



San Diego Clean Cars 4 All

Program Terms & Conditions

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Participant Eligibility

Participant must be 18 years or older, must be the legal owner of the vehicle listed on their application, must be a resident of San Diego County, and must have an income at or below 300% of the current Federal Poverty Level as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Proof of vehicle ownership, residence, AND income are required.

It is not guaranteed that every participant who has completed the application will receive a grant. If funds are depleted, a notice will be posted on the San Diego Clean Cars 4 All (SD CC4A) webpage and Participants may be put on a waitlist. Participant may submit one application per household and lifetime of the grant. Household is defined as all individuals included on the tax return submitted in the Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) application, household individuals included on the income affidavit, or household individuals included in any other income verification documents. Joint vehicle owners are also considered part of the household. Participant may not receive more than one grant per vehicle owner or joint vehicle owner even if owners are not physically in the same household. Participants that are claimed as a dependent are considered part of the household of the tax return in which they are claimed as a dependent. If a Participant was listed as a spouse or dependent in another Participant's application, they are not eligible.

Participants who received funding from Clean Vehicle Assistance Program, Driving Clean Assistance Program, Clean Cars 4 All Sacramento, Clean Cars 4 All Bay Area, Replace Your Ride, Tune-in & Tune-up, and Drive Clean in the San Joaquin or any other program deemed ineligible to be combined, stacked or received in addition to CC4A by the Air District or the California Air Resources Board are not eligible for the SD CC4A Program. Participants must retire their vehicle through Clean Cars 4 All and may not sell their vehicle or receive funding by retiring the same vehicle through the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) or Vehicle Buy Back Program (VBB).

Income Eligibility

Participant must have an income at or below 300% of the current Federal Poverty Level as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Participant is required to submit tax return (Form 1040) or transcript documentation for the most recent year from the Internal

Revenue Service (IRS) or the California State Franchise Tax Board to verify household income and number of persons in household, or alternative proof of income documentation with their application (i.e., CC4A Income Affidavit and IRS Verification of Non-Filing).

If participant is claimed as a dependent and files a separate tax return, they are considered part of the household of the taxpayer in which they are claimed as a dependent and tax return(s) filed by any other dependents. The adjusted gross income of all dependents' tax return(s) and the taxpayer under which they are claimed as a dependent will be combined to calculate household income.

Retired Vehicle Eligibility

The trade-in vehicle must meet the following requirements:

- Currently registered to an individual with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with a valid and unexpired registration sticker, or have all fees paid to the DMV and have a registration that has not been expired more than 120 days. Exceptions may be allowed, refer to Exceptions section below.
 - Vehicles with a salvaged title must have a valid and unexpired registration sticker.
- Continuously registered in California with the DMV during the two consecutive years preceding the current registration expiration date, with no lapses in registration totaling more than 120 days. Exceptions may be allowed, refer to Exceptions section below.
- Gasoline or diesel-powered light or medium duty vehicle (up to 10,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)).
- Model year must be 2009 or older.
- Vehicle must be functioning. Participant will be required to complete a functionality test performed by an authorized dismantler. Participant may also be required to undergo a tailpipe smog check.

Title of the vehicle must be transferred to an authorized dismantler during the Post-Inspection.

Vehicles Not Eligible for Retirement

The following vehicles are not eligible to participate in the CC4A Program:

- Dismantled or salvaged vehicles that have not been reregistered pursuant to section 11519 of the Vehicle Code.
- Registered to a non-profit or business.
- Operated by a public agency or fleet licensed and registered pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 44019 and 44020.

- Undergoing a transfer of ownership.
- Vehicles with an Out-of-State title.

