Who can apply for a grant?

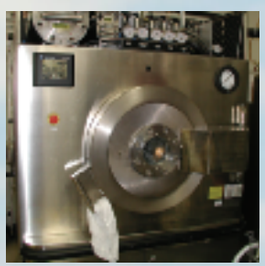
To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must have a dry cleaning facility located in California. The facility must be currently using a perc dry cleaning system or have switched to a qualifying non-perc technology on or after January 1, 2004. A separate grant application must be submitted for each facility, regardless of ownership.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Grants are awarded on a first come, first served basis. There is an annual deadline for submitting a grant application. The deadline this year is **May 5, 2006.** Grants will be awarded annually. If you miss the deadline this year, you can still apply for a grant next year.

What is a qualifying non-perc technology?

Qualifying technologies are those that are non-toxic and non-smog forming. To date, ARB has determined that wet cleaning (including professional wet cleaning) and CO_2 systems meet this criteria.



A carbon dioxide (CO_2) cleaning system

A water-based cleaning system

When do I get the money?

The grant award process has several steps:

1. Request the Grant Guidelines (includes a Grant Application Form) from ARB.
2. Submit the Grant Application Form by the annual deadline.
3. If you qualify, ARB will send you a pre-qualification letter and Supplemental Form.
4. Purchase the new equipment, install it, and remove the existing perc machine from the facility.
5. Submit the Supplemental Information Form with receipts for purchase and installation of the system and for removal of the perc equipment.
6. A representative from ARB or your local air district will visit your facility to verify that you meet all of the requirments of the grant.
7. After verification, you will receive a check for $10,000 (by mail).

Is this the right choice for me?

Only you can determine if switching to a qualifying non-perc technology is right for you and your business needs. To help you get started, the grant application package includes a brief summary of the qualifying technologies. **You need to carefully study these technologies before making a decision.**

In 2005, 14 dry cleaners received $10,000 grants from ARB. Twelve dry cleaners replaced their perc machines with water-based cleaning systems and two converted to carbon dioxide cleaning systems.

Demonstration Program

ARB is in the process of establishing a demonstration program to showcase non-toxic, non-smog forming dry cleaning technologies.

ARB will award matching funds up to 50 percent to an eligible entity to set up qualifying technologies and demonstrate them to persons considering converting their systems from perc.

For more information...

In order to receive more information on either the grant or the demonstration program, either:

- Download information and application materials from ARB's website: **www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/dryclean/ab998.htm**; or
- Complete and return the attached information request form; or
- Contact ARB by phone at (916) 322-2275 or by email at dryclean@arb.ca.gov

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Information Request

❑ **Please send me more information about the $10,000 Grant** (2006 Non-toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program: Grant Guidelines for the California Dry Cleaning Industry)

❑ **Please send me more information about the Demonstration Program** (2006 Non-toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program: Demonstration Guidelines for the California Dry Cleaning Industry)

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2006 Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is issuing $10,000 grants to dry cleaners who replace perchloroethylene (perc) dry cleaning systems with non-toxic and non-smog forming cleaning systems.

The California State Legislature established the Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program. The Program requires that ARB collect fees from perc distributors in California and use the money collected to: 1) award $10,000 grants to dry cleaners who replace their perc system with a qualifying non-perc system, and 2) provide matching funds for qualifying entities who demonstrate the effectiveness of non-toxic and non-smog forming cleaning systems. The purpose of this program is to promote the use of more environmentally-friendly dry cleaning technologies in California.

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2006 Incentive Program for California Dry Cleaners

By replacing your perc dry cleaning process, you may be eligible for a $10,000 state grant!