



Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet (GAFF) Program Application Workshop



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Program Highlights

- ~\$3.9 million in available funding
- Funding for:
 - the purchase or lease of new alternative fuel motor vehicles
 - the purchase, lease, or installation of refueling infrastructure or equipment, or
 - the procurement of refueling services
- 60-day window to submit grant applications
- Grants awarded on a competitive basis

Alternative Fuels

- Alternative fuels under the GAFF Program include:
 - Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
 - Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
 - Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)
 - Hydrogen Fuel Cell
 - Electricity, including electricity to power fully electric and plug-in hybrid motor vehicles

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 mass transit or school transportation provider or other public entity established to provide public or school transportation services.

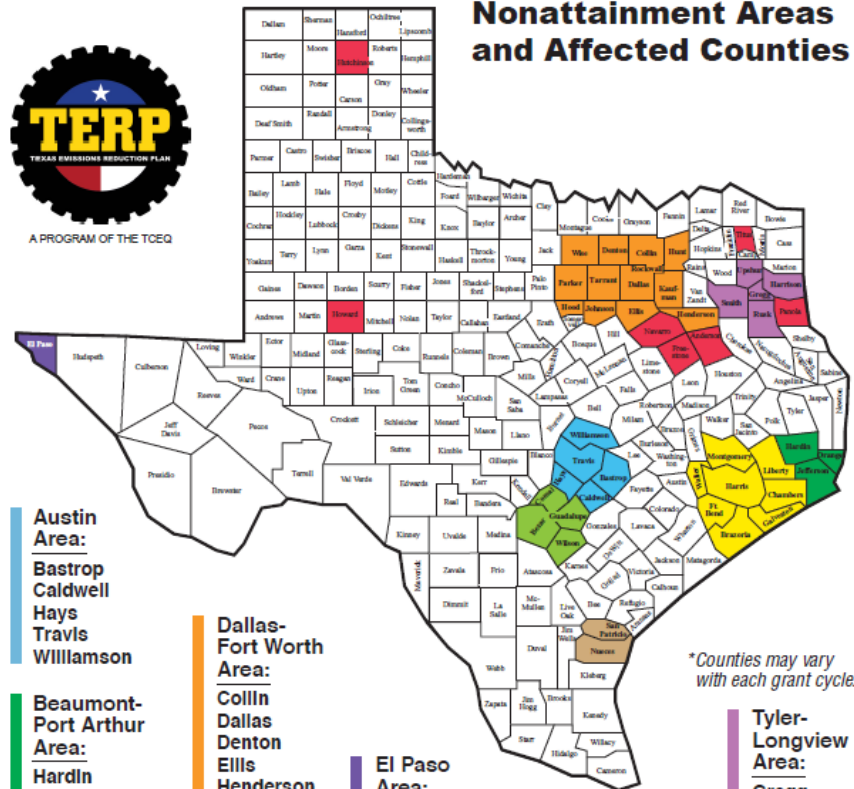
Eligible Areas

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

Primary Areas



Nonattainment Areas and Affected Counties



Austin Area:
Bastrop
Caldwell
Hays
Travis
Willamson

Beaumont-Port Arthur Area:
Hardin
Jefferson
Orange

Corpus Christi Area:
Nueces
San Patricio

Dallas-Fort Worth Area:
Collin
Dallas
Denton
Ellis
Henderson
Hood
Hunt
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

Tyler-Longview Area:
Gregg
Harrison
Rusk
Smith
Upshur

Other:
Anderson
Freestone
Howard
Hutchinson
Navarro
Panola
Titus

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Eligible Projects

- Purchase or lease of a new motor vehicle that is **originally manufactured** to operate using alternative fuel(s) or is **converted** to operate using alternative fuel(s) before the first retail sale of the vehicle.
- Purchase, lease, or installation of refueling infrastructure or equipment or the procurement of refueling services for those vehicles.
- A lease or service agreement must have a term of at least three years.

Requirements for New Vehicles

Eligible vehicles must be:

- Originally manufactured to operate using an alternative fuel or converted to operate on an alternative fuel before the first retail sale and:
 - Have a dedicated, dual-fuel, or bi-fuel system; and
 - Electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles must have a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rating of at least 75 miles per gallon equivalent or a 75-mile combined city and highway range.
- The new vehicle must produce fewer emissions and have greater fuel efficiency than the vehicle being replaced.

Additional Requirements for New Vehicles

- The vehicle and engine must be new and not subject to a prior first sale.
- If the vehicle or engine must be converted to operate on an alternative fuel, the conversion process must take place as part of the original sale or lease of the vehicle.
- The new vehicle may not have been purchased prior to September 1, 2022.
- The new vehicle and/or engine must be legally imported (if applicable) and certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to the current federal emissions standards or a lower family emissions limit (FEL).