Exceptions

An unregistered vehicle or currently registered vehicle not meeting the Retired Vehicle Eligibility may also be eligible if proven to have been driven primarily in California for the last two years and **not registered in any other state or country in the last two years**. Documentation may include the following:

- Proof of insurance for two consecutive years, without lapses totaling more than 120 days; OR
- Two invoices from an Automotive Repair Dealer registered with the Bureau of Automotive Repair. Invoices must be from two separate calendar years and the oldest may not be older than 24 months. Invoices must include the following:
 - Automotive Repair Dealer’s valid registration number
 - Name and address of the Automotive Repair Dealer
 - Description of a repair or maintenance operation performed on the vehicle
 - Vehicle year, make, model and vehicle identification or license plate number matching the vehicle to be retired
 - Date of the repair or maintenance visit (must be dated prior to application)

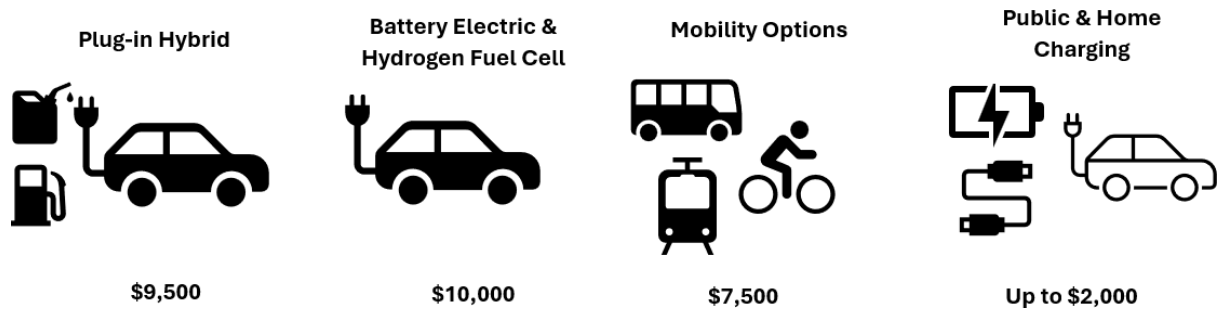
Maximum Grants

Grants are limited to a maximum of \$12,000 per Participant for Participant and Participant household’s lifetime. Incentives are distributed for Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs), Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles (PHEVs), and Fuel Cell Vehicles (FCEVs). Conventional hybrid electric vehicles (conventional hybrids) are not eligible for replacement. The total grant amount that will be awarded is determined based on the incentive type selected and residential address.

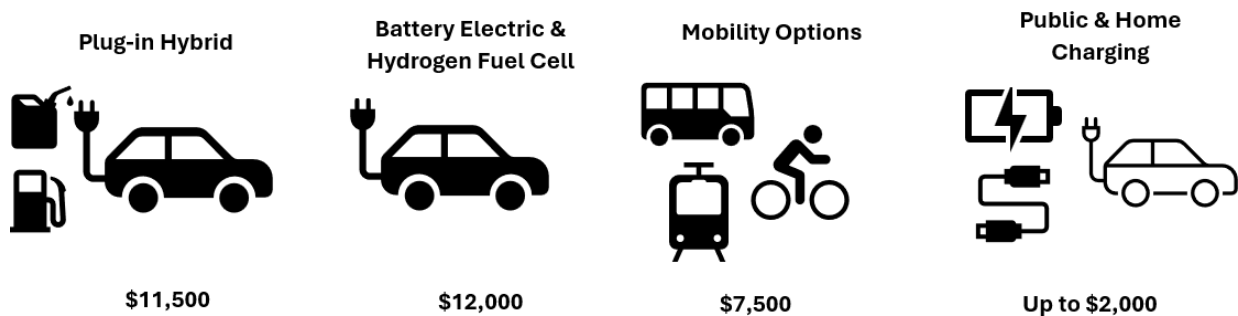
Those living within a Disadvantaged Community, as defined by [CalEnviroScreen 4.0](#) will receive the highest incentive amount for the vehicle.

CC4A Grant Amounts

San Diego County Residents



San Diego County Residents Residing Within a DAC Census Tract



Project Documentation and Verification Process

Participation in the CC4A Program requires submittal of the following information or documentation: two years of vehicle registration or acceptable proof of vehicle operation, vehicle certificate of title, most recent tax return or transcript documentation or acceptable proof of low income, proof of residency and current valid California Driver’s license for Participant and co-owner of vehicle (if applicable).

