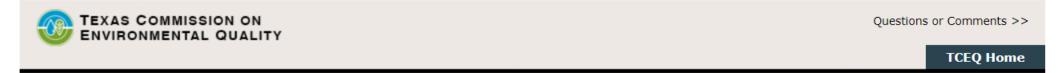


Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program (GAFF) SUNSS Online Application Instructions

Logging into SUNSS

• Log in to SUNSS with your first name, last name, and email.



Welcome to TCEQ SUNSS,

the TCEQ Single-Use Non-CROMERR Submission System.

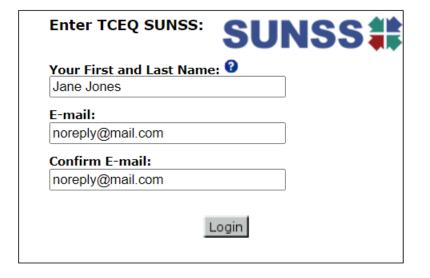
Here is what you can do online in SUNSS:

- >> License Exam Registration (LEXR)
- >> Occupational Licensing Electronic Applications (OLEA)
- >> Online Registration of Boat Sewage and Pumpout Stations (ORBPS)
- >> Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF)
- >> Surface Water Rights Data (SWRD) Annual Water Use Reports (WUR)
- >>> Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Online Usage Report and Grant Applications NEW

This is SUNSS version 1.3. See details of what you can do or log into SUNSS by entering your name and email address in the box to the right.

Find Out When SUNSS Will Be Offline

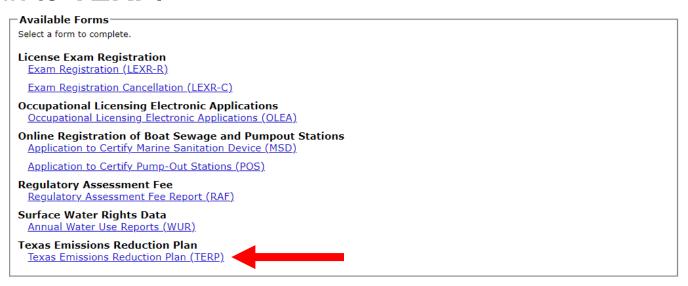
We do our best to ensure that SUNSS is online when you need it. But for upgrades, security measures, and other maintenance, we must bring SUNSS or one of its modules offline. We cannot predict emergency outages, but for scheduled downtimes, see our SUNSS maintenance schedule.



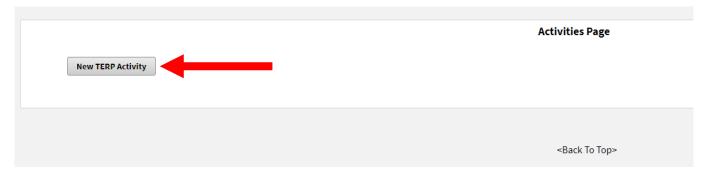


Creating a New TERP Activity

Click on the link to TERP.



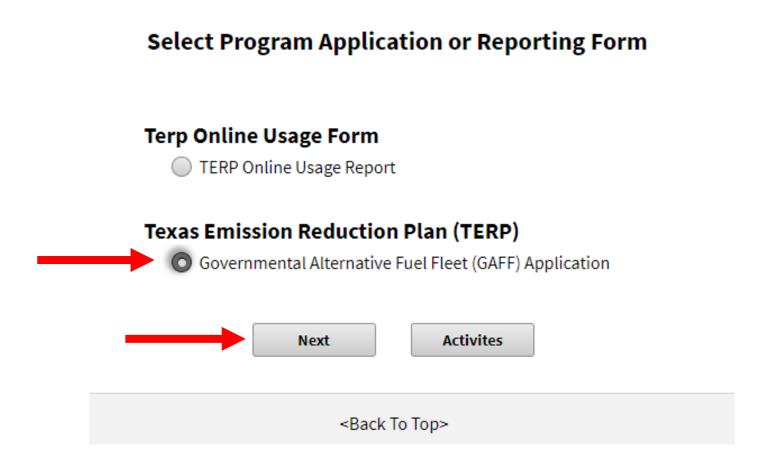
Click on New TERP Activity.





Select Program Application

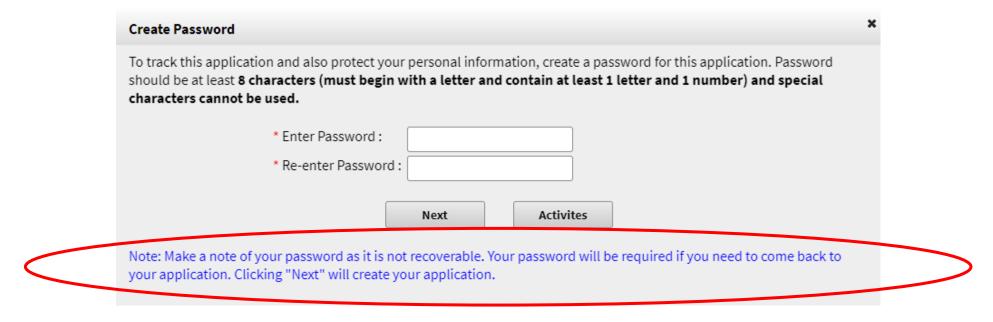
Select GAFF Application, then click Next.





Creating an Application Password

Create a unique password and then click Next.



