

FY 26 Residential Electric Vehicle Program Guidelines and Terms & Conditions

1. Program Description

The Residential Electric Vehicle (EV) Program provides residents of Santa Barbara who are SBCE customers with transportation electrification rebates and resources.

2. Program Term

- 2.1. The program will accept applications between June 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
- 2.2. Rebates will only be provided for equipment purchased and/or installed between June 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or until funding is fully subscribed.

3. Rebates

- 3.1. Rebates are available for the following measures:
 - 1.1.1. Electric Vehicle (EV) Purchase or Lease.
 - 1.1.2. Level 2 EV Charger
 - 1.1.3. Associated Electrical Work
- 3.2. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis based on application submittal date while program funds are available.
- 3.3. One (1) Electric Vehicle (EV) Purchase or Lease rebate per electric account per fiscal year.
- 3.4. One (1) Level 2 EV Charger rebate per electric account per fiscal year.
- 3.5. One (1) Associated Electrical Work rebate per electric account per fiscal year.

4. Program Guidelines

4.1. Applicant Eligibility

- 4.1.1. All eligible applicants must be active customers of SBCE and/or live at a residence with an account in good standing.
- 4.1.2. Applicants must continue to receive SBCE's generation service at the location where the upgrades will be installed for a minimum of 5 (five) years from the date of installation.
- 4.1.3. An opted-out customer may re-enroll in SBCE to regain eligibility to participate in its programs. By re-enrolling and applying for SBCE programs, customers agree to remain enrolled with SBCE for a minimum of five (5) years.
- 4.1.4. Any member of the community who lives at a residence served by SBCE is eligible to apply for an EV Purchase/Lease rebate.
- 4.1.5. Single-unit homeowners and/or duplex owners who are purchasing, installing, or preparing to install a hardwired Level 2 Charger at a residence served by SBCE are eligible for a Level 2 EV Charger Purchase/Install and/or Associated Electrical Work rebates.
- 4.1.6. Renters purchasing a plug-in Level 2 EV Charger at a residence served by SBCE are eligible for a Level 2 EV Charger rebate.

4.2. Income Qualified Applicant Eligibility

- 4.2.1. To qualify, applicants must meet one of the following two criteria:
 - 4.2.1.1. Active enrollment in California for Alternate Rates for Energy Program (CARE) or Family Electric Rate Assistance Program (FERA).
 - 4.2.1.2. Proof of Qualifying Income.

- 4.2.2. To verify enrollment in CARE or FERA, applicants must indicate enrollment status in their application. SBCE staff will confirm enrollment in customer account records.
- 4.2.3. To provide proof of qualifying income, applicants can submit:
 - 4.2.3.1. Redacted copy of the most recent Federal Income Tax Return, showing adjusted income documented on Form 1040, Line 11.
 - 4.2.3.2. Redacted copy of the most recent Award or Notice OR Copy of Checks from the Federal Social Security Administration.

Contents of submitted proof of income will determine eligibility for income qualified rebates based on the household income limits shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Maximum Annual Household Income to meet Income Qualified Rebate Requirement

Number Of Persons in Household	Maximum Income*
1	\$98,850
2	\$113,000
3	\$127,100
4	\$141,200
5	\$152,500
6	\$163,800
7	\$175,100
8	\$186,400

*Income guidelines are based on the California [Department of Housing and Community Development's](#) State Income Limits for "Low-Income" households for Santa Barbara County (2025). "Low-Income" limits are equivalent to less than 80% Area Median Income.

4.3. Measure Eligibility

4.3.1. Eligibility for all measures is shown below in Table 2.

Table 2: Eligibility for Upgrade Measures

Measure	Eligibility
All Measures	1. Measures can be applied for together or independently, and in any order. 2. Purchases and installation of equipment must be made and completed between June 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. 3. Rebate amounts, including those from other incentive programs, can't exceed total project costs. 4. Rebates will only be issued if applicant and upgrade measures meet all eligibility requirements.
EV Purchase or Lease	1. Vehicles must be one of the following types. a. Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) b. Plug In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) (income qualified applicants only) 2. Vehicles can be purchased or leased new or used/pre-owned. 3. New vehicles must be purchased or leased for less than \$80,000 MSRP.