The Program Administrator (GRID Alternatives) will verify Participant’s eligibility using the information provided, however, additional information may be requested to verify the information contained in an application.

Important: Participant must respond to the Program Administrator`s requests for additional documentation or information within 14 calendar days or the application may be subject to cancellation.

Pre-Inspection

Participant must take their vehicle to be retired to an authorized dismantler for a Pre-Inspection. Participant has 14 days, upon notice, to complete the Pre-Inspection or the application may be cancelled. Participant agrees to allow the dismantler access to their vehicle to perform the following functionality test:

Insert key -- vehicle engine must start using keyed ignition system. In addition to the keyed ignition switch, ignition or fuel kill switch may be activated if required to start engine. The vehicle must start readily through ordinary means without the use of starting fluids or external booster batteries. The vehicle shall be driven forward for a minimum of 25 feet under its own power. The vehicle shall be driven in reverse for a minimum of 25 feet under its own power.

Approval of Application and Award Letter

The Program Administrator will review applications and approve eligible participants for grant funding. The Program Administrator will issue an Award Letter to Participant once their application is approved. Participant must receive an Award Letter from the Program Administrator before purchasing or leasing a vehicle at an authorized dealership.

If your application is approved, the Program Administrator will reserve funds for your grant. Grants are issued in the form of an electronic Award Letter. Participant will receive an Award Letter Packet to the email address provided in the application. Participants unable to receive the award letter packet via email must contact the program to request a physical copy. Approved participants must redeem their grant between the grant approval issue date and the approval expiration date provided on Page 1 of the Award Letter. If Participant does not redeem the grant within the grant approval timeframe indicated in the Award Letter, or request and receive an approved extension within 2 weeks of expiration, the funds will be released and a new application must be submitted.

Important: Award letters are only valid for 90 days from the date issued. Exemptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Air District. The Air District reserves the right to rescind Award Letters that have expired or for grantees that do not adhere to the Terms and Conditions.

Post-Inspection

Participant is responsible for bringing their trade-in vehicle to an authorized dismantler for Post-Inspection. Participant may only complete Post-Inspection and scrap their vehicle after an eligible replacement vehicle has been purchased or leased from an authorized CC4A dealership and upon issuance of the Voucher of Participation from the Program Administrator. Participant has 14 days after any return period has ended for the leased or purchased vehicle to complete the Post-Inspection and scrap their vehicle. If the vehicle is not recycled within the required 14-day period, this will constitute a breach of CC4A contract and you will be required to repay the full incentive amount received and may be referred to the Office of County Counsel for civil action or other available legal remedies. For Participants that choose a Mobility Option, Participant agrees to scrap their old vehicle at an authorized dismantler within 30 days after receiving the transit pass and/or e-bike. Participants that complete Post-Inspection early or scrap their vehicle early may be ineligible for funding. The Air District and Program Administrator are not responsible for any vehicles that are scrapped early or for replacement vehicles purchased that do not meet the CC4A Terms & Conditions.

The Post-Inspection should be performed at the same authorized dismantler that performs the Pre-Inspection. The vehicle has no trade-in value, cannot be sold, and can only be retired under the CC4A Program. The vehicle may not be retired through VBB or CAP. If Participant receives funding for retiring the same vehicle through VBB or CAP, they are ineligible for the CC4A Program and may need to repay any funding received through the CC4A Program.

Payment and Reimbursement Process

The grant award is applied at the point of sale, similar to a cash down payment, and Participant is responsible for any remaining balance. The dealership will be reimbursed directly by the Air District for the grant amount. Participant is responsible for choosing a dealership that is approved under the Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) program by verifying it on the CC4A partner dealership webpage, as purchasing a vehicle from a non-approved dealership will make you financially responsible. Any dealership not listed is not authorized to participate in the program. The grant amount cannot exceed the total purchase price of the vehicle. The Air District is entitled to and may seek repayment of the Grant Award, or a pro-rated portion of the Grant Award, from the Participant if the Participant fails to comply with the requirements in these Terms and Conditions.