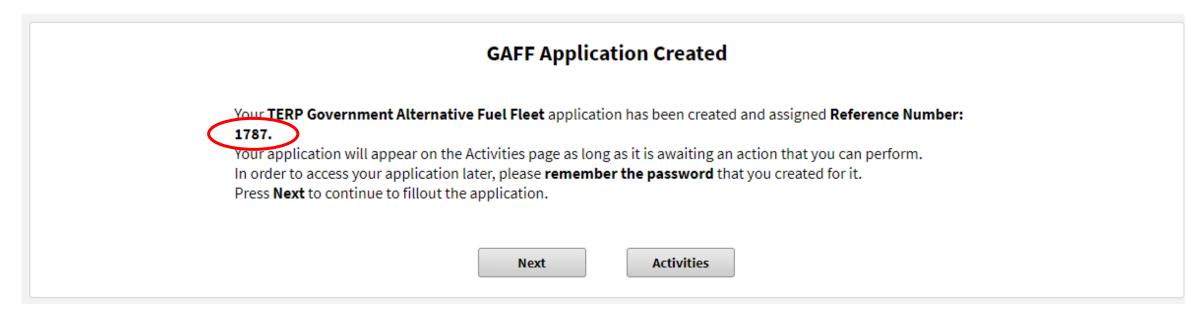
IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Don't forget your password!
- You are unable to recover or reset it. If you forget your password, you will need to start over and create an entirely new application.



Creating a GAFF Application

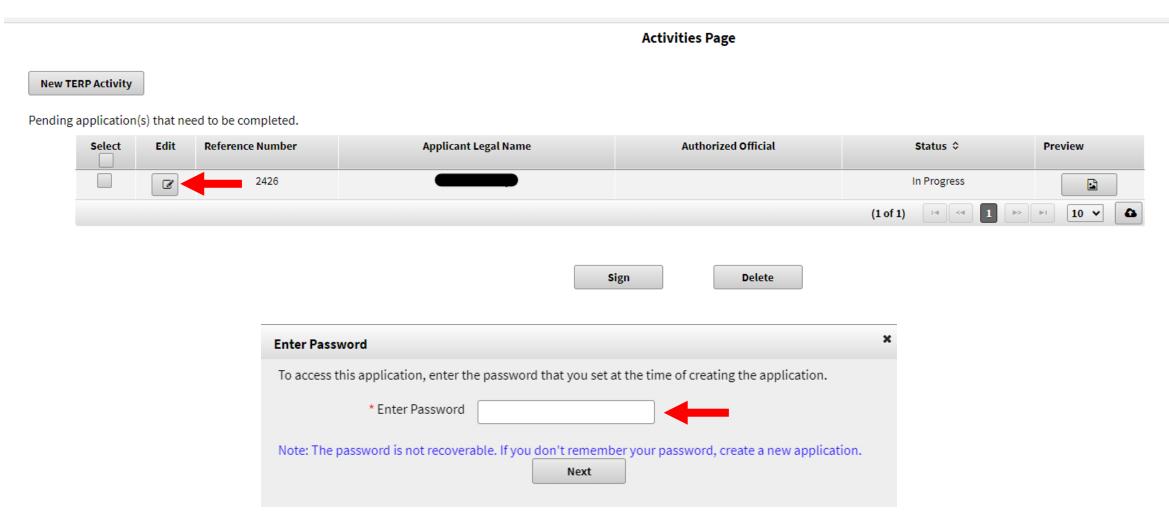
- Once you have created a password to a new GAFF Application, a reference number will be assigned.
- Make note of this reference number along with your password.
- Click Next to start entering information into the application.





Editing a GAFF Application

Click Edit and then enter the password to edit an application in progress.





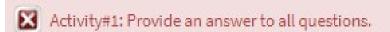
Potential warning or error messages

• Yellow warning messages. It warns you something could be wrong in your application. If nothing is wrong, ignore and continue.

Our records show that a different legal name is associated to this FEIN. Please verify your input and correct if necessary

address provided is not recognized by the US Postal Service. Please review the address with <u>USPS.com</u> and correct if necessary.

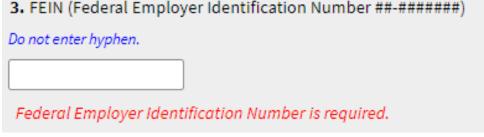
• Red error messages. Indicates an error in your application. You must correct the incorrect entry to continue.



Federal Employer Identification Number is incorrect. Please enter only numbers of Federal Employer Identification Number

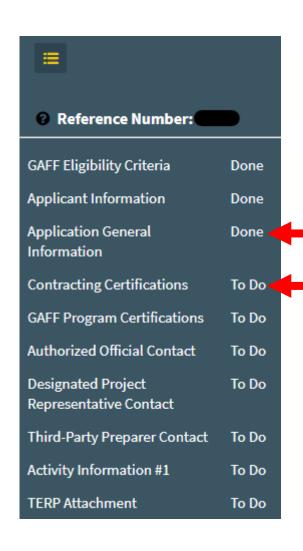
• **Red asterisks**. Indicates a mandatory question. Some questions will not be marked with asterisks but become mandatory depending on how you answered other question(s). 3. FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number ##-#######)

* 2.	Ownershi	p Code (Business	Type)
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Navigating a GAFF Application

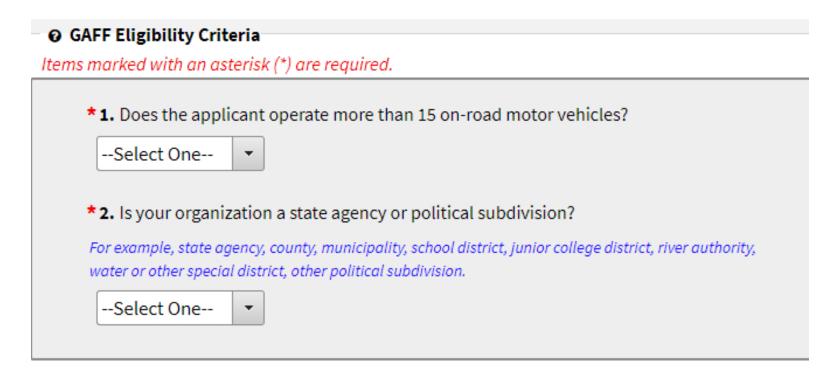


- The menu bar on the left of the screen, shows you the different sections of the application.
- You are unable to jump forward in the application or skip sections. The application will automatically move to the next section once the current one is saved.
- The application is dynamic depending on the answers you provide; you may have more required sections appear.
- A "Done" indicates the section is completed.
- A "To Do" message indicates that this section needs to be completed.



