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## Air District's Clean HEET Program now accepting applications

*Incentives available to replace wood-burning devices with electric heat pumps*

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The Bay Area Air District's Clean HEET Program is now accepting applications for grants that offset the cost of replacing wood- or pellet-burning stoves, fireplace inserts or open-hearth fireplaces with electric heat pumps. A decommission-only option is also available to remove open-hearth fireplaces or uncertified wood-burning devices.

"Wood smoke contains fine particles that can impact the health of everyone exposed, from the family inside the home to neighbors throughout the community," said Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. "Clean HEET gives Bay Area homeowners a pathway to retire wood-burning equipment, cut harmful emissions and enjoy cleaner air at home and throughout the region."

Heat pumps are a clean, energy-efficient alternative to burning wood that can both heat and cool a home. Powered by electricity, they transfer heat rather than generate it, moving outdoor heat indoors in winter and reversing the process to cool homes in summer.

All Bay Area homeowners are eligible to apply. Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis and range from $1,500 to $15,000, depending on the existing device and project type, with an additional $10,000 for eligible low-income households. The program does not provide reimbursement for work already performed. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. PST on March 10, 2027.

The Clean HEET Program is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Targeted Airshed Grant Program, which supports reductions in fine particulate matter, or PM2.5, with matching funds from the Air District.

For details, eligibility requirements and to apply, visit www.baaqmd.gov/WoodSmokeGrant or at woodsmokegrants@baaqmd.gov.

The Bay Area Air District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via X, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

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