Replacement Vehicle Eligibility

Eligible replacement vehicles may include Plug-In Hybrids, Battery Electric Vehicles, and Fuel

Cell Electric Vehicles. Participant may purchase a new or used vehicle or lease a new vehicle from an [authorized dealer](#). Each dealership has at least one Dealership Contact trained on how to process Clean Cars 4 All grants. Participant must work with designated Dealership Contacts or their team. Leased vehicles must be new, have a lease term of 30-months or more, and listed on CARB's official [List of Eligible Vehicles](#). The sales or lease contract must have the Participant's name and address as listed on the Award letter. If the Participant moves, they must request an address change on their award letter. The new address will be checked against the Priority Populations Map and Participants incentive amounts may be affected due to address change.

Replacement Vehicles must align with the following requirements:

- Vehicle must be a Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV), Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), or Fuel Cell Vehicle (FCEV).
- Registered in California.
- Model must be eight (8) years old or newer, calculated by subtracting seven from the calendar year of the transaction.
- Have less than 75,000 miles on the odometer, unless approved by Air District or Program Administrator.
- Have a sale price at or below \$48,000 (before fees, accessories, tax, etc.), unless approved by Air District or Program Administrator.
- Cannot have modifications to vehicles emissions control systems, hardware, software calibrations, or hybrid system.
- Cannot have any open recalls.
- If financed, must have interest rate below 15%.

Electric Vehicle Charging Grant

Eligibility

Participant must have purchased or leased a Plug-In Hybrid or Battery Electric Vehicle through the CC4A Program and must complete the Post-Inspection and scrap the old vehicle.

Important: Fuel Cell Vehicles are not eligible for the charging grant.

Process

Once eligible, Participant must coordinate with GRID Alternatives to receive the EV Charging Grant. GRID Alternatives will provide instructions for redeeming one of two options:

- Option 1: Home Installation – A Level 2 EV charger installed at Participant’s home
- Option 2: Charge Card Package – A public charging credit and portable EV charger
- Option 3: Charge Card Only – A \$2,000 public charging credit

Option 1: Home Installation Requirements

EV Charger must be new and unused, at least 16 amp / 3.8 kilowatts, and certified by a nationally recognized testing lab such as UL or ETL/Intertek.

Installer must be C-10 licensed and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certified. Installer must obtain all necessary permits and pass inspection with the local authority.

Participant must submit an estimate for approval before purchasing a charger or starting work on the installation. After installation, Participant must submit the final installation invoice, proof of payment, EV charger receipt, photo of the installed charger, and signed permit inspection.

Option 2: Charge Card Package Requirements

Participant must create an account with GRID Alternatives’ partner Electric Vehicle Service Provider (EVSP) in order to receive charging credit.

GRID Alternatives reserves the right to select the portable charger make/model provided to Participant.

Option 3: Charge Card Only

Participant must create an account with GRID Alternatives’ partner Electric Vehicle Service Provider (EVSP) in order to receive charging credit.

Mobility Options

If the Mobility Option is selected, Participant will have the option of selecting a public transit option, E-bike option, or a combination of the two.

Public Transit

Participant that selects the \$7,500 for public transit will be mailed a Pronto card (from the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)) within approximately 30 days of their Award Letter issue date. The Pronto card will be loaded with the full grant amount, but will include a monthly spending limit of \$300 per person in the household. Household, as defined above, includes all individuals listed on the Participant tax return submitted in the CC4A Application or household members included on the Income Affidavit.

Electric Bicycles (E-bikes)

If Participant is interested in the E -bike option, please contact the Program Administrator for further information.

After signing these Terms and Conditions, Participant will receive a CC4A Award letter that shows the selected Mobility Option. After receiving the Mobility Option Award Letter, Participant agrees to scrap their old vehicle at a CC4A-authorized dismantler within 30 days after receiving the E-bike or Pronto card. The dismantler will submit proof that their vehicle was scrapped to the Air District. Exceptions to the 30-day requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis. If the Air District does not receive proof that Participant's vehicle was scrapped, Participant agrees that Participant must return any spent grant funds to the Air District and will forfeit any remaining unspent grant award.