GAFF Eligibility Criteria

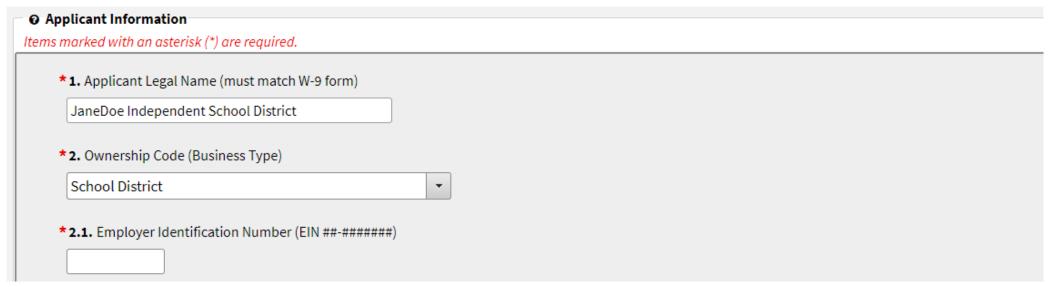
- Operation of a fleet. Applicant must certify that they operate a fleet of more than 15 on-road motor vehicles. Select Yes/No from drop-down menu.
- Organization type. Applicant must confirm their organization is a state agency or a political subdivision. Select Yes/No from drop-down menu.





Applicant Information

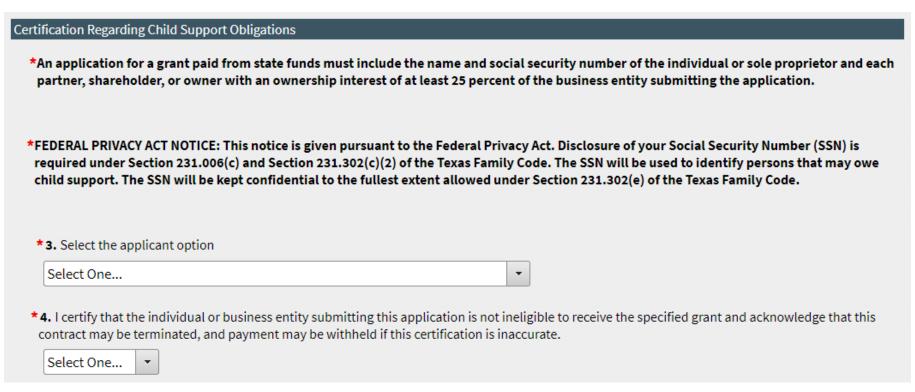
- Applicant Legal Name. Legal name of the grant applicant. This name must match the name shown on IRS Form W-9.
- Ownership Code. Select from the drop-down list.
- Texas Filing/Charter Number. Certain Ownership Codes require entry of this number (ex: Texas Corporation).
- Employer Identification Number (EIN). Certain Ownership Codes require entry of this number (ex: School District).





Child Support Obligations

- Application option. Select the applicable option from the drop-down menu.
- Certification statement. Then select either Agree/Do Not Agree to the certification statement.



Please note:

If you select One or more individuals own 25% or more of the business entity as the applicant option, you will need to provide those individual names and their Social Security Numbers.



Use of a Third-Party Preparer

- Third-Party Preparer. Select Yes/No to indicate if the online application is being filled out by a third-party preparer.
- If **Yes** is selected, please note that a required Third-Party Preparer Contact section will appear in the application menu.



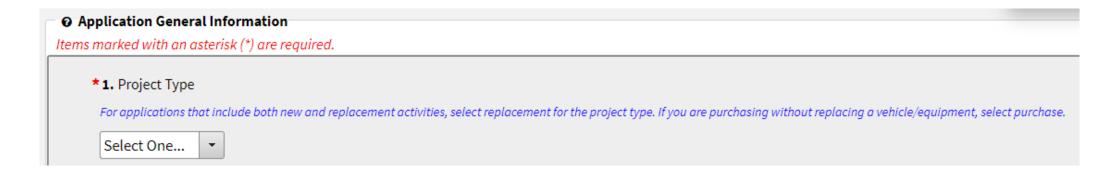
IMPORTANT NOTE:

- If you select <u>Yes</u>
 - The Third-Party Preparer (TPP) and Authorized Official (AO) must electronically sign the application.
 - The TPP must share the SUNSS password they used to create the application with the AO.
 - The AO will login with the name and email address listed in the application, using the password the TPP provided to complete their signature page.



Project Type Selection

 Project Type. Select Replacement or Purchase as the primary project type.



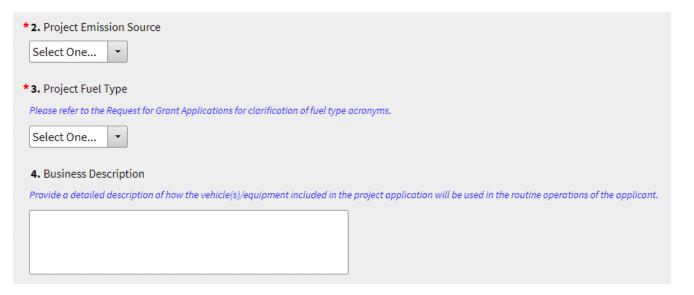
Please note:

- For applications that include both New Purchase and Replacement activities, select Replacement for the project type.
- If you are purchasing without replacing a vehicle/equipment, select
 Purchase for the project type.



