



# Residential Electric Vehicle (EV) Incentives

For many consumers, the upfront cost of electric vehicles, along with necessary charging equipment, keeps EVs out of reach. Fortunately, there are a number of incentives available to make going electric more affordable. Below is a list of resources currently available to Humboldt County residents (**last updated 12/12/2024**). There are a multitude of programs and resources out there so this list is not meant to be definitive. It's just intended to be a useful resource.

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**Federal Tax Credits**  
**Incentive Type:**  
Tax Credit

The federal government wants to see you in an EV. They offer a tax credit of **\$2,500** for purchasing a **new EV**, with an additional **\$417 for every kWh** of juice the vehicle's battery has above the 5-kWh minimum. This adds up quickly in most new EVs, with the credit being capped at **\$7,500** and being applicable at the point of sale. The federal government has also decided to offer a tax credit for **pre-owned EV's**. The credit is equal to **30%** of the sale price, capped at **\$4,000**. Vehicles purchased from a dealer for **\$25,000** or less are eligible for this credit. Visit [fuelconomy.gov](https://fuelconomy.gov) for more information on all eligible EV makes and models, and <https://www.irs.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022> for more information on the tax credits themselves.

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**PG&E Pre-Owned EV Rebate**  
**Incentive Type:**  
Rebate

PG&E also want to help future BEV/PHEV drivers with purchasing **pre-owned EV's** by providing two rebates. The rebates include a **\$1,000 standard option** and a **\$4,000 income qualified** option. These PG&E rebates are available to RCEA opted in customers. To apply, learn more about your eligibility, and see if funds are available, please visit [pge.com](https://pge.com).

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**Driving Clean Assistance Program (DCAP)**  
**Incentive Type:**  
Rebate/Loan/Charging Subsidy/Grant

Essentially an expansion of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Clean Cars 4 All program (CC4A), this program launched in Humboldt County on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The program has **5 different incentive amounts**, ranging up to **\$14,000** for a vehicle purchasing/leasing rebate and public charging credits/funding to install an at home level 2 charger through GRID Alternatives (availability for this option is very limited in Humboldt County). Eligibility and incentive amounts will be based on your **income status** and whether or not you plan to **scrap a vehicle** before getting the incentive. You also must apply before purchasing or leasing your vehicle. An up to **\$8,500** incentive package will also be available for zero-emission motorcycles. Finally, there will also be an alternative mobility grant available, capped at **\$7,500**. All applicants awarded vehicle or zero-emission motorcycle purchasing incentives will also have access to **low interest-rate loans capped at 8%**. To view the specific eligibility requirements and get more information, visit [drivingcleanca.org](https://drivingcleanca.org).

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**HOV Lane Access**  
**Incentive Type:**  
Vehicle Bypass/Subsidy

**Low-emission vehicle owners** are eligible for a limited number of **"Clean Air Vehicle"** stickers which grant access to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and provide discounts for tolls in High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes. **Only specific vehicles qualify**. Visit [DMV.ca.gov](https://dmv.ca.gov) for more details.

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**Electricity Rates (RCEA)**  
**Incentive Type:**  
Optimal Residential Electricity Rates for EV Owners

When it's finally time to plug in, EV owners can often take advantage of lower rates for electricity, helping them to save on their monthly electricity bills. For RCEA customers, cheaper nighttime vehicle charging is available through the special **EV-A** and **EV2-A (CARE)** rates. Compare different rate plans at [redwoodenergy.org](https://redwoodenergy.org). To determine exact potential cost savings and to change your rate, you will need to contact PG&E directly.

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**DISCLAIMER:** RCEA does not recommend any one electric vehicle; rather our goal is to see adoption increase across the board. The availability of the above incentives is subject to change, along with the value of each incentive. We suggest checking with each organization to confirm whether their incentive applies to you and the vehicle you are considering. RCEA can make no assurances about customer eligibility or program availability. Please note that many, but not all of these incentives, are stackable. **DATE OF PUBLICATION:** 12/12/2024