



Monterey Bay Air Resources District
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MEETING DATE:	August 16, 2023	REGULAR AGENDA
TO:	Board of Directors	
FROM:	Richard Stedman, Air Pollution Control Officer	
SUBJECT:	Receive a Presentation and Approve the 2023-2024 Wood Stove Change Out Program.	

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the 2023-2024 Wood Stove Change Out Program (WSCOP)

DISCUSSION

The State Legislature allocated \$5 million in the 2021-22 budget, appropriated to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) from the FY 2021-22 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Fund, for a state-wide program to replace uncertified, inefficient wood burning devices with cleaner-burning and more efficient devices. CARB is administering this Wood Smoke Reduction Program (WSRP) through the local air quality management districts. Out of the \$5 million grant, \$291,684.00 has been allocated to the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) with \$27,897.00 set aside for administrative costs.

As with previous years, existing home heating devices eligible for replacement are devices installed prior to July 1, 1988 and fireplaces, both of which must serve as the homes primary heating device. These must be replaced with eligible replacement devices including electric stove heaters, electric heat pumps, pellet stoves, hybrid wood stoves, catalytic wood stoves and select non-catalytic woodstoves. If a grantee chooses to replace an existing woodstove with an electric device, households may be allowed to retain the old wood burning device to serve as emergency heat in case of a power outage. To maintain the goal of reducing GHG emissions, gas and propane stoves are no longer eligible as replacement devices.

The 2023-2024 WSCOP will offer incentives in a rebate format, which will be dispersed after project completion. The recommended funding includes \$1,000 for wood to cleaner wood/pellet devices and \$2,000 for wood to electric devices. Current CARB and WSRP guidelines require districts to set a goal to distribute 75% of project funds to Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities. To meet this goal, an additional \$500 will be offered to applicants who are a part of these priority populations. Applicants residing outside of a census tract identified as a disadvantaged or low-income community, who can demonstrate low-income eligibility based on household income, can also qualify for this higher incentive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The \$291,684.00 grant has been received from CARB and will be spent by MBARD in fiscal year 2023-24. \$27,897.00 of the total grant amount will be used for the implantation of this program by existing Planning staff.