Project Emission Source & Fuel Type Selection

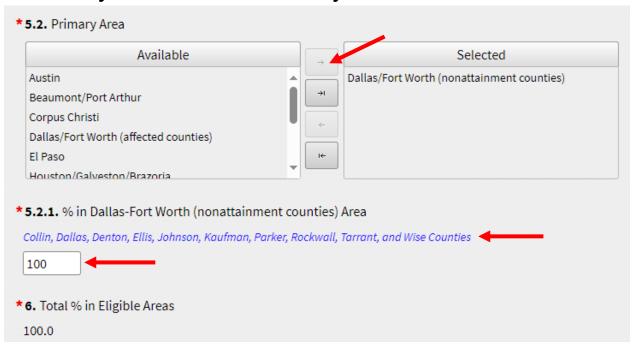
- **Project Emission Source**. Select **On-Road** (non-road vehicles cannot receive GAFF grant funding).
- **Project Fuel Type**. Select the fuel type that would primarily be used by the new grant-funded equipment.
- Business Description. (Optional) Enter a brief description of how the proposed vehicles and/or refueling infrastructure will be used in the routine operations of the applicant.





Primary Area & Usage Percentage

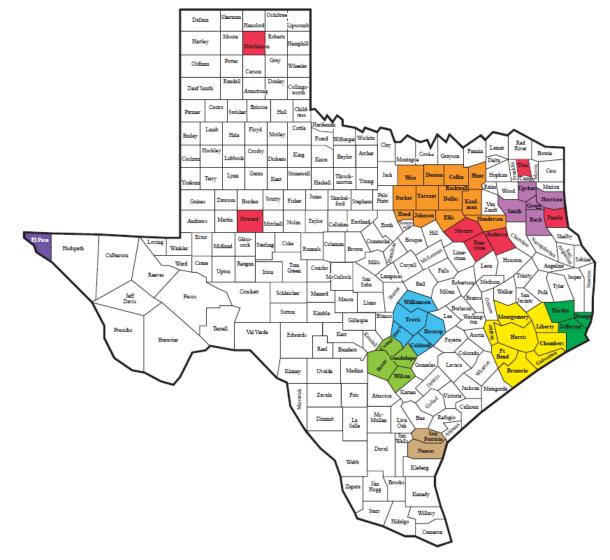
- **Primary Area**. Select the area(s) where the grant-funded equipment would be used.
 - Highlight the Area in the Available column, then click the "Add arrow" button to move it to the Selected column.
- Enter % in Area. Enter the usage percentage in the selected area.
 - Be sure to confirm that your intended county selection is listed in blue text.





Project Primary Areas

- Primary Areas are defined as nonattainment and/or affected counties in the map provided within the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA).
- The RFGA provides lists of the nonattainment and the affected counties.
- Please note: To receive points for the Project Primary Area, the vehicle(s) included in this application must operate at least 51% of their total annual mileage in a nonattainment or affected county. However, all counties in Texas are eligible for GAFF grants.





Nonattainment & Affected Counties

Nonattainment Counties:

- Dallas-Fort Worth Area: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Wise
- El Paso Area: El Paso
- Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Area: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller
- San Antonio Area: Bexar
- Tyler-Longview Area: Rusk
- Other: Anderson, Freestone, Howard, Hutchinson, Navarro, Panola, Titus

Affected Counties:

- Austin Area: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson
- Beaumont-Port Arthur Area: Hardin, Jefferson, Orange
- Corpus Christi Area: Nueces, San Patricio
- Dallas-Fort Worth Area: Henderson, Hood, Hunt
- San Antonio Area: Comal, Guadalupe, Wilson
- Tyler-Longview Area: Gregg, Harrison, Smith, Upshur



Selection of Other for Primary Area

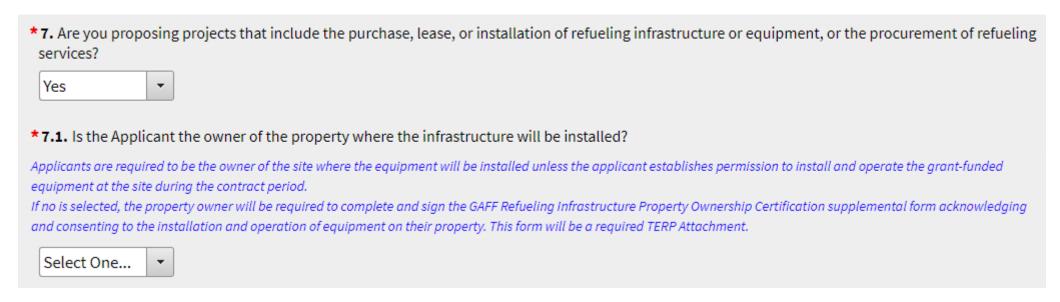
- If you select **Other** for the Primary Area, enter the **Primary County of Operation** and the percent usage in this county into % in **Other Area**.
 - Other includes these nonattainment counties: Anderson, Freestone, Howard, Hutchinson, Navarro, Panola, and Titus.
 - Other will also be used for all other counties in Texas. Select appropriate county from drop-down menu.





Request for Refueling Infrastructure

- Refueling Infrastructure, Equipment, and Services.
 - Select **Yes/No** from the drop-down menu.
- If **Yes**, you must answer additional questions later in the application.
 - Is the Applicant the owner of the property where the infrastructure will be installed? Select Yes/No from drop-down menu.
 - If the applicant is NOT the property owner, the GAFF Supplemental Form Property Ownership Certification will be an additional required document attachment.





Contracting Certifications

 Contracting Certifications. By selecting Agree to these certifications, you are certifying that you understand and certify compliance with the listed statements.

