PURPOSE:

The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program is designed to encourage the purchase of alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles and to increase awareness of the benefits associated with driving a clean and green vehicle. Energy efficient cars create significant environmental benefits by reducing the amount greenhouse gases and smog-forming compounds in the air.

PROGRAM:

Reimbursement under this program is as follows:

**New Vehicle Rebate:** The level of incentive funds available to a resident, is $2,000 toward the purchase of a new qualified vehicle with original manufacturer’s alternative fuel equipment (vehicles with conversions will not qualify).

**Used Vehicle Rebate:** The level of incentive funds available to a resident, is $1,000 toward the purchase of a used qualified vehicle. The same requirements apply as with new vehicles.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

I. **Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- The applicant and recipient shall be a resident of the City of Riverside.
- The applicant shall provide proof of residency in the City of Riverside at the time of application submittal. A current utility bill or other acceptable proof of residency and a valid driver’s license shall be presented with the application as proof of residency. The name and address on the title/bill of sale for the vehicle purchased shall match the name and address on the utility bill and drivers license.
- Applicant must fully complete the application questionnaire and certify that the information therein is true and correct.
- A copy of the bill of sale shall be provided at the time of application and is subject to verification.
- Applicants will agree to complete a vehicle use survey to assist in quantifying emission reductions achieved through the vehicle purchase.
II. Vehicle Eligibility Requirements

- Vehicle shall be purchased from a City of Riverside auto dealer authorized to do business within the city.
- Vehicle shall be clearly identified by manufacturers make, model, and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
- Vehicles shall be fueled exclusively with Natural Gas or be a hybrid vehicle meeting both of the following criteria:
  1. Have a combined estimated new EPA miles per gallon rating of 34 miles per gallon or greater as published at [http://www.fueleconomy.gov/](http://www.fueleconomy.gov/); and
  2. Have a smog score of 9 or greater as published at [http://www.driveclean.ca.gov/](http://www.driveclean.ca.gov/).

The Environmental Performance Label is your tool to finding the cleanest most efficient cars available. This Label is required on all new cars sold in California that are manufactured after January 1, 2009.

To find a vehicles smog score, look for the Label on a car's driver's side window or incorporated into the manufacturer's window sticker or online at [http://www.driveclean.ca.gov/](http://www.driveclean.ca.gov/).

In California all vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2009 are required to display a Smog Score as part of the Environmental Performance Label (See example below). The Smog Score ranks each vehicle’s pollutant levels of Non-Methane Organic Gases (NMOG) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) relative to all other vehicles within that model year. Smog Scores are on a scale of 1 – 10, with 10 being the cleanest. The average vehicle available in California today has a Smog Score of 5.
LIMITATIONS:

- Rebates are subject to fund availability and may be cancelled at any time.
- Rebates are paid on a first come, first served basis.
- Government organizations and businesses are excluded from this program.
- Rebates are limited to one per Vehicle Identification Number, regardless of whether the vehicle is new or used at the time of purchase.
- Rebates are limited to one (1) rebate per household, per three (3) year period, as documented by the physical address of the household.
- Rebates are limited to one (1) rebate per person, per three (3) year period, as documented by their individual driver’s license number.
- City employees who live in the City of Riverside cannot obtain a double rebate for the same vehicle by meeting the eligibility requirements for both resident and employee programs.
- City employees who live in the City of Riverside cannot use both the resident and employee program to circumvent the one (1) rebate per household per three (3) year period limitation.
- City employees who live in the City of Riverside cannot use both the resident and employee program to circumvent the one (1) rebate per person per three (3) year period limitation.
- Rebate application shall be completed and submitted to the City of Riverside Citywide AFV Rebate Program representative within 30 days of vehicle purchase.
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring vehicle eligibility.
- The City reserves the right to modify or discontinue this program without prior notice at its discretion.

ISSUANCE OF REBATE:

- Payment will be issued by check and mailed to the applicant’s residence.
- The City encourages participants to contact their tax advisor to determine availability of tax credits for their purchase of a clean fuel vehicle or home refueler.
- The City encourages participants to contact their tax advisor to determine any applicable personal tax liability pertaining to the rebate.
- Applicants should allow a total of four (4) to six (6) weeks for processing and delivery of the rebate.