



Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet (GAFF) Program Application Workshop





Workshop Agenda

- Program Overview
- Project Criteria
- Submitting a Grant Application
- Questions and Answers



GAFF Program

- The GAFF Program assists state agencies or political subdivisions in purchasing or leasing **new** alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles.
- Alternative fuels under the GAFF Program include:
 - Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
 - Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
 - Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)
 - Hydrogen Fuel Cell
 - Electricity
- Grants may also be used to offset the purchase, lease, or installation of refueling infrastructure, or to procure fueling services.



Eligible Applicants

- State agencies and political subdivisions that own and operate a fleet of more than 15 motor vehicles.
- A "political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, river authority, water district or other special district, or other political subdivision created under the constitution or a statute of this state.
- Eligible applicants may include a commercial mass transit or school transportation provider that operates on behalf of a school district or county transportation system.



Eligible Areas

- Grants under this solicitation are available statewide, with priority given to projects in the nonattainment areas and in the affected counties (priority areas).
- Applicants must designate a primary area of use for the vehicle.
- Separate applications are required for activities with different primary areas.



Priority Areas

Nonattainment Areas and Affected Counties

Austin Area:

- Bastrop
- Caldwell
- Hays
- Travis
- Williamson

Beaumont-Port Arthur:

- Hardin
- Jefferson
- Orange

Corpus Christi Area:

- Nueces
- San Patricio

Dallas-Fort Worth:

- Collin
- Dallas
- Denton
- Ellis
- Henderson
- Hood
- Hunt
- Johnson
- Smith
- Tarrant
- Wise

El Paso Area:

- El Paso

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria:

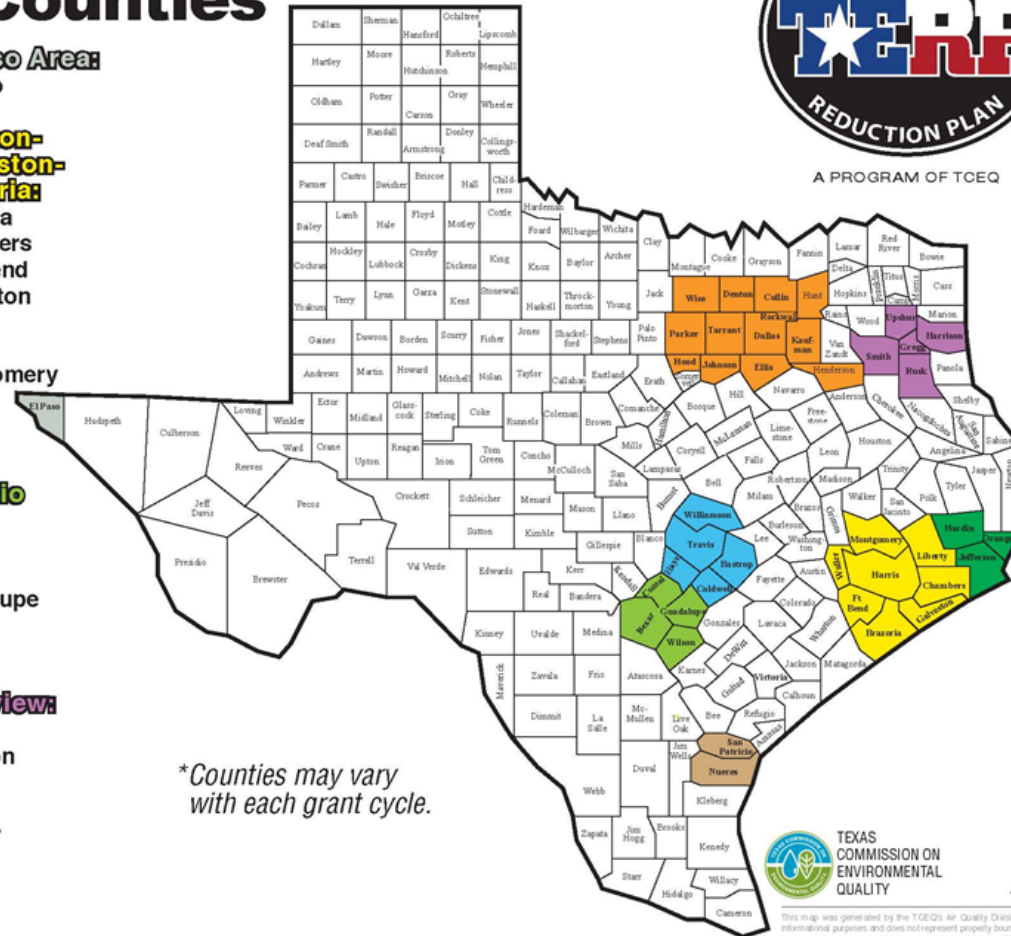
- Brazoria
- Chambers
- Fort Bend
- Galveston
- Harris
- Liberty
- Montgomery
- Waller

San Antonio Area:

- Bexar
- Comal
- Guadalupe
- Wilson

Tyler-Longview:

- Gregg
- Harrison
- Rusk
- Smith
- Upshur



*Counties may vary with each grant cycle.