Contracting Certifications

Items marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

*This section includes specific requirements and statements for funding under the GAFF Program. These terms apply to any contract awarded by TCEQ from this application. The GAFF Program RFGA and the draft contract, located on the GAFF Program webpage, contain additional terms and conditions that the applicant should review before submitting an application.

Click here for GAFF Program webpage

*By signing this application, you understand and certify compliance with all the statements below, as well as with any state statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of funds for this project. If any of these certifications materially change after submittal of the application, you will provide prompt written notification to TCEQ. Failure to notify TCEQ and/or any changes to your certifications may make the application ineligible and may make any resulting contracts voidable.



Executive of a State Certification

- Contracting with an Executive of a State Agency.
 - First, select **Applies/Does Not Apply** in the drop-down menu.
 - If you select **Does Not Apply**, move on to certification #10.
 - If you select **Applies**, then further information will be required.

*9. Contracting with an Executive of a State Agency. Under Texas Government Code Section 669.003, relating to contracting with an executive head of a state agency, the applicant represents that no person who, in the past four years, served as an executive of the TCEQ or any other state agency, was involved with or has any interest in this application. If applicant employs or has used the services of a former executive head of TCEQ or other state agency, the applicant shall provide the following information: name of former executive, name of state agency, date of separation from state agency, position with applicant, and date of employment with applicant.
Applies •
*9.1. Name of the former executive
*9.2. Name of the state agency
*9.3. Date of separation from state agency
*9.4. Position with applicant
*9.5. Date of employment with applicant



GAFF Program Certifications

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Use of Funds Certification

- Use of Funds.
 - First select I Understand/I Do Not Understand in the drop-down menu.
 - Then select **Yes/No** in the drop-down menu for sub-questions 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3.
 - Please note: You must select Yes to at least one of these sub-questions.

*1. Use of Funds Applicants must prioritize the following activities when using grant funds. Applicants must indicate priority activities by selecting Yes to one of the child questions below. Understand Tunderstand Tund
*1.1. The purchase or lease of new motor vehicles, including new motor vehicles that are converted to operate on an alternative fuel, when replacing vehicles or adding vehicles to the fleet Select One
*1.2. The purchase of new motor vehicles, including new motor vehicles that are converted to operate on an alternative fuel, to replace vehicles that have the highest total mileage and do not use an alternative fuel Select One
*1.3. To the extent feasible, obtaining, whether by purchase, purchase and conversion, or lease, motor vehicles that use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), or Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Select One



Authorized Official Contact

- Enter all required fields with the authorized official's (AO) information.
 - First & Last Name
 - Title
 - Email Address
 - Primary Phone Number
 - Mailing Address, including City, State, ZIP Code, and County

Authorized Official Contact Items marked with an asterisk (*) are required. *The applicant or an employee who has legal authority to sign for or speak on behalf of the applicant.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THIRD-PARTY PREPARERS:

 Once you complete and electronically sign the application, the authorized official <u>MUST</u> log into SUNSS using the first name, last name, and email address that you entered on this screen.



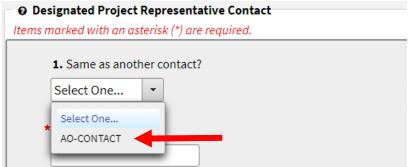
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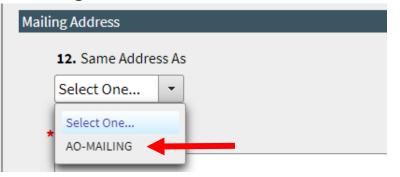
Designated Project Representative Contact

- Enter all required fields with the designated project representative's (DPR) information.
 - First & Last Name
 - Title
 - Email Address
 - Primary Phone Number
 - Mailing Address, including City, State, ZIP Code, and County

Please note:

 If the DPR and AO are the same individual, select AO-CONTACT in the drop-down menu to copy the AO's contact information into the DPR fields. Under the Mailing Address section, select AO-MAILING to copy the AO's mailing address into the DPR fields.







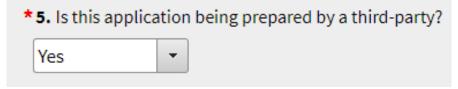
Third-Party Preparer Contact

- Enter all required fields with the third-party preparer's (TPP) information.
 - Company Name
 - First & Last Name
 - Title
 - Email Address
 - Primary Phone Number
 - Mailing Address, including City, State, ZIP Code, and County



Please note:

This type of contact section will only appear and be required in your application if
 Yes was selected for question #5 listed under the Applicant Information section.



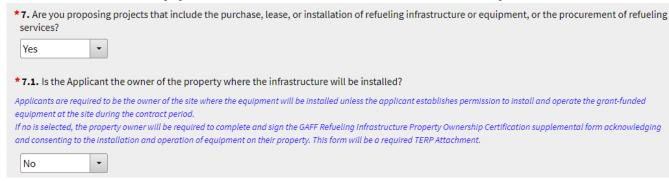


Property Owner Contact

- Enter all required fields with the property owner's (PO) information.
 - First & Last Name
 - Title
 - Email Address
 - Primary Phone Number
 - Mailing Address, including City, State, ZIP Code, and County

Please note:

- This type of contact section will only appear and be required in your application if Yes
 was selected for question #7 listed under the Application General Information section.
- If NO is selected for question #7.1, the GAFF Refueling Infrastructure Property
 Ownership Certification Supplemental form will be a required attachment.

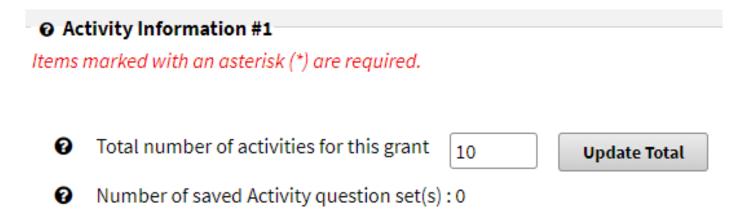




Items marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Activity Information

- Enter the total number of activities for this grant, then click Update Total.
 - Please note:
 - 10 activities is the max number of activities per application. If you have more than 10 activities, an additional application(s) will be required.
 - Examples:
 - Purchasing 6 new, grant-funded vehicles = 6 activities.
 - Replacing 6 old vehicles, with 6 new, grant-funded vehicles and purchasing 2 additional new, grant-funded vehicles = 8 activities.





