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## Vehicle Trade-In Program Offers Newer Cleaner Transportation For Less

**S**outhland residents can trade in their older car or pickup truck to receive between \$2,500 and \$9,500 in vouchers and incentives toward the purchase of a newer, cleaner emitting vehicle, thanks to a new pilot program offered by SCAQMD.

The "Replace Your Ride" program is designed to encourage low and moderate income residents to trade in their older, more-polluting vehicles to purchase newer, cleaner vehicles. Additional funding is provided for those interested in acquiring more fuel-efficient models such as pre-owned plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles or battery-electric vehicles. Residents can also use the vouchers to purchase mass transit passes or participate in car-sharing programs.

Vouchers are calculated based on annual income. For example, a family of four with an annual income of \$53,662.50 (which is 225% above the federal poverty level) could retire their older, less fuel-efficient vehicle and receive a voucher worth \$4,500 that can be used to purchase a 2007 or newer vehicle. Additional financial incentives of up to \$5,000 may also be applied towards the purchase of a plug-in hybrid-electric or battery-electric vehicle.

SCAQMD has funding to replace 551 to 992 vehicles now on the road, depending on the number and amount of the vouchers distributed.

The voucher program's goal is to reduce pollution by getting high-emitting vehicles off California's roads sooner and replacing them with cleaner, more environmentally friendly transportation options. Targeting the program to low and middle income residents is a way to ensure that they and their communities will directly benefit from the program's clean air goal.

To learn more about the program, including when it will go into effect, or when there will be an outreach event in your area, contact Dean Saito at [dsaito@aqmd.gov](mailto:dsaito@aqmd.gov) or (909) 396-2647.

