



## **Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program**

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On April 19, 2023 the Monterey Bay Air Resources District Board (MBARD) re-authorized the AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program, which is comprised of three components; the Clean Air Management Program provides grant funding for transportation infrastructure projects such as roundabouts and adaptive traffic signal control systems, the Clean Vehicle Program (CVP) includes light-duty electric vehicle (EV) and medium to heavy-duty EV replacement incentives for public agencies, and the Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (EVIP) incentivizes residents of Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties to purchase electric vehicles and electric bicycles.

According to Richard Stedman, MBARD's Air Pollution Control Officer, "Oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) are primary chemical compounds combined with other pollutants that produce ozone (smog). Over 60% of the total emission of NO<sub>x</sub> 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 roundabout construction, the use of adaptive traffic signal control at roadway intersections and fleet electrification projects, motor vehicle emissions are significantly reduced which results in long term air quality benefits."

The Clean Air Management Program consists of:

- Transportation and bicycle infrastructure design and construction

The Clean Vehicle Program consists of:

- EV replacements for public fleets

The Electric Vehicle Incentive Program consists of:

- EV and electric bicycle incentives for residents of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties

Program information and applications can be found online at: <https://www.mbard.org/grants-incentives>