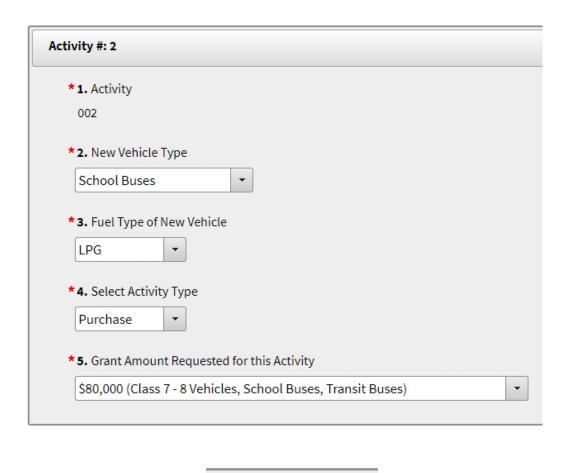
Grant Amounts by Vehicle Class

- TCEQ has established pre-determined grant amounts for the purchase or lease of new motor vehicles.
 - Class 1 Vehicles = \$17,000
 - Class 1: ≤6,000 lbs.
 - Class 2-3 Vehicles = \$23,000
 - Class 2: 6,001 10,000 lbs.
 - Class 3: 10,001 14,000 lbs.
 - Class 4-6 Vehicles = \$40,000
 - Class 4: 14,001 16,000 lbs.
 - Class 5: 16,001 19,500 lbs.
 - Class 6: 19,501 26,000 lbs.
 - Class 7-8 Vehicles, School Buses, and Transit Buses = \$80,000
 - Class 7: 26,001 33,000 lbs.
 - Class 8: ≥33,001 lbs.



Activity Entry - Purchase

- Enter information about the New Vehicle:
 - Class/Type of New Vehicle
 - Fuel Type of New Vehicle
 - Select Purchase for Activity Type
- Enter Grant Amount Requested for this Activity:
 - Select grant amount from the drop-down menu
 - Selection must match the Class/Type of New Vehicle
- Please note:
 - If you are purchasing without replacing a new vehicle/equipment, select **Purchase** for the Activity Type
 - You may utilize the Copy Prev Activity button if multiple activities have the exact same information listed

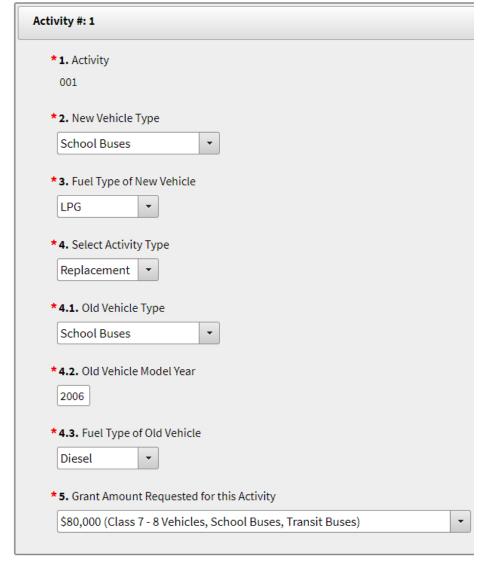






Activity Entry - Replacement

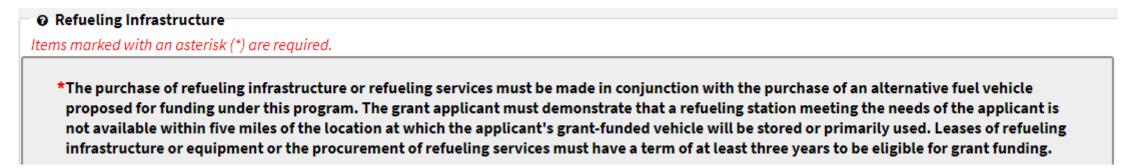
- Enter information about the New Vehicle:
 - Class/Type of New Vehicle
 - Fuel Type of New Vehicle
 - Select Replacement for Activity Type
- Enter information about the Old Vehicle:
 - Class/Type of Old Vehicle
 - Model Year of Old Vehicle
 - Fuel Type of Old Vehicle
- Enter Grant Amount Requested for this Activity:
 - Select grant amount from the drop-down menu
 - Selection must match the Class/Type of New Vehicle
- Please note:
 - If you are purchasing a new vehicle to replace an old vehicle/equipment, select **Replacement** for the activity type





Refueling Infrastructure

• The purchase of refueling infrastructure or refueling services must be made in conjunction with the purchase of a new vehicle within the same application **and** using the same alternative fuel type.



