

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
OFF-ROAD EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

What is the Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (ORERP)?

For many years, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) has provided funding through the Carl Moyer Program for diesel engine repower or retrofit projects. This new ORERP program, through the Carl Moyer Program, provides incentive funding consideration for part of the cost to replace the entire piece of off-road equipment where replacing the engine only, (i.e., repowering) is not possible or where the cost of an “engine-only” replacement cannot be justified. The old, replaced equipment must be scrapped or otherwise rendered inoperable.

What is the Carl Moyer Program?

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) is a state funded grant program for owners of heavy-duty vehicles and equipment. The purpose of the program is to reduce air pollution emissions by replacing old heavy-duty engines with new, cleaner engines when the replacement is done early or in the absence of a requirement to do so by rule or regulation.

What qualifies as off-road equipment?

Off-road equipment means mobile, self-propelled diesel fueled or large spark ignited (LSI) equipment or vehicles that cannot be registered and driven safely on-road or are not designed to be driven on-road.

What off-road equipment does NOT qualify for funding under this program?

For purposes of this program, off-road equipment does not include personal or non-commercial vehicles, stationary agricultural water pumps, marine vessels, recreational vehicles, combat or tactical support equipment, or locomotives.

How do I know the replacement of my old off-road equipment is eligible for funding?*

If you have the following equipment, you may be eligible:

- Equipment with an uncontrolled (Tier 0), a Tier 1, or a Tier 2 diesel engine powered or large spark ignition engine,
- Agricultural tractors,
- Construction equipment within a fleet that is not required to comply with Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulations (Fleet Rules) for at least three years,
- Emission reductions from the project are not required by any local, state, and/or federal rule, regulation, or other legally binding requirement.**

**For a complete explanation of eligibility and requirements please see the documents entitled “Program Details” and “Application” located at www.OurAir.org/funding. ** The ARB enforces Fleet Rules that require engine owners to reduce pollution from their engine. To find out if a Fleet Rule covers your equipment, visit the ARB website at www.arb.ca.gov.*

What new equipment can I get?

- New vehicles only, defined as having an engine hour meter displaying less than 250 operating hours,
- Equipment powered by a current model year California emission standard compliant engine, 25 horsepower or greater,
- Equipment having a horsepower rating no greater than 125 percent of the baseline horsepower of the old equipment engine(s),
- Equipment that executes the same job as the old piece(s) of equipment.

How much funding can I get?*

Qualifying projects may be eligible for grant funding **up to 80 percent** of the cost of the new equipment. Retrofit installations, if required, are eligible for **up to 100 percent** of total costs, including all filters and maintenance of the filters needed during the project life.

** Projects are subject to a cost-effectiveness cap of \$16,400 per weighted ton of air pollutants reduced. District staff will calculate cost effectiveness using the two most recent years of documented equipment usage.*

Can I get part of the funding upfront to use as a down payment?

No. All grant funding is paid at the end of the process. The entire amount of eligible grant funding found in the contract will be remitted in one single check to the grantee. When the new equipment arrives at the dealership, a District representative will inspect the new vehicle and document that the old equipment has been destroyed and rendered unusable. Upon satisfactory completion of these tasks, the grantee will send a request for payment to the District and attach the itemized invoice from the dealership for the equipment showing all costs, a copy of the vehicle warranty, evidence that the warranty was paid for by the grantee, and a request for a two party check if needed.

How do I apply?

Applications can be downloaded from the District's website at www.OurAir.org/funding. Alternatively, contact the District at (805) 961-8800 to have the form mailed or faxed.

How are applications processed?

Grants are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

When will I know if my application is complete and accepted?

The District will notify the applicant within 5 days with an application completeness determination. If the application is deemed incomplete, the District will advise the applicant of missing and needed information. Once the application is deemed complete, the District will notify the applicant of application acceptance within approximately 30 days of the date that the application was determined to be complete.

What happens if funds run out?

Once all funds have been granted for a specific Moyer year, additional applications will not be processed. Notice of program suspension will be made to any applicant with a pending application and will be posted on the District's website. Additional funding for the program will become available after the next distribution of Carl Moyer funding, which typically occurs in January contingent on allocations provided in the State Budget. Please check with the District on the status of funding availability.

What other information should I know?

The application requests submittal of various pieces of information and documentation. Review the *Applicant Checklist*, provided with the application and located on the program webpage, for a list of requirements.

Where can I go for more information?

Visit www.OurAir.org/funding for additional downloadable program materials including the *Application & Applicant Checklist*, *Program Details*, and program flyer.

Contact Al Ronyecz at the District at (805) 961-8877 or RonyeczA@sbcapcd.org.

PROGRAM OPERATION

