



San Joaquin Valley

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

REMOVE II PROGRAM

Bikeway Incentive Program Guidelines

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) is currently accepting applications from public agencies and public educational institutions requesting funding to increase commuter bicycle accessibility and utilization as an alternative transportation measure. For additional information, assistance, or to receive application materials, please contact:

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Please Note the Following:

The applicant and proposed bicycle project must meet the minimum eligibility criteria identified in these guidelines to be considered for incentive funding. Applicant will be informed in writing regarding the eligibility of its proposed project.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING

Eligible project types and funding for each are identified in the following table:

Bikeway Class	Definition	Funding Amount*
Class I Bikeway (Bike Path)	Provides a completely separated right of way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians	Up to \$150,000
Class II Bikeway (Bike Lane)	Provides a striped lane for one-way bike travel on a street or highway	Up to \$100,000
Class III Bikeway (Bike Route)	Provides for shared use with pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic (i.e. Shared Lane Markers, Bike Boulevards, etc.)	Up to \$100,000
Funding Cap	One project category per application.	\$150,000 annually per agency

***Funding amounts are subject to a cost-effectiveness cap of \$40,000 per ton of total combined emissions reduced. Consequently, actual funds awarded may be less than amounts identified in the table.**

Funding amounts listed apply towards eligible construction charges and necessary signage. Some exclusions apply such as fees for permits, document preparation, consulting, site evaluation, landscaping, etc. The District reserves the right to determine eligible costs that will be funded.

❖ GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The purpose of this program is to fund the construction of new bikeway projects to promote clean air through the development of a widespread, interconnected network of bike paths, lanes or routes and improving the general safety conditions for commuter bicyclists for the benefit of commuter bicycling.
- All projects will be considered for funding on a first-come, first-serve basis until program funds are exhausted. Eligible projects not selected for funding will be placed on hold until additional funding becomes available.
- The applicant may not begin construction prior to obtaining an executed agreement with the SJVAPCD. Projects that begin construction prior to contract execution will be considered ineligible for funding. An agreement is considered executed when the applicant and SJVAPCD have both signed the agreement.
- Multiple applications may be submitted throughout the year for from the same applicant; however, funding will be limited to the funding caps described.
- Co-funding is encouraged, but established SJVAPCD Governing Board guidelines require that applicants shall not use SJVAPCD program funds to supplant other existing potential funding sources.
- SJVAPCD funds may not be used for administrative or operational costs, nor will the program allow funds to be used to reimburse an applicant for the cost of preparing/submitting an application.
- The bikeway project must achieve surplus emissions reductions. The most current ARB Methodology will be utilized for calculating the cost effectiveness and emissions reduction

values for each project application. The calculations will have a direct impact on determining the incentive amount of each approved project. Applicants may evaluate their bicycle project proposal using Cost Effectiveness Analysis Tools from the ARB web site at www.arb.ca.gov/planning/tsaq/eval/eval.htm. The maximum acceptable cost effectiveness value for any proposed bikeway project is \$40,000 per ton (ROG, NOx and PM).

- Unless written notification is provided stating otherwise, all applications submitted to the SJVAPCD will remain active and will be funded in the order received pending the availability of funds.
- The SJVAPCD has full discretion in regards to project funding and approval. Submittal of an application does not guarantee funding.
- Criteria and requirements may be reviewed, as new information becomes available and can be revised at the discretion of the Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer as needed. Applicant will be notified of any revisions that impact applicant's project.
- SJVAPCD funds may not be used for administrative or operational costs, nor will the program allow funds to be used to reimburse an applicant for the cost of preparing/submitting an application.

❖ **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

- The applicant can be any municipality, government agency, or public educational institution located within the boundaries of the SJVAPCD. The SJVAPCD includes the following 8 counties: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and the SJVAPCD portion of Kern.
- The application must enter into an agreement with the SJVAPCD to be able to receive funds under the program.
- The applicant must disclose any additional funding sources or other financial incentive(s) and funding amounts received or to be received by the applicant towards this project.
- The applicant shall not submit other applications for funding for the bikeway project under this Program or any other SJVAPCD incentive programs.
- If necessary, have the capital in addition to SJVAPCD funds to complete the proposed project in a timely fashion.
- The applicant agrees that any emission reductions associated with this program will be claimed and retired by the SJVAPCD. The applicant waves the right to claim emission reduction credits which may accrue at any time as a result of this program.
- The applicant may not use the elimination of an existing project to justify their proposal, or in the determination of emission reduction. If a project was already in existence or has already been started, then funding cannot be granted.

❖ **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**

- The bikeway project must be located within the SJVAPCD boundaries which consist of the following 8 counties: San Joaquin Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and the SJVAPCD portion of Kern.

- The bikeway project must reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), single occupancy vehicle (SOV) travel, and/or traffic congestion (idling) at the project site. Data or record(s) to support the verification of potential vehicle trip replacements needs to be included with the application submission.
- Bicycle paths, trails or boulevards cannot be designed for recreational purposes only. They must be designed to improve transportation access for bicyclists and must provide convenient links to other bicycle routes within the transportation network to be effective.
- Bikeway project sites should be target areas where there is a high demand of necessity for bicycle facility development or improvement. These locations should exhibit high traffic flow and commuter travel to areas of frequent activity, such as schools, shops, churches, libraries downtown commerce, community parks and centers (Activity Centers).
- Landscaping, benches, general cosmetic or aesthetic features are not eligible for funding.
- Bicycle bridges and tunnels are discouraged and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Justification must be provided, such as specific roadway or freeway conditions that require such structures for accessibility.
- For Class III bikeway projects, the SJVAPCD will pay for Signage and/or Shared Lanes (Sharrows) Markings with proper demonstration of traffic calming devices and strategies done to prioritize the safety, comfort and convenience of bicyclists. Examples include, but are not limited to, bicycle specific traffic light(s), traffic circles, chicanes, lowered motor vehicle speed limits, raised crosswalks, and speed bumps
- The bikeway must comply with Caltrans design standards and comply with all local, state and federal regulations and permitting requirements.

GENERAL PROGRAM PROCESS

- Step 1. Applicant submits a complete, signed application packet for funding consideration.
- Step 2. SJVAPCD shall review the application and upon approval, SJVAPCD will provide the applicant an agreement to complete the proposed bikeway project to receive the SJVAPCD's funding.
- Step 3. Applicant shall review the agreement and if the applicant approves of it, applicant shall sign the agreement and return it to the SJVAPCD.
- Step 4. Once the signed agreement has been received, the SJVAPCD will approve the agreement and have it signed by authorized personnel. The agreement is considered executed once the agreement has been signed by both the applicant and the SJVAPCD. A copy of the executed agreement will be sent to the applicant.
- Step 5. Applicant shall commence the construction of the bikeway according to the approved project design once the executed agreement has been received.
- Step 6. When the project has been completed, applicant shall submit a complete claim for payment to the SJVAPCD to be reimbursed for eligible costs.
- Step 7. Applicant shall be required to complete and submit a SJVAPCD Annual Report for two (2) years subsequent to the completion of the bikeway project.