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## Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program Monterey, California – May 6, 2024

On April 17, 2024, the Monterey Bay Air Resources District Board (MBARD) re-authorized the AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant Program. This year's program provides funding for various transportation related projects to further reduce air pollution in our region. There are two grant programs available:

the Clean Air Management Program, which incentivizes public agencies to develop infrastructure projects such as:

- Multiuse Paths
- Bike Lanes
- Bicycle infrastructure including electrical charging, storage lockers, and bike racks
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

and the Clean Vehicle Program, which incentivizes the adoption of zero-emission vehicles such as:

- Public agency EV replacement (light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles)
- Non-profit organization EV replacement (light-duty vehicles)
- Monterey Bay EV incentive program, which includes incentives for Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito County permanent residents to purchase light-duty EVs

According to Richard Stedman, MBARD's Air Pollution Control Officer, "Oxides of nitrogen (NOx) are primary chemical compounds combined with other pollutants that produce ozone (smog). Over 60% of the total emission of NOx in our three-county jurisdiction comes from motor vehicles with the largest portion coming from medium to heavy duty diesel trucks and buses. By encouraging and incentivizing transportation related emission reduction projects, motor vehicle emissions are reduced which results in long term air quality benefits."

All AB2766 applications are available online as of May 1 at: AB2766 Application Form

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