	4. Used/pre-owned vehicles must: a. Be eight (8) model years old or newer (e.g., Year 2025 = 2017 or newer). b. Have fewer than 75,000 miles c. Have no modifications to chassis or emission control systems d. Have a clean Title (cannot be salvaged) e. Have no open recalls 5. Vehicle must be registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to the same address that is enrolled in SBCE service.
Level 2 EV Charger Purchase and Installation	1. Must be Level 2 Charger (requires 240-volt power source). Level 2 Chargers can be one of the following types: a. Hardwired Level 2 Chargers – must be permanently installed and connected to an electrical service. b. Plug-in Level 2 Chargers – must have available and dedicated 240V outlet or smart circuit splitter device. 2. Must be Wi-Fi enabled and capable of communicating with a charging network. 3. Must be purchased new (not refurbished). 4. Must be certified by Underwriters Laboratory Inc. (“UL Listed”). 5. The Level 2 Charger Purchase incentive is intended to provide rebates associated directly with Level 2 Charger costs (i.e., the point-of-sale cost of the charging unit). On-going operational costs, subscription costs, and other indirect project costs will not count towards the total cost of the equipment.
Associated Electrical Work	1. Electrical work must be completed prior to application submittal. 2. Must support the installation of Level 2 Charging only. 3. May include materials and labor that occur in anticipation of (pre-wiring) or during installation of Level 2 Charger - wiring, receptacles, J-boxes, conduit, circuit splitters, circuit pausers, sub-panels, smart panels, electrical service panel upgrades and replacements, or similar equipment as approved by SBCE. 4. If Level 2 charger installation and/or electrical work was performed by someone other than the homeowner/property owner, the installer must hold an electrical or general contractor license in the state of California to perform electrical/installation work, as defined by the Authority Having jurisdiction building guidelines. 5. Proof of permitting is required in accordance with the local building permit process, as required by the California Building Code and local ordinance. Permits are not required for smart circuit splitting devices. 6. Ongoing operational costs, subscription costs, and other indirect project costs will not count towards the total cost of the Associated Electrical Work project.

5. Project Verification

Documentation required to verify the installation and completion of upgrades is shown below in Table 3.

Table 3: Required Upgrade Documentation

Measure	Required Items for Application
EV Purchase or Lease	1. Car Registration (temporary is acceptable) 2. A full copy of the sales/lease agreement 3. Valid CA Driver's license 4. For Income Qualifying Residents not enrolled in CARE/FERA – a redacted copy of the applicant's most recent federal income tax return (Form 1040).
EV Charger Purchase and Installation	1. Proof of Charger purchase (e.g., receipt, invoice). 2. Photo of hard-wired Level 2 Charger (installed) or plug-in Level 2 Charger (plugged-in to dedicated 240V outlet or smart circuit sharing device). 3. For Income Qualifying Residents <u>not</u> enrolled in CARE/FERA - a redacted copy of the applicant's most recent federal income tax return (Form 1040 or Form 1099).
Associated Electrical Work	1. Proof of Associated Electrical Work (e.g. invoice including itemization of all time and/or material costs that occurred in anticipation of (pre-wiring) or during installation of Level 2 Charger.) 2. Photo of completed Associated Electrical Work (e.g. 240V receptacle) 3. Contractor information (if installed by an electrician or general contractor). 4. Proof of permitting is required in accordance with the local building permit process, as required by California Building Standards Code and local ordinance. Permits are not required for smart circuit splitting devices. 5. For Income Qualifying Residents <u>not</u> enrolled in CARE/FERA - a redacted copy of the applicant's most recent federal income tax return (Form 1040).

6. Terms and Conditions

- 6.1. Applicants must be active SBCE customers and the location where Associated Electrical Work and EV chargers will be installed must be associated with an active SBCE account in good standing.
- 6.2. Applicants must own the home where the Associated Electrical Work will take place.
- 6.3. The location where the upgrades will be installed must be a single-unit home, duplex, accessory dwelling unit, or mobile or manufactured home.
- 6.4. Purchases and installation of EV Chargers and Associated Electrical Work must be made and completed between June 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
- 6.5. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis based on application submittal date and while program funds are available.

- 6.6. Rebates may be considered income and may be taxable. SBCE is not responsible for any tax liability or determining whether tax liability exists.
- 6.7. Rebate amounts, including those from other incentive programs, can't exceed total project costs.
- 6.8. Applicants requesting increased rebate levels based on income must provide verification of enrollment in CARE/FERA or qualifying income.
- 6.9. Rebates for associated electrical work are only available for time and material costs incurred in direct support of the installation of an EV Charger.
- 6.10. Upgrades must be permitted and comply with all applicable codes. Applicants must provide verification of approved and completed inspection to claim a rebate.
- 6.11. Applicants must provide copies of itemized invoice(s) and verification of installed new upgrades to claim a rebate.
- 6.12. Applicants must continue to receive SBCE's generation service at the location where the upgrades will be installed for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of installation.
- 6.13. An opted-out customer may re-enroll in SBCE to participate in its programs. By re-enrolling and participating in SBCE incentive programs, customers agree to remain enrolled with SBCE for a minimum of five (5) years.
- 6.14. Applicants may be contacted to participate in surveys, testimonials or interviews, provide or allow photos or videos to be taken, or contribute to other Program related marketing and promotional activities.
- 6.15. SBCE may enroll equipment that receives a rebate award under this Program in future demand response and/or load shaping programs implemented by SBCE. Future programs will not incur any additional costs or expenses to the Applicant and Applicant will be provided with an opportunity to opt-out before any future program is implemented.
- 6.16. SBCE or its authorized representatives may access data records to evaluate and measure the efficacy of the Program. Data may pertain to electricity consumption, billing, permitting, demography, and cost and process of installation. All data will be held confidentially and will be used for Program operation and analysis purposes only.
- 6.17. SBCE makes no representations or warranties, and assumes no liability with respect to the quality, safety, performance, or any other aspect of the equipment purchased and installed with a rebate award pursuant to this agreement and expressly disclaims any such representation, warranty, or liability.