

## EVIP FAQs (FY 25)

1. Who is eligible for the Monterey Bay Air Resources District's EVIP incentive?
  - a. Residents of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties with a driver's license. Purchase or lease must be made on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. A purchase or lease made before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, is not eligible for an incentive in this program. Applicants may qualify for other incentives. Information about incentives is available here: <https://driveclean.ca.gov/search-incentives>.
2. I didn't make a payment or receive my vehicle until on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, but I signed a purchase/lease agreement or contract before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Am I eligible for an EVIP incentive?
  - a. The purchase/lease date is the day the agreement or contract is signed. EVIP incentives cannot be awarded when a purchase/lease agreement or contract is signed before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
3. How do I qualify for the increased low-income incentive?
  - a. Applicants must submit letterhead documentation (dated from within the past 6 months or that show currency) to demonstrate eligibility for the increased low-income incentive. A PDF list of qualifying programs is available here: [Low-Income Qualifying List](#).
4. I believe I qualify for one of the programs on the low-income qualifying list, what letterhead documentation needs to be submitted?
  - a. For example, if you are currently enrolled in LIHEAP, you would need to submit a letterhead document from LIHEAP that shows your status as current. It's not if you qualify for a program on the low-income qualifying list, it's if you are currently enrolled in a program on the low-income qualifying list.
5. How do I know if there are funds left and if I should apply?
  - a. The amount of remaining project funds will be available on the program webpage (<https://www.mbard.org/electric-vehicle-incentive-program>) and the amount will be regularly updated. Please do not call to ask if there are funds left. If there are remaining funds, funds may be committed to your application.
6. My application for an incentive was rejected, how do I find out why?
  - a. A statement explaining why an incentive application was rejected will be included in the email informing the applicant of their rejected application.
7. Must a vehicle be purchased directly from a dealership? Is it eligible for a vehicle to be purchased from a third or private party?

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- a. From any party, but there needs to be a bill of sale that includes: The buyer's name, the seller's name, the equipment (make, model, year, color, VIN), sale price, date of sale, and the signature of both parties.
8. Are used vehicles with open recalls eligible for an incentive?
    - a. Yes, used vehicles with open recalls are eligible. Recalls happen, owners should follow manufacturer guidance to keep vehicles running safely. Owners are expected to maintain a safely operating vehicle to be in alignment with Eligibility Rule 8: "Applicant must retain ownership of the vehicle for a minimum of 24 consecutive months immediately after the purchase or lease of the vehicle. Lease term must be a minimum of 24 months."
  9. Someone who got the MBARD rebate last cycle and is looking to get another car. Is there still an opportunity for a rebate?
    - a. Yes, applicants can receive a rebate in the cycle following a cycle in which they received a rebate. Importantly, every rebate is attached to the requirement that the applicant retain the vehicle for 24 months. If an applicant does not retain the vehicle for 24 months, the second rebate received by the applicant will be pro-rated with respect to the amount of time that applicant did retain the vehicle from the initial rebate.
  10. How and why do I take a picture of the charging port & VIN?
    - a. There are some vehicle models where the fully electric or plug-in hybrid versions have an identical model-name as the gas version. Including a picture of the charging port and of the VIN number in the same picture can help clarify such unknowns. If an applicant can, alone or with the help of another, hold up a DMV registration, which includes the VIN, and at the same time include the charging port in the field of view, it would satisfy the requirement.