Please note:

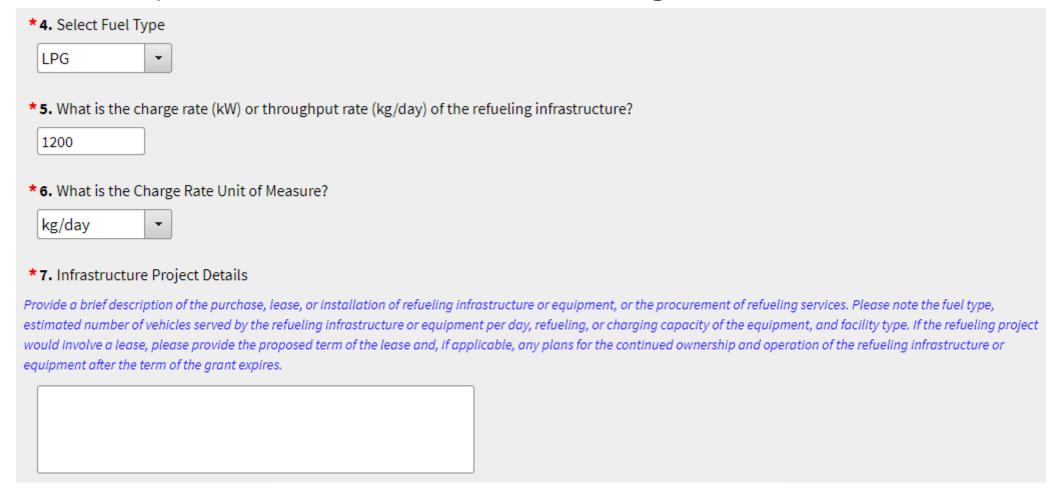
• This section will only appear and be required in your application, if **Yes** was selected for question #7 listed under the Application General Information section.

7. Are you proposervices?	osin	g projects that include the purchase, lease, or installation of refueling infrastructure or equipment, or the procurement of refueling
Yes	•	



Refueling Infrastructure Project Details

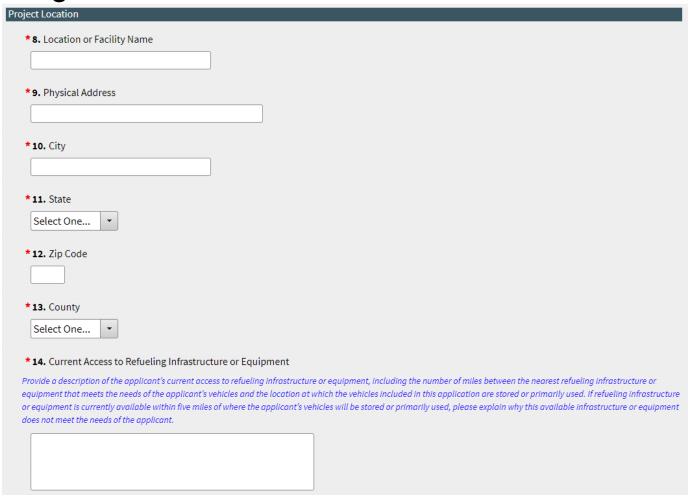
Enter all required fields related to the Refueling Infrastructure





Refueling Infrastructure Physical Location

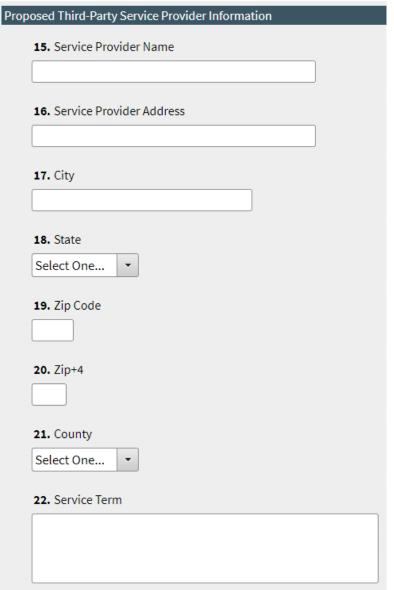
 Enter all required fields related to the Physical Project Location of the proposed refueling infrastructure





Use of Third-Party Service Provider

- If the applicant will be using a third-party service provider for refueling infrastructure services:
- Enter all fields related to the Proposed Third-Party Service Provider section





Requested Grant Amount for Infrastructure

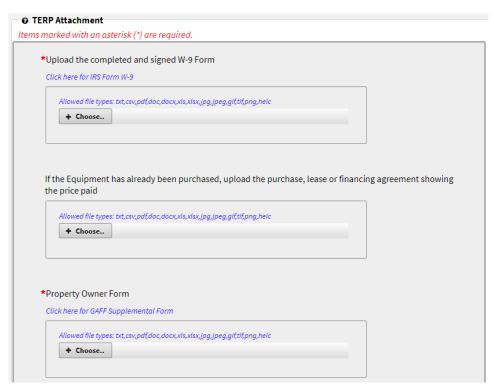
- Requested Grant Amount for Refueling Infrastructure, Equipment, or Services
 - Enter the amount, not to exceed 10% of the total requested grant amount for the vehicles
- Example:
 - Application includes 3 new school buses. The total requested grant amount for the vehicles = \$240,000. ($$80,000 \times 3 = $240,000$)
 - The amount requested for refueling infrastructure is not to exceed 10% of total requested grant amount for the vehicles. The total requested grant amount for the refueling infrastructure = \$24,000. (\$240,000 ÷ 10 = \$24,000)

* 23. Requested Grant Amount for Refueling Infrastructure, Equipment, or Services				
The total requested grant amount for refueling projects may not exceed 10% of the total requested grant amount for the vehicles. Final payment amounts may not exceed the total eligible cost of the project.				



