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## Press Release

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City Awarded Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The City has made dramatic progress in reducing its carbon footprint and reducing pollution by planting more trees, creating and preserving more green spaces, reducing landfill waste through recycling and proper disposal of waste, and retrofitting existing park lights to energy efficient, LED fixtures which have reduced energy usage. To reduce vehicle emissions, the City has acquired new, cleaner fleet vehicles, is currently in the process of acquiring an all-electric bus, and plans to add electric vehicles to the City's fleet in the near future. To establish the necessary infrastructure for an electric vehicle fleet, the City applied for grant funding from the South Coast Air Quality Management District in January 2018.

Last week, the City was informed that the grant application was approved, and the City will be awarded \$50,000 for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. This funding will provide up to 50 percent of the purchase and installation cost associated with the electric vehicle charging stations for the City's fleet.

The installation of the electric vehicle charging stations will further the City's goal to reduce its carbon footprint to zero by enabling the City to operate cleaner, and eventually maintain an electric vehicle fleet.

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