

Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District

Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

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**Rebates are awarded first-come first-served
You must apply within 30-Days after Purchase of a New ZEV**

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ZEV REBATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

I. AB 2766 Grant Funds Background

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) receives AB 2766 funds through an “air quality impact” fee collected by the DMV. Revenues generated from AB 2766 are used to reduce air pollution generated from motor vehicles and their related activities.

The District allocates a substantial portion of its AB 2766 funds to the Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate Program and DMV Grant Program. Both programs provide a mechanism for the fair, unbiased distribution of AB 2766 funds to eligible projects designed to reduce motor vehicle related emissions within Eastern Kern County.

This document is intended to provide guidance pertaining to the ZEV Rebate Program component of the District’s AB 2766 grant programs. If you are interested in applying for an infrastructure, road paving, or public education grant, please see the DMV Grant Program Guidelines (Released October 1).

II. ZEV Rebate Program Overview

Eligible applicants will receive a Rebate of up to **\$4,000**, not exceeding 25% of total cost, for the **purchase** of a **new** ZEV with an EPA Smog Score of 10. All ZEV Rebate Program applications will be processed in the order they are received. ZEV Rebates are awarded first-come first-served until program funds have been exhausted.

III. Eligibility Requirements

1. Vehicle must be a ZEV, as defined by CARB LEV III with an EPA Smog Score of 10, and a new purchase from a dealership. *Leased or used vehicles are not eligible for rebate.*
2. A complete ZEV Rebate Program application package must be submitted within 30-days of purchase date of new eligible ZEV. A rebate will not be issued for a vehicle that was purchased greater than 30 days from application receipt date.
3. Applicant must primarily reside in Eastern Kern County and provide proof of residency. Proof of residency can include copy of driver’s license or sales invoice for the new vehicle that lists an Eastern Kern address.
4. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
5. Applicant is only eligible to receive one ZEV Rebate per 12 months.
6. If the applicant is a business, school, non-profit organization, government agency, municipality, or entity, the physical address must be located within Eastern Kern County.

IV. How to Apply

1. Submit a complete ZEV Rebate Program application package within 30-days of purchasing a new eligible ZEV. Application receipt date will be the USPS postmark date on the envelope or District stamped hand delivery date.
2. A complete ZEV Rebate Program application package includes the following:
 - A. Completed ZEV Rebate Program application that is signed and dated.
 - B. Valid email address must be included on the application to receive a ZEV rebate.
 - C. Copy of Applicant's sales invoice/contract for the new eligible ZEV.
 - D. Photocopy of Applicant's Driver's License.
 - E. Completed IRS Form W9 that is signed and dated.
3. Applicant's name and address must match on all required documents.

Note: If applicant recently moved and address listed on Driver's License is incorrect, address listed on new ZEV sales invoice will suffice.

Mail or Hand Deliver Complete ZEV Rebate Application Package To:

**Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District
2700 "M" Street, Suite 302
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Emailed Application Will Not Be Accepted.

Be Advised:

District reserves the right to reject any or all applications.

A rebate will not be issued if the vehicle was purchased greater than 30-days from the postmark date or hand delivery date of the application package.

A rebate will not be issued if application package is incomplete.

All applications become property of the District.