Required TERP Attachment(s)

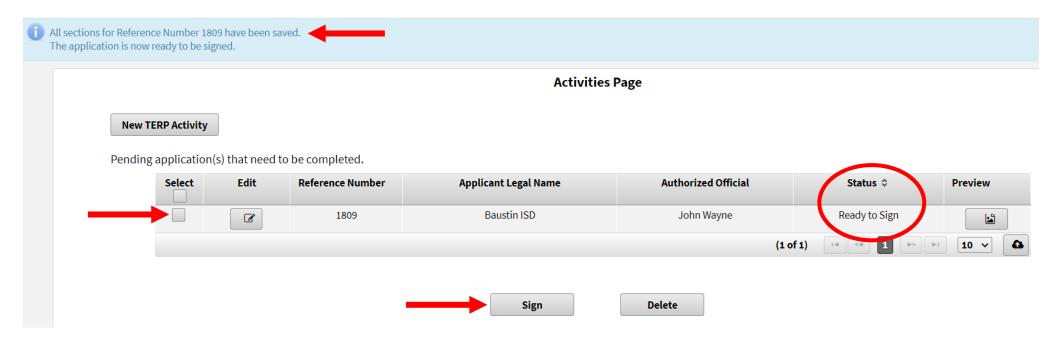
- Upload a completed and signed IRS Form W-9
 - This form is required and must be submitted with the application.
- If the equipment has already been purchased, upload the purchase, lease, or financing agreement showing the price paid.
 - Reminder: The vehicle may not have been purchased prior to September 1, 2024.
- If applicable, upload a completed and signed
 GAFF Property Owner Form
 - This form is required if the applicant is **not** the owner of the property where the infrastructure is proposed to be installed and operated.





Electronically Signing the Application

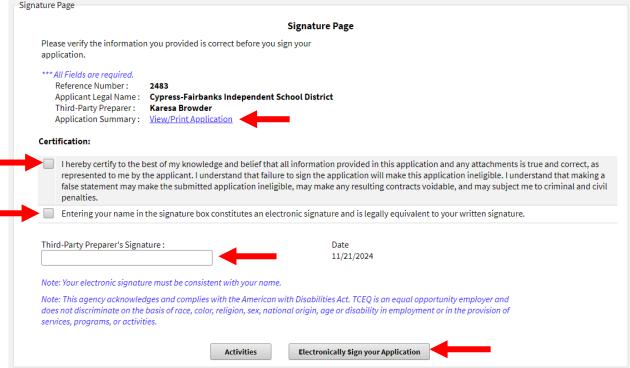
- On the Activities Page the system will indicate when all sections of your application have been completed and saved.
- The status of the application will show it's ready to be signed.
- Select the application, click the Sign button, and then enter your password for that application.





Third-Party Preparer Signature

- This section will only appear and be required if the application was completed by a third-party preparer.
 - It is recommended that the TPP click
 View/Print Application to print a copy of the application for their records.
 - The TPP will need to apply checkmarks to the certification statements, type their name exactly as it appears in the application, and click Electronically Sign your Application.
 - The TPP must share the unique password they used to create the application with the AO.
 - The AO will login with the name and email address listed in the application, using the password the TPP provided to complete their signature page.





Authorized Official Signature

- If the application was not completed by a third-party preparer, the only signature required will be Authorized Official.
 - It is recommended that the AO click View/Print Application to print a copy of the application for their records.
 - The AO will need to apply checkmarks to the certification statements, type their name exactly as it appears in the application, and click Electronically Sign your Application.
 - The application is then submitted to the TCEQ.

Certification:

certify that I have read the complete application after all forms and information were completed, and I agree with the information provided.

Providing false or inaccurate information may make the application or any resulting contracts voidable.

My signature also constitutes acceptance of the terms of this grant as stated in the GAFF Request for Grant Applications (RFGA), and any changes posted through addenda on the Electronic State Business Daily.

I further understand that the submitted application information may be revised by TCEQ for accuracy prior to incorporating the information into a contract, and the acceptance of a contract will constitute agreement with those revisions.

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that all information provided in this application and any attachments is true and correct. I

Entering your name in the signature box constitutes an electronic signature and is legally equivalent to your written signature.



Note: Your electronic signature must be consistent with your name.

Note: This agency acknowledges and complies with the American with Disabilities Act. TCEQ is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in employment or in the provision of services, programs, or activities.

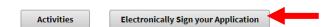
Note: The application, signed by the Authorized Official, must be received by the application deadline or the application will not be accepted.

Intentional falsification of these forms will be prosecuted to the extent allowed under the law and may be used as an adverse factor in future grant selection decisions.

Upon submission, all proposals become the property of the State of Texas and as such become subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552.

Personal Information Policy: Individuals are entitled to request and review their personal information that the agency gathers on its forms. Individuals may also have any errors in their information corrected.

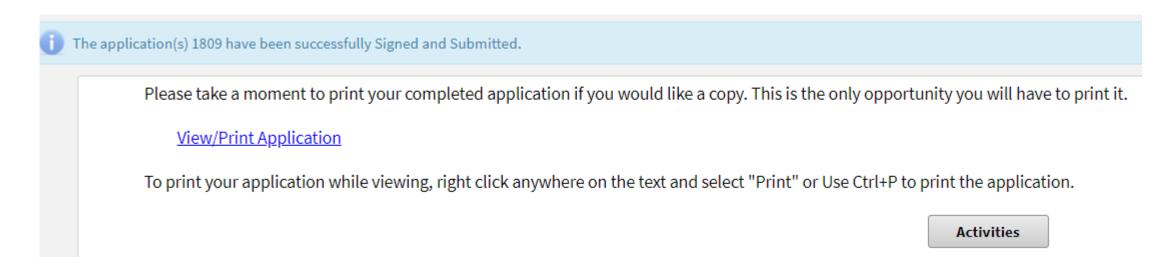
To review such information, contact the TCEQ TERP program at TERP@tceq.texas.gov or 1-800-919-TERP (8377).





Application Signed & Submitted

 Once electronically signed, the system will indicate that the application has been successfully submitted to the TCEQ.



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Email Confirmation of Submission

 You should receive an automated email confirming the application was submitted.

From: noReply@tceq.texas.gov <noReply@tceq.texas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 12:47 PM

To: JohnWayne@noreply.com

Subject: UAT:GAFF Application Submitted

This confirms the submittal of your Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet (GAFF) Application to the TCEQ.

Your application was successfully submitted at 03/15/2023 12:46:34 AM.

The confirmation number for this submittal is: 1470

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Questions

 If you have any questions, please see the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) online at www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/gaff

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