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Comparison of Program Funding and Applicant Qualifications for Incentives under the New PEV Incentive Program in the 2019 and 2020 Transportation Bills

Act 59 of 2019 H.942 of 2020

Program Funding

Administrative Funding

\$0.00 (The total budget for administrative costs for vehicle incentive programs was \$150,000. This entire sum went to Capstone Community Action to run the used high-MPG and emissions-repair programs. For the New PEV Incentive Program, VTrans entered into no-cost contracts with the State's electric distribution utilities and a \$50,000 grant agreement with DEV, funded by ANR air quality settlement funds.)

The T Bill authorizes \$200,000 in grants for DEV to run the New PEV Incentive Program and to perform other tasks. These funds are not yet be appropriated.

Incentive Funding

\$1,100,000.	Unspent 2019 incentive funds will carry over to SFY 2021. Currently about \$400,000 of 2020 incentive funds remain. The T Bill authorizes \$2,050,000 in additional incentive	
	funds to be spent in SFY 2021. These funds	
	have not yet been appropriated.	

Funding Thresholds

No maximum or minimum incentive provided		
by statute. However, the statute requires		
BEVs to be emphasized over PHEVs.		
Program thresholds developed by VTrans are		
detailed in Table 1, below.		
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The bill continues to emphasize BEVs. Maximum incentives depend on applicant income and PEV type (PHEV or BEV). See Table 2 below for details.

Applicant Income Qualifications

160% of the applicant's household's State's	Income qualifications and PEV type (PHEV	
prior 5-year average MHI (\$96,122).	or BEV) determine maximum incentive	
	amounts. The minimum incentive is \$1,500,	
	and the maximum is \$4,000. See Table 2	
	below for details.	

Table 1. Incentive Amounts by Vehicle Type and Applicant Income Level 2019 Program

Maximum Incentive by PEV Type

Household Income PHEV BEV

160% of MHI	\$1,500	\$2,500
Weatherization Eligible	\$4,000	\$5,000

Table 2. Incentive Amounts by Vehicle Type and Applicant Income Level under H.942 of 2020.

Maximum Incentive by PEV Type

Income	<u>PHEV</u>	<u>BEV</u>
(A) Individual filing as single or head of household with an AGI between \$50,000 and \$100,000.	\$1,500	\$2,500
(B) Individual filing as surviving spouse with an AGI between \$50,000 and \$125,000.		
(C) Married couple filing as married filing jointly with an AGI between \$50,000 and \$125,000.		
(D) Married couple with at least one spouse filing as married filing separately with an AGI between \$50,000 and \$100,000.		
(A) Individual filing as single, head of household, or surviving spouse with an AGI below \$50,000.	\$3,000	\$4,000
(B) Married couple filing as married filing jointly with an AGI under \$50,000.		
(C) Married couple with at least one spouse filing as married filing separately with an AGI below \$50,000.		