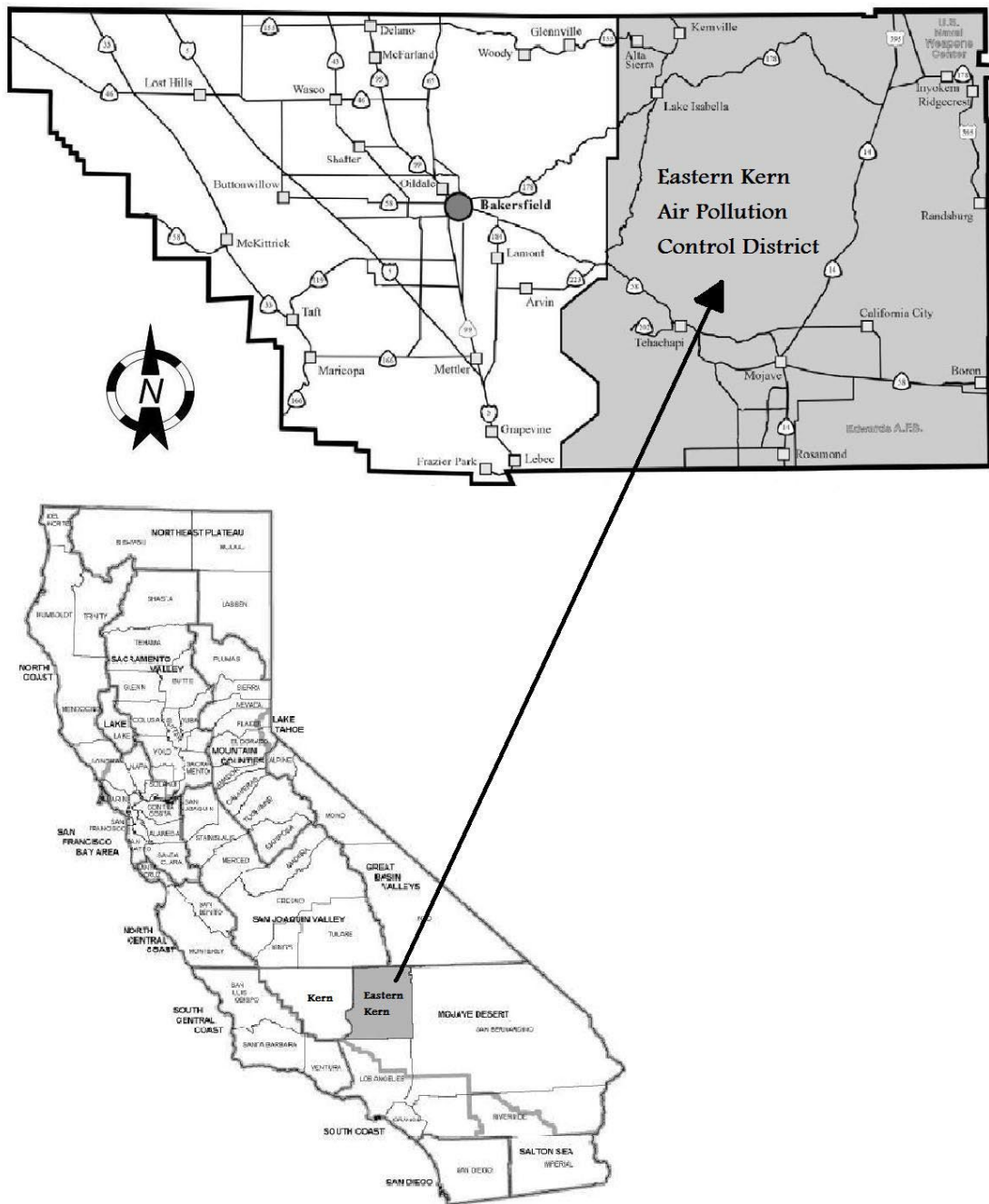
All applications are subject to the public information act.

Applicant should notify the District immediately if there is a need to withdraw an application.

V. Payment

Grantee will be issued the rebate within 30 days of submitting a ZEV Rebate Program application package that the District has deemed to be complete and eligible for funding.

Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District Boundary Map





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ZEV Rebate Program FY 25/26 Application

Electronic applications are available at www.kernair.org.

(Please Type or Print)

Applicant Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Mailing Address (if different than above):		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email (Required):	
Date of New EV Purchase:	Sales Invoice Included:	Yes No
Proof of Residence in EK Included:	Yes No	Completed W9 Included: Yes No

I hereby certify that I meet all program eligibility requirements to submit this application and all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name:	Title (if applicable):
Signature:	Date:

Complete application package Must Be Mailed to the District Administrative Office (address listed above).
Emailed Application Will Not Be Accepted.

DATE RECEIVED	Validation (for EKAPCD use)	
	Is Application Complete:	Yes No
	Eligible for Funding:	Yes No