Requirements for Infrastructure, Equipment, and Services

- The infrastructure must be associated with charging or providing alternative fuel(s) to the vehicle(s) included in the application. The number of charging/refueling units may not exceed the number of vehicles included in the application.
- Applicants must demonstrate that adequate infrastructure or equipment is not available within five miles of the location at which the vehicle(s) are stored or primarily used.
- If purchased, infrastructure or equipment must be owned and operated by the grant recipient, or a third-party provider engaged by the grant recipient for at least three years.

Grant Amounts

- Grant amounts by vehicle class:
 - Class 1 Vehicles: \$17,000
 - Class 2-3 Vehicles: \$23,000
 - Class 4-6 Vehicles: \$40,000
 - Class 7-8 Vehicles, School Buses, and Transit Buses: \$80,000
- The grant amount for infrastructure may not exceed 10% of the total requested grant amount for the project.
- The total grant amount plus financial incentives must not exceed the total eligible cost of the project.

Eligible Costs

- Purchase or Lease of New Vehicle(s)
 - Purchase or operating lease invoice cost or capital lease cost basis of the vehicle, including taxes, duty, protective in-transit insurance, and freight charges.
- Infrastructure or Refueling Equipment (if applicable)
 - Purchase, lease, installation or procurement;
 - Invoice cost, cash basis for the lease or service agreement costs, including taxes, duty, protective in-transit insurance, and freight charges for the term of the contract;
 - Invoice cost of necessary equipment with a per unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more; and
 - Costs associated with 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; or
- Site improvements, construction and buildings, and other costs not directly associated with the purchase and installation of the equipment

Application Submission

TERP Online: Single-Use Non-CROMERR Submission System (SUNSS)

Email: GAFF-Apply@tceq.texas.gov

File Transfer Protocol Secure (FTPS) Server

Standard mail:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Air Grants Division, MC-204 (GAFF)
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Express mail:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Air Grants Division, MC-204 (GAFF)
12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F, 1ST Floor, Suite 1301
Austin, TX 78753

Application Submission Requirements

- Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time on May 16, 2023.
- Only one application per email (max file size: 25MB). If larger than 25MB, please submit by uploading the file to TCEQ's FTPS server and sharing with GAFF-Apply@tceq.texas.gov.
- For applications submitted electronically, each attachment must be grouped by activity and clearly labeled with the activity number at the top of each page. It is preferable that the application and attachments be submitted as a single PDF.

Additional Application Submission Requirements

- All applications for funding must be substantially complete and must be submitted by the application deadline. A substantially complete application must include:
 - all pages of the application;
 - applicant's contact information;
 - all required signatures; and
 - all the information necessary for TCEQ to review the eligibility of the project and subsequently award grant funds.
- TCEQ reserves the right to limit the award to no more than \$1,000,000 to a single applicant.

Required Attachments

- **W-9**
 - Download and fill out entirely. Signature is Required.

Selection Criteria and Scoring

- TCEQ will evaluate, score, and rank applications based on the following program priorities:
 - Entity Type
 - Project Primary Area
 - Emissions Reduction
 - Number of Qualifying Vehicles
 - Fleet and 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, School Bus, or Transit Bus

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, School Bus, or Transit Bus

Limit of 10 activities per application.

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

Contracting

- Applicants selected for grant funding will be required to sign a contract with TCEQ.
- Approved activities will be represented in the contract's Scope of Work.
- The contract period will run from execution of the contract until August 31, 2028.
- Grant recipients commit to taking all actions necessary to ensure the successful completion and subsequent operation of the new vehicles and equipment.

Payment of Grant Funds

- Grant funding may be awarded through up-front payments or reimbursement.
- Proof of purchase documentation must be submitted to TCEQ after purchases are made, costs incurred and paid, and vehicles received.
- The grantee must complete all activities and submit the final proof of purchase documentation to TCEQ by April 30, 2025.
- Grantees replacing vehicles must provide proof of destruction within 90 days of receiving verification from TCEQ that proof of purchase documentation has been approved.

Annual Usage and Reporting

- Grantees must operate the grant-funded vehicles and refueling infrastructure, equipment, or refueling services for three years once TCEQ has verified and approved the proof of purchase documentation.
- Grant-funded vehicles and any refueling infrastructure or equipment must be maintained in proper operating condition.
- Annual usage reports will not be required however information on the use of the vehicles must be provided upon request.
- TCEQ reserves the right to audit the use of the grant-funded vehicle(s) and equipment at anytime during the contract period.
- Grantees will be required to return grant funds for failure to maintain and operate the vehicles for the duration of the contract period.

Helpful Documents

- Request For Grant Applications
- Sample Contract
- Project Application Form

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