

CARB HVIP Workgroup 1 Webinar

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On April 7, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) held a public work group webinar to discuss Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 policy for Clean Truck and Bus Vouchers (HVIP). The discussion focused on how best to adjust the HVIP to align with growing demand and the Governor Newsom's proposed budget.

Stakeholders addressed potential policy options introduced at the first public workshop on developing the FY 2020-21 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives held on March 12, 2020. In anticipation of limited funding, ARB staff seeks input on various options that may help reduce the funding shortfall while closely conforming to the program's guiding principles and minimizing impacts to nascent markets.

A HVIP discussion document will be released in mid-June ahead of the second funding plan workshop, which is tentatively scheduled for June 23. The draft funding plan will be released in September 2020 and sent to the CARB Board for approval in October 2020. There is \$150 million available for heavy duty investments from Governor's proposed budget. Currently, HVIP has \$200 million in demand, with an expected increase as more zero emissions heavy-duty vehicles become eligible under the program. HVIP is for post-demonstration vehicles that are certified and for sale.

HVIP Guiding Principles:

- Core values of reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Supporting beachhead technology position
- Maintaining simplicity and fleet friendly process
- Supporting CARB regulator programs
- Avoid market disruptions by unpredictable funding availability
- Graduating established technologies to other programs when they're ready
- Supporting emission reductions in disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- HVIP's ability to influence purchase decisions.

To give some back ground on HVIP, \$536 million has been issued in vouchers over the 10 year life of the program. \$5-20 million was issued in the first few years, while recently the demand is much larger with \$277 million in 2019 HVIP requests. As of November 1st the waitlist was closed; all requests on the waitlist will be converted to HVIP vouchers. That process is ongoing and happening now. The following are proposed changes to HVIP:

- A purchase order is required to receive an HVIP voucher.
- Reduce all voucher amounts by 20%.
- Reduce voucher amount by 50% when manufacturer reaches 100 vouchers per calendar year.
- Reduce voucher limit for fleets to 50/yr.

For more information on HVIP go to the [CARB HVIP website](#).