Fraud

Participant is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information provided in their grant application and the required documentation submitted to the Clean Cars 4 All Program. Submission of false information on any required documents may be considered a criminal offense and is punishable under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California. The Air District may recoup funds which were received based upon misinformation or fraud.

The Air District retains the authority to prohibit any entity from participating in the Clean Cars 4 All Program due to non-compliance with program requirements or fraud. The Air District or its designee reserves the right to forward Participant information to the Franchise Tax Board or other appropriate agency. Participant should also be aware that the California False Claims Act permits the Attorney General to bring a civil law enforcement action to recover treble damages and civil penalties against any person who knowingly makes or uses a false statement or document to either obtain money or property from the State or avoid paying or transmitting money or property to the State.

IRS and Tax Compliance

If Participant has questions about the IRS and tax compliance, please consult your tax professional.



Program Reports

Participant agrees to complete an online survey after using the Grant Award at 12 months, 24 months, and 30 months. Surveys are sent electronically to the Participant to the email on file. Participant agrees to complete surveys within 14 days of receipt, or by the survey due date provided in the email. If Participant cannot complete electronic survey, Participant must request a physical copy from the Program Administrator at 855-651-2242. If surveys are not completed by Participant, the Air District may request reimbursement of grant funds for not adhering to program Terms and Conditions.

Important: If Participant changes their communication preferences during the 30-month ownership period, Participant is required to update Program Administrators to maintain communication between parties throughout duration of the grant.

Vehicle Ownership and Operation for 30 Months

Participant agrees to retain ownership of the replacement vehicle purchased or leased for a minimum of thirty (30) months from the date of purchase or lease. The vehicle must be registered in the State of California for duration of the 30-month ownership period. Participants must notify the Program Administrator within 30 days if for any reason they are not able to meet the 30-month ownership requirement and may be required to repay a prorated amount of the grant to the Air District. Extenuating circumstances that prevent repayment may be considered on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Program Administrator.

Change of Address

Participant must notify the Program Administrator within 30 days if they move or change their address within the 30-month ownership period

Extensions

Extensions may be granted for deadlines to Participant on a case-by-case basis. Extensions are dependent on funding availability, necessity, and are not guaranteed.

Waitlists

Applying to the CC4A Program does not guarantee a grant. Grants are subject to available funding and applications may be canceled or moved to a Waitlist if no funding is available. If funds become available, grants will be given to qualified participants on the waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis, but the Air District and Program Administrator reserve the right to prioritize applications, based on objective factors, at their discretion. Participants on the waitlist



must maintain eligibility for the program and the Program Administrator may request additional information upon application review.

Indemnification and Assumption of Risk

Participant agrees to indemnify and defend GRID Alternatives, the Air District and its Directors, employees, and agents against any and all claims, loss, damage, or liability that arises out of, or is in any way connected with, the installation or use of equipment purchased with Air District funds. In addition, Participant agrees to assume all risk of damage to property or injury to persons that may occur from equipment purchased or work conducted that was paid for with Air District funds.

Refusal of Service

San Diego Clean Cars 4 All Program Staff reserve the right to refuse service to anyone who is offensive, disrespectful, or harasses our staff and partners. Participants who engage in any of these behaviors may have their grant approvals withdrawn, and may be ineligible for all other services, including, but not limited to, charging support.

Failure to provide true information or to adhere to any of the Clean Cars 4 All Program Terms and Conditions will result in forfeiture of the Award. The Air District reserves the right to modify the Clean Cars 4 All Program Terms and Conditions at its discretion.

By signing this document, the participant agrees to the following:

- I acknowledge that I have read and understand, and agree to be bound by, the San Diego Clean Cars 4 All Terms and Conditions.
- I have read and understand the following grant requirements:
 - Participant must retain ownership of the vehicle in California for a minimum of thirty (30) consecutive months immediately after the vehicle purchase or lease date.
 - The Participant must complete surveys at 12, 24, and 30 months. Participant agrees to maintain communications with program administrators until 30-month completion.

San Diego Clean Cars 4 All Program Terms and Conditions Agreed and Accepted By:

Applicant Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Signature: _____