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Eligible Activities

- Purchase or lease of a new vehicle that is **originally manufactured** to operate using alternative fuel(s) or is **converted** to operate using alternative fuel(s).
- Purchase, lease, or installation of refueling infrastructure or equipment or the procurement of refueling services for those vehicles.



Requirements for New Vehicles

- The vehicle and engine must be new.
- The new vehicle and/or engine must be converted to operate on an eligible alternative fuel as part of the original sale or lease of the vehicle.
- The new vehicle may not have been purchased prior to September 1, 2020.
- The new vehicle and/or engine must be certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to the current federal emissions standards or a lower family emissions limit (FEL).



Requirements for Infrastructure

- The infrastructure must be associated with charging or providing alternative fuel(s) to the vehicle(s) included in the application.
- Applicants must demonstrate that adequate infrastructure is not available within five miles of where the grant-funded vehicle(s) will be stored or primarily used.
- Infrastructure must be owned and operated by the grant recipient or a third-party provider engaged by the grant recipient.



Grant Amounts

- Grant amounts by vehicle class:
 - Class 1 Vehicles: \$15,000
 - Class 2-3 Vehicles: \$20,000
 - Class 4-6 Vehicles: \$35,000
 - Class 7-8 Vehicles: \$70,000
- The grant amount for infrastructure may not exceed 10% of the total requested grant amount for the project.



Eligible Costs

- New Vehicle(s)
 - Invoice cost or cash basis for the lease, including taxes, duty, protective in transit insurance, and freight charges.
- Infrastructure
 - Invoice cost, cash basis for the lease, or service agreement costs, including taxes, duty, protective in-transit insurance, and freight charges.
 - Invoice cost of necessary equipment with a per unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more.
 - Installation of the infrastructure or equipment and associated on-site electrical work, including technical design, testing, permitting and other engineering services.



Ineligible Costs

- Consultant fees
- Administrative costs and other internal costs to the grantee, including but not limited to personnel expenses, internal salaries, indirect costs, and travel
- The purchase of land or an interest in land
- Site improvements, construction and buildings, and other costs not directly associated with the purchase and installation of the equipment



GAFF Funding

- Up to \$6 million will be available to award under this Request for Grant Applications.
- Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.
- TCEQ will evaluate, score, and rank applications based on the following program priorities:
 - Entity Type
 - Project Primary Area
 - Emissions Reduction
 - Number of Qualifying Vehicles
 - Refueling Infrastructure or Equipment



Entity Type

(Maximum 50 Points)

Points will be assigned according to entity type as follows:

50 points – State Agency

30 points – Other Political Subdivision

10 points – Mass Transit or School
Transportation Provider



Project Primary Area

(Maximum 35 Points)

Points will be assigned based on the primary area of projects. To receive points under this category, each vehicle included in the application must operate at least 51% of total annual mileage in a nonattainment area or in an affected county.

35 points – Nonattainment Area

20 points – Affected County



Emissions Reduction

(Maximum 40 Points)

Points will be assigned based on emissions reductions demonstrated through the replacement of an existing vehicle with a qualifying vehicle **of the same type**. To receive points under this category, applicants must agree to destroy the vehicle being replaced.

1 point – Each Class 1 Vehicle

2 points – Each Class 2-3 Vehicle

5 points – Each Class 4-6 Vehicle

10 points – Each Class 7-8 Vehicle



Number of Qualifying Vehicles

(Maximum 20 Points)

Points will be assigned based on the number of qualifying vehicles included in an application.

1 point – Each Class 1 Vehicle

2 points – Each Class 2-3 Vehicle

5 points – Each Class 4-6 Vehicle

10 points – Each Class 7-8 Vehicle



Fleet and Refueling Infrastructure

(Maximum 10 Points)

Points will be assigned based on the anticipated number of vehicles that will be served by the refueling infrastructure or equipment per day.

1 point – Each Vehicle Served by Refueling Infrastructure or Equipment



Payment

- Grant funding will be awarded through up-front payments.
- Proof of purchase documentation must be submitted to TCEQ after purchases are made, costs incurred and paid, and vehicles received.
- Grantees replacing vehicles must provide proof of destruction within 90 days of receiving verification from TCEQ that proof of purchase documentation has been approved.
- All purchases must be made on or before the end of the Purchase Expiration Date indicated in the contract.



Monitoring and Reporting

- The grantee must agree to monitor the use of the grant-funded vehicle(s) and equipment for their three-year Activity Life.
- The Activity Life begins on the date that the TCEQ approves proof of purchase documentation.
- No annual usage reports will be required.
- TCEQ reserves the right to audit the use of the grant-funded vehicle(s) and equipment at anytime during their Activity Life.



Helpful Documents

- Request For Grant Applications
- Sample Contract
- Project Application Forms
- Application Instructions
- Grant Award Tables



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Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

The TERP program provides financial incentives to eligible individuals, businesses, or local governments to reduce emissions from polluting vehicles and equipment.

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The TERP program offers grants for new and upgraded equipment, to reduce pollution and improve the air quality in Texas. Each grant has specific eligibility requirements and may have different application periods.

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- [Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program \(TNGVGP\)](#)

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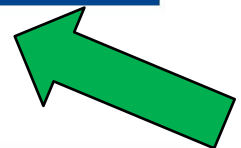
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