

Chapter 3

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Applicants

The primary objective of the NTIG program is to offset the incremental cost of emissions reductions of pollutants from facilities and other stationary sources in Texas.

Owners or operators of stationary sources that emit pollutants, or of electricity storage projects related to renewable energy, may apply for a grant. Only applicants in Texas are eligible for funding under the program. All applicants must certify compliance with all applicable Texas laws.

Each proposed new technology applicant will need to demonstrate the projected potential for reduced emissions and the cost-effectiveness of the technology once it has been implemented; the potential for the technology to contribute significantly to air quality goals; and a substantial implementation plan.

The NTIG program will evaluate proposals according to the selection criteria in the request for grant applications. The criteria may focus on the emission reduction potential, while remaining neutral as to the type of technology proposed, or may target particular types of promising technologies.

Applicants will be required to submit the following (if applicable):

- articles of incorporation
- authorization to sign grants or contracts
- evidence of required insurance
- resumes or qualifications of all principal staff involved in the project
- an implementation plan
- a project plan (including drawings, photos, etc., to clarify the project)
- a project schedule (including a schedule of deliverables)
- a subcontracting plan
- a detailed budget

Eligible Project Categories

Activities eligible for funding under this program are limited to emissions reductions in Texas. Activities that may be eligible under this program are outlined below. The TCEQ may more narrowly define or limit the types of eligible activities for a particular funding period.

Activities eligible for funding are those that implement new technologies to reduce emissions from stationary sources:

1. Advanced Clean Energy Projects as defined by THSC 382.003 for new or modified sources, e.g.:
 - Projects that involve the generation of electricity using the following fuels:
 - coal
 - biomass
 - petroleum coke
 - solid waste
 - fuel cells which use derived hydrogen
 - Creation of liquid fuel outside of the existing fuel production infrastructure while co-generating electricity
2. New technology projects that reduce emissions of regulated pollutants and involve capital expenditures that exceed \$500 million
3. Electricity storage projects related to renewable energy, such as:
 - compressed-air energy storage
 - pumped hydropower
 - sodium-sulfur storage batteries
 - energy-retaining flywheels
 - lithium-ion batteries

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