

Electric Car Share Program Launched In Sacramento Affordable Housing Complexes

Sacramento residents in three affordable housing communities will now have access to electric vehicles, for free.

Steffani Charkiewicz is with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality District. It is the lead agency for the “Our Community, Car-Share Program”.

“We’re doing this to provide access to electric vehicles for these residents and to improve their quality of life,” says Charkiewicz. “These vehicles will be available for short trips - a maximum of three hours at a time - and they’ll be able to go run errands, go to the grocery store, go to a doctor’s appointment, go to a job interview.”

People who live in the Alder Grove, Edge Water and Mutual Housing at Lemon Hill affordable housing complexes must register to use the Kia Soul electric cars. Two cars will be available in each neighborhood.

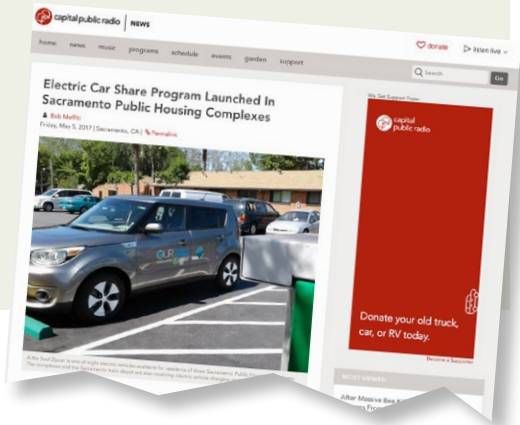
Tye Cooper lives in the Alder Grove complex off Broadway.

“People are having a hard time and buses are getting more expensive,” says Cooper. “Hopefully, it will be able to continue and nobody messes it up. It does seem like a good idea. It’s a great idea.”

There will also be two vehicles available at the Sacramento Train Depot. They will only be available to the residents of these three communities.

A grant of more than a million dollars from California Cap-and-Trade funds is paying for the program for a year.

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Mutual Housing California, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the City of Sacramento and Policy in Motion have also contributed funding and resources.



A Kia Soul Zipcar is one of eight electric vehicles available for residents of three Sacramento affordable housing communities. The communities and the Sacramento train depot are also receiving electric vehicle charging stations.
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