

**CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL  
UTILITY RELIEF GRANT  
PROGRAM GUIDELINES  
2023**

Purpose	The purpose of this grant program is to reimburse certain designated residents of Val Verde, Castaic and surrounding unincorporated communities (“Residents”) for their efforts to mitigate complained of odors believed to be emanated by the Chiquita Canyon Landfill.
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Val Verde, Castaic and surrounding unincorporated communities living in close proximity of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic, CA 91384. A map, developed based on information provided by AQMD, is attached hereto to delineate residential properties located in Tier 1 or 2 of eligible areas (“Eligible Area”). An online tool where applicants can insert their address and quickly learn if they are in the Eligible Area and which tier their residence is in, is available at <a href="https://chiquitacanyonlandfillrelief.lacda.org">https://chiquitacanyonlandfillrelief.lacda.org</a>. Applicants must reside at the address (“Residence”) and must be listed as the account holder on the utility bill issued by Southern California Edison (“Electric Bill”). Only one application per address will be processed.</li> </ul>
Ineligible applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents outside of Eligible Area;</li> <li>Residents within an Eligible Area where an application has already been processed from the same time period;</li> <li>Residents within an Eligible Area that do not have the Electric Bill in their name</li> <li>Businesses</li> </ul>
Application Period	This is a limited-time grant program. Applications for the Utility Relief Program will only be accepted from October 2, 2023, to October 31, 2023.
Application Selection Method	A total of \$2,000,000 has been allocated to provide grants. Applicants in Tier 1 will be given priority. Should funds remain after all Tier 1 applicants have been processed, a lottery may be held if LACDA does not have sufficient funds to fund all Tier 2 applicants; it is possible some eligible applicants may not receive a grant.
Principal Identity	All applicants will be required to sign the grant agreement and must provide a copy of government issued identification, that matches the name on the Electric Bill.
Grant Amount	Tier 1 applicants- Actual costs of Southern California Edison utility bills for the period of May 1,2023-October 31, 2023, up to \$2,000. Tier 2 applicants- Actual costs of Southern California Edison utility bills for the period of May 1,2023-October 31, 2023, up to \$1,000.

Use of Grant Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement for Southern California Edison Utility expenses for the period of May 1, through October 31, 2023</li> </ul>
Communication	Applicants must respond to any communication efforts by LACDA or GROW AMERICA staff within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of a call or email. Applicant's failure to respond may constitute forfeiture of application.
Required Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of Electric Bills in the name of the Applicant who is the account holder for the months of May, June, July, August, September, and October 2023, as applicable.</li> <li>• Applicants will be given a maximum of five (5) business days to provide any missing information. Failure to provide needed documentation will constitute forfeiture of application.</li> <li>• Grant Agreement</li> <li>• Government-issued photo identification for the Applicant/account holder</li> <li>• LACDA and GROW AMERICA reserve the right to request any additional documentation deemed necessary.</li> </ul>

Questions: Please reach out to GROW AMERICA staff at [CCL\\_Relief@growamerica.org](mailto:CCL_Relief@growamerica.org) or (626) 547-4056.

The Grant Application will require **certification** of the following for the Grant Applicant:

- Used the Residence (associated with Tier 1 or Tier 2) for which reimbursement is sought for some time period during May 1, through October 31, 2023;
- Certify the actual dates of residency in that applicable period of time;
- Certify that Grant Applicant paid the Electric Bill submitted as supporting documentation;
- Certifies to Grant Applicant's knowledge no other Resident will be eligible for Grant for the same time period at stated address;
- Certifies that the information provided by Applicant is true and factual under penalty of perjury;
- Acknowledges that any false statements may constitute a crime and may be prosecuted under law;
- Acknowledges any fraudulent or erroneous issuance of the Grant must be returned within ten (10) days of notification;
- Acknowledges that by applying for Grant Application, Grant Applicant authorizes LACDA or GROW AMERICA staff to confirm accuracy of Electric Bills Southern California Edison and permits Southern California Edison to release or verify such information related to this limited disclosure for the purposes of verifying the utility bills sought to be reimbursed.