

SJVAPCD Grants & Incentives: Alternative Fuel Mechanic Training

Purpose of the Program

Provide incentive funds for the education or training in the mechanics, operational safety and maintenance of alternative fuel vehicle technology and alternative fuel infrastructure technology.

Qualified Applicants

(1) Those currently utilizing an alternative fuels program and **(2)** those servicing an alternative fuels system or incorporating alternative fuels technology.

Criteria for Eligible Educational or Training Course Programs

- Any individual, private company, or public agency may apply
- **May include vehicle fleet or infrastructure mechanics/technicians who will utilize the education in their operations such as vehicle fuelers, drivers, maintenance technicians, facility engineers, department managers, trainers and related personnel.** May include other topics not listed above, they will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants may seek out programs that provide the in-house training site option (operator's site) or the college/institutional training site option. Depends on the number of individuals in the proposed training group and the technical equipment required. The most economically feasible and accessible option must be pursued.
- Training may be provided at educational facilities outside the SJVAPCD area as long as applicant organization is located within the SJVAPCD area.
- Qualification based on the training course proposal and the applicant's objectives to incorporate alternative fuel technology into the vehicle fleet or infrastructure operations.
- Program duration is generally limited to ten (10) days for workshop courses, however, semester long courses may be eligible and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Funding restricted to instructional materials, training course fees or tuition costs. The SJVAPCD will not provide funds for transportation, meals or lodging.

Other Program Guidelines

- The maximum incentive is \$15,000 per fiscal year.
- First-come, first-serve. For same day submittals, proposals chosen by cost-effectiveness.
- Program funds are not for projects that would have proceeded otherwise. Projects with large cost savings to the system operator would not be eligible, since they should be considered an investment by the agency/organization. Projects where all cost savings accrue to the public users of the system would be eligible.
- Applicants must provide information of all funding sources that have been solicited to fund a project or program. Applicants shall not use SJVAPCD program funds to supplant other existing potential funding sources.
- Additional funding sources are not a requirement for participation in the Alternative Fuel Mechanic Training Component. Other co-funding is encouraged but not required. State and federal tax credits may be available.
- Not for administrative or operational costs.