

City Receives \$60K Grant For Alternative Fuel Vehicles



Keeping the environment clean and healthy often comes with a hefty price tag. That's why the City makes it a priority to regularly seek out and apply for grant funding to help cover the

cost of doing its part for Mother Earth. In 2018, the City applied and was awarded a total of \$60,000 from the Local Government Match Program of the Clean Transportation Funding, from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) for the purchase of four (4) zero emission vehicles and two (2) electric vehicle charging stations that will have a total of four charging ports. These new vehicles will be used to support City Services. The program is funded by the MSRC, whose mission is to fund projects that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Southern California.



Consumer Tips for Saving Fuel



Vehicle maintenance:

- **Keep your vehicle well maintained with regular servicing**
- **Inflate tires to the maximum recommended pressure – this can improve gas mileage by as much as 6%**
- **Reduce extra weight by cleaning out trunk or truck bed – every 200 pounds of unnecessary weight shaves one mile per gallon off your fuel mileage**
- **Use the recommended grade of motor oil**
- **Use the right grade of gas – don't use premium blends unless your car requires them**
- **Don't top off**

Drive differently:

- **Accelerate gradually**
- **Avoid sudden braking**
- **Don't speed – gas mileage declines rapidly above 60mph, each 5mph above 60mph is like paying an additional 10 cents per gallon**
- **Maintain steady speeds - take advantage of the cruise control**
- **Minimize the amount of time your vehicle idles**
- **Combine trips; avoid peak rush hours**
- **Use the air conditioner conservatively – operating an air conditioner in hot weather can increase fuel usage by 20%; however, when on the freeway, close your windows and use the A/C. Having windows open at high speeds reduces your vehicle's operating efficiency**
- **Avoid carrying items on your vehicle's roof**

Long-term investments in fuel economy:

- **Trade in older vehicles for something new**
- **Purchase a fuel-efficient vehicle**

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