Big Grants for Big Equipment

Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP)

Turn old engines into new opportunities with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)'s TxVEMP grants for the replacement or repower of freight switchers or the repower of ferries and tugs operating in Texas. Non-governmental entities applying under TxVEMP will be limited to replacement or repower projects that are all electric.

Up to $25 Million in Funding Available

Who Can Apply?

- Individuals
- State and local governments
- Corporations
- Any other legal entity

Eligible Equipment

Ferries
Vessels providing transportation between places no more than 300 miles apart.

Tugs
Vessels that push or pull other vessels in ports, harbors, and inland waterways.

Freight Switchers
Locomotives that move rail cars around a rail yard.

Grant Amounts

Government-Owned Projects
Up to 100% of eligible costs.

Non-Government Owned All-Electric Projects
Up to 75% of eligible costs.

Additional Funding Available
for electric charging infrastructure with the purchase of qualifying ferry, tug, or freight switcher powered by electricity.

Key Requirements

- A Grantee must commit to operating the grant-funded equipment for five years.
- Grant-funded equipment must be operated at least 51% of the time in priority areas.
- For marine vessels, operation must occur within eligible counties or within the coastal county lines of eligible counties (approximately 3 leagues or 10.35 miles offshore).

Eligible Counties

Austin Area:
Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson

Beaumont-Port Arthur Area:
Hardin, Jefferson, Orange

Bell Area:
Bell

Dallas-Fort Worth Area:
Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, 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, Comal, Guadalupe, Wilson

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