



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

ZERO-EMISSION AG UTV VOUCHER PROGRAM

Program Guidelines

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) Zero-Emission Ag UTV Voucher Program provides monetary incentives for the replacement of existing diesel or gasoline-powered all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility terrain vehicles (UTV), and tractors less than 25 horsepower with new, zero-emission UTVs to qualified individuals, businesses, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations involved in California agricultural operation¹ as defined by The California Air Resources Board (CARB).

There are three general types of vehicles eligible for grant funding under the Program: ATVs and UTVs as they are defined by off-highway regulations², excluding the reference to an internal combustion engine, as well as tractors less than 25 horsepower. For the purposes of this program, the term UTV will be used to collectively include both ATVs, UTVs, and small tractors.

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¹ "Agricultural operations" is defined from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles (Title 13 CCR § 2449): and means (1) the growing or harvesting of crops from soil (including forest operations), and the raising of plants at wholesale nurseries, but not retail nurseries, or the raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit, providing a livelihood, or conducting agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution, or (2) agricultural crop preparation services such as packinghouses, cotton gins, nut hullers and processors, dehydrators, and feed and grain mills. Agricultural crop preparation services include only the first processing after harvest, not subsequent processing, canning, or other similar activities. For forest operations, agricultural crop preparation services include milling, peeling, producing particleboard and medium density fiberboard, and producing woody landscape materials.

² California's off-highway regulations as amended in July 2006 (Title 13 CCR § 2449) define an ATV as any off-highway motor vehicle 50 inches or less in overall width that is designed to travel on four or more low pressure tires, having a single seat designed to be straddled by the operator or a single seat designed to be straddled by the operator and a seat for no more than one passenger, having handlebars for steering control. An off-road utility vehicle is defined as designed to travel on four or more wheels, having bench or bucket seating for two or more persons, having a steering wheel for steering control, designed for operation over rough terrain, having an internal combustion engine with a displacement less than or equal to one liter, having a maximum brake power less than or equal to 30 kilowatts, and having either 1) a rear payload of 350 pounds or more, or 2) seating for six or more passengers.

The existing (old) equipment must:

- Be a self-propelled all-terrain vehicle (ATV), utility terrain vehicle (UTV), or tractor less than 25 horsepower (Tractors classified as lawn and garden tractors do not qualify).
- Be powered by a compression-ignition engine (diesel) or spark-ignition engine (gasoline).
- Be **operational and in-use** at the time application is submitted.

The replacement (new) equipment must:

- Not have been previously owned and be indicated as new by the dealer at the time of purchase.
- Be Zero-Emission. The vehicle must emit zero tailpipe emissions from its onboard source of power (such as all electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles), and may not undergo any modification that would allow propulsion by any other means.
- Have an hour meter installed and operational throughout the project life. If the hour meter fails for any reason during the project life, the hour meter must be repaired or replaced as soon as possible at the owner's expense.
- Not have any modifications to the vehicle systems, including motor and other hardware, the addition of auxiliary power sources, or changes to the software calibrations.
- Meet the following specifications (as per itemized quote):

Towing Capacity (lbs.)	Total Vehicle Weight (lbs.)
500 or greater	700 or greater

Funding amount:

- This program is intended to fund up to 75% of the eligible cost of new equipment, with a maximum eligible funding amount of \$13,500. **Eligible costs does not include additional batteries. The District reserves the right to determine the eligibility of costs associated with the project. The final amount reimbursed to the applicant will be reduced if the final invoiced costs of eligible items are less than was indicated on the quote at the time of application.**

The Participant must:

- **Not make any non-refundable payments, dismantle the existing equipment or place the new equipment into service until you receive a District Voucher.**
- **Secure a minimum One-Year manufacturer warranty for the new equipment.**
- Remain the owner of the new equipment for a minimum of five (5) years from purchase date.
- Operate one-hundred percent (100%) of the new replacement equipment's annual hours within District boundaries (see attached map).
- Ensure the old equipment is destroyed or rendered permanently in-operable. Destruction must be performed by a participating dismantler contracted with the District.
- Submit annual reports to the District through the full term of the agreement.
- Agree to be available for follow-up inspection(s), if requested by the District, CARB, or CARB's designee for the purposes of project oversight and accountability
- Commit that any emission reductions generated by the purchased UTV will not be used as marketable emission reduction credits, to offset any emission reduction obligation of any person or entity, or to generate a compliance extension or extra credit for determining regulatory compliance

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applicant submits complete application packet to District staff (via mail, email, or fax):
 - a. Completed Application
 - b. IRS Form W-9
 - c. Dated and itemized dealer quote for the new equipment
 - d. Photos of current equipment (side view of entire vehicle & clear photo of Equipment Identification Number, Product Identification Number (PIN) or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
 - i. If there is an engine serial number different than the VIN or PIN, a photo of the engine serial number is also required.
 - e. Maintenance records and/or service history for the existing UTV
2. District Notifies Applicant if incomplete or ineligible.
3. If complete and eligible, District staff issue Voucher to applicant via mail.
4. If applicant needs to purchase different equipment from what was originally quoted, they must ensure it meets the new equipment requirements as listed above. Incentive amount will not increase, but may decrease so as not to exceed 75% of the total eligible costs or \$13,500, whichever is less.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

After receipt of an approved voucher, the applicant:

1. Purchases the new equipment and pays for the equipment in full.
2. Delivers old equipment to a District approved dismantler within 30 days of taking possession of the new equipment. Additionally, applicant must have the dismantler complete the Certificate of Destruction that is included in the voucher packet.
3. Applicant may then submit a claim for payment packet including the following:
 - Signed Voucher
 - Signed Claim for Payment form (page 2 of voucher)
 - Signed Certificate of Destruction from the dismantler (Old UTV Status Form)
 - Invoice from dealership showing equipment was paid in full
 - Proof of payment and deposit (either copy of check or finance docs)
 - Proof of Warranty (warranty docs, or a completed Warranty Registration Form)
 - Photos of new equipment (side view of entire vehicle showing the affixed Clean Air Vehicle sticker, and a clear photo of Equipment Identification Number, serial number, PIN or VIN)
 - Copy of insurance specifically listing the new equipment as covered
4. Upon receipt of a complete claim packet, District staff will issue payment, generally within sixty (60) working days.
5. For the project life (listed on voucher) on the anniversary of the purchase date of the new equipment the District will mail Applicants an annual report requesting basic information on the new equipment.



Side view example for old and new equipment

APPLICANT RESOURCES

Web Resources

When preparing an application, we ask Applicants to utilize the information presented within the links on this page. By submitting complete application packets with accurate information, we can reduce the amount of time and resources necessary to process your application.

The Applicant Resource Web Page can be found at <https://ww2.valleyair.org/grants/zero-emission-ag-utility-terrain-vehicle-utv/>

MAP OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



The Zero-Emission Ag UTV Voucher Program is part of [California Climate Investments](#), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.