

Funding programs that address air quality, such as clean vehicle projects, are available from a number of federal, State, local, and non-profit entities. This site provides links to various current and recurring grant opportunities and incentives for clean technology and infrastructure.



- › [Summary Page of Available/Upcoming Grant Programs \[NEW\]](#)

Featured Funding Opportunities:

Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Grant Program

[Application Deadline Extended Through June 25, 2010]

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is currently accepting applications for projects which reduce emissions from high-emitting, heavy-duty engines. Projects are selected on a modified first-come-first-served basis with proposals scored and selected in one-week intervals. Grant funding is available for projects in the following emphasis areas:

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- › [Construction Equipment](#)
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Clean Fleets North Texas: Recovery Act

[Deadline July 23, 2010 at 5 p.m. Central Time;
NCTCOG will begin accepting Applications May 3, 2010]

- › **Planning to Apply to the Clean Fleets North Texas Call for Projects?**
Complete the [Intent to Submit](#) form. **[NEW]**

NCTCOG will hold a competitive Call for Projects to award \$2.5 million to **governmental entities** for vehicle and infrastructure projects in two emphasis areas: Electric Vehicles/Infrastructure and Natural Gas Vehicles/Infrastructure. Additional details will be posted as they are available, but basic information is as follows:

- › **Electric Emphasis Area**
 - Includes All-Electric, Plug-In Hybrid, and Hybrid
 - Includes Both Light-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicles
 - Vehicle Purchases Funded at Up to 80% of Incremental Cost, Not to Exceed \$4,000 for Light-Duty Vehicles and \$8,000 for Heavy-Duty Vehicles
 - Vehicle Conversions Funded at Up to 100% of Conversion Cost
 - Expansion/Upgrade of Existing Alternative Fuel Infrastructure to Provide Recharging Capability Funded at Up to 80% of Incremental Cost
- › **Natural Gas Emphasis Area**
 - Includes Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
 - Includes Both Light-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicles
 - Vehicle Purchases Funded at Up to 80% of Incremental Cost, Not to Exceed \$4,000 for Light-Duty Vehicles and \$8,000 for Heavy-Duty Vehicles
 - Vehicle Conversions Funded at Up to 100% of Conversion Cost
 - Expansion/Upgrade of Existing Alternative Fuel Infrastructure to Provide Natural Gas Refueling

Capability Funded at Up to 80% of Incremental Cost

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Clean Vehicle and Infrastructure Funding

NCTCOG submitted applications on behalf of the North Central Texas region to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for funds made available through the ARRA. Visit www.nctcog.org/recovery for more information.

Click on a heading below to expand the topic and view details on specific funding opportunities.

Currently Available Funding Options [Last Updated on April 23, 2010]

- TERP Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP) **[NEW!]**

[Deadline: June 30 , 2010 at 5 p.m. Central Time]

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) TERP Program is now accepting applications for the new Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP). The TCFP grants are available to owners of fleets of 100 or more vehicles operated in Texas, as least 25 of which are diesel-powered vehicles. Projects eligible for funding under this program are intended to reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions while promoting the use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles in Texas. Grant applicants must commit to replace at least 25 diesel-powered vehicles with hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles.

Grant application forms and instructions are available from the TERP Web site: www.terpgrants.org

- TERP New Technology Research and Development (NTRD) Grant

[Deadline: April 26, 2010 at 5 p.m. Central Time]

TCEQ is accepting grant applications under the NTRD program to facilitate the development of new emission-reducing technologies. This grant differs from most TERP programs in that it is available to developers of emission reduction technologies rather than technology users. Funding may be used for research, development, testing, demonstration, and certification or verification of emission reduction technologies. Eligible projects may target a variety of emission sources and equipment, including mobile and stationary sources.

- Texas Clean School Bus Program

[First-Come, First-Served Until May 31 , 2010 at 5 p.m. Central Time]

TCEQ has extended the due date for federal grant funding through ARRA. This grant program is designed to improve the health of school children and bus drivers by reducing emissions of diesel exhaust from school buses through installation of eligible retrofit technologies. The grant is available to public school districts and charter schools in air quality nonattainment and near-nonattainment counties in Texas and may provide up to 100% funding. All sizes of diesel-powered school buses are eligible. The bus must operate on a regular, daily route to and from a school and have at least five years of useful life remaining.

- Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Grant Program

[First-Come, First-Served Until June 25, 2010 at 5 p.m. Central Time]

Please see description under "Featured Funding Opportunities" Above

- Clean Fleets North Texas: Recovery Act

[Deadline: July 23, 2010 at 5 p.m. Central Time]

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- [Natural Gas Initiative Program \(NGIP\) Grant](#)

- **[First-Come-First-Served]**

- The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is offering \$1 million on a modified first-come, first-served basis to fleets in certain Texas counties to encourage the use of heavy-duty natural gas vehicles. Eligibility includes both public- and private-sector fleets, though public-sector partners will be given preference in selecting projects. The program is funded with a Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) grant through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

- [Railroad Commission of Texas - Propane Rebates and Incentives](#)

- **[First-Come-First-Served]**

- The Railroad Commission offers incentives to buyers of propane vehicles that meet or exceed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission standards and/or propane forklifts that meet or exceed EPA 2008 emission standard.

- [AirCheck Texas Drive a Clean Machine Program](#)

- **[Open]**

- This program is designed to help owners of high-emitting vehicles comply with vehicle emissions standards and contribute to improving regional air quality by offering financial incentives to remove these vehicles from the roadways. Residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment counties may be eligible to receive vouchers for \$3,000 toward the purchase of a newer qualifying car or truck and \$3,500 toward a qualifying hybrid vehicle from participating auto dealers. Up to \$600 for emissions repair assistance is available. Recipients must meet income requirements and vehicles must meet certain conditions.

- [SmartWay Finance Center](#)

- **[Open]**

- EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership includes a new financing resource where buyers of clean trucks and other emissions and fuel saving technologies can submit one application and have multiple lenders compete for their business. The SmartWay program has consolidated interested private lenders into one network where they can view applications from buyers seeking cleaner and more fuel efficient vehicles and equipment. For more information on the EPA SmartWay Program, see www.epa.gov/smartway.