesel-engine-equipment-replacement-program>.

“MBARD implements the Diesel Engine and Equipment Replacement Program in partnership with the California Air Resources Board to increase the turnover of high polluting equipment to reduce harmful diesel exhaust emissions,” said Richard Stedman, Air Pollution Control Officer. “Each year we get an overwhelming response to the call for applications.”

Grants cannot be used to satisfy existing air quality mandates or legal requirements; however, they can be applied to equipment that complies several years in advance of state regulations. Eligible equipment categories include the following:

- Off-road equipment replacements
- Marine engine replacements
- School bus electrification
- Agricultural irrigation pump electrification & alternative energy projects
- Medium-duty fleet electrification including charging infrastructure

A grant application workshop videoconference will be held on Tuesday January 12, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – noon. Meeting information can be found on the DEERP website at <https://www.mbard.org/diesel-engine-equipment-replacement-program>.

The application deadline is March 19, 2021.



DEERP is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

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