

# New Year, New Grants: Webinar Series

Webinar Resource Guide- February 13, 2024

*What's on the horizon in alternative fuel funding*

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## **Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program -**

Housed in the Department of Energy's Vehicle Technology Office, there are approximately 75 designated Coalitions like Lone Star Clean Fuels Alliance, Alamo Area Clean Cities, Dallas Fort Worth clean cities, and Houston-Galveston area Clean Cities who across the nation participate in the national [Clean Cities Program](#). Each Coalition is fuel-neutral with an aim to educate businesses, governments and organizations on the options within alternative fueled vehicles, fuel-efficient technologies and energy-efficient mobility systems.

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## Key Webinar Tips:

- Secure grant approval before proceeding with equipment or vehicle purchases.
- Review grant application prerequisites in advance, and gather all necessary documentation.
  - Although each grant has specific requirements, below are some guidelines for Vehicle Grant Applications.
  - You'll need copies of the old vehicle registration forms for the past two years plus the current year.
  - Color photographs of the vehicle showing the:
    - (1) front,
    - (2) right side,
    - (3) left side,
    - (4) rear,
    - (5) engine, and
    - (6) windshield with current registration.
  - Tires should be included in all photographs and the license plate should be visible.
  - The photographs of the engine should include make, model, engine ID and engine family
  - W-9 form
  - New vehicle bid signed and dated by your distributor
  - Title
- Prioritize prompt submission; some grants operate on a first-come, first-served basis and have limited availability.
- Collaborate with another member of your team to minimize errors.
- Sign up for the TCEQ emailed or text updates; and seek assistance from TCEQ staff should any questions arise.
- Develop a strategic plan for your funding and equipment before initiating the grant application process.
- Validate equipment specifications to ensure compliance with government regulations and grant criteria.

## Agenda-

### ❖ Alternative Fuel Facilities Program (AFFP)

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*Mr. Rocha has over 20 years in the water and energy industry specializing in energy efficiency and utility management. For the last 15 years, Mr. Rocha has been employed with SAWS where he currently assists with the implementation of energy conservation measures and other strategic energy management projects. Prior to SAWS, Mr. Rocha has worked with the City of Houston Public Works and the Metropolitan Partnership for Energy/Build San Antonio Green. Mr. Rocha holds a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at San Antonio.*

### ❖ Light-duty Rebate Program

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**Bio:**

*Lon began his career in the propane industry in 1969 at age 17. He has been responsible for Northwest Propane's vehicle conversion, sales and operation for the past 20 years. His customers include TxDOT and many other state agencies and school districts. Lon has served as past president of the Texas Propane Gas Association and Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas Technical & Standards Committee. He is a long-standing member of the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition. He currently serves on the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition Technical Advisory Committee.*

### ❖ Clean School Bus Grant

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**Bio:**

*"I am Sheri Nguyen, and I bring with me 33 years of dedicated service to Birdville ISD. For the past 33 years, I have been an integral part of the Transportation team, with the last 5 years serving as the Director of Transportation. Throughout my career, I have embraced and conquered numerous challenges, as the field of Transportation is dynamic and undergoes constant changes. I thrive on facing new challenges and find fulfillment in navigating the complexities of this industry. Transportation is not just a profession for me; it is my passion".*

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Ray is experienced in freight import and export with expertise in stevedoring and vessel operations. Seaboard Marine Ltd. Has been awarded a TERP grant under the Seaport and Rail Yard Area Emissions Reduction Program (SPRY) for forklifts powered by alternative fuels.

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John's Cars - Jaguar parts supplier/manufacturer, V8 conversions, retrofit components

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## TERP Resources

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)		
FY2024-2025 Program Schedule* Projected Open Date		
Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (LDPLIP)	October-November 2023	\$10 million
Texas Hydrogen Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Program (THIVE)	November 15, 2023	\$12 million
Alternative Fueling Facilities Program (AFFP)	January 3, 2024	\$12 million
Texas Clean School Bus Program (TCSB)	February 14, 2024	\$13.5 million
Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program (SPRY)	April 3, 2024	\$20.3 million
Diesel Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants (DERI)	May 15, 2024	\$144.4 million
- Rebate Grants Program (Round 1)		
- Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants Program (ERIG)		
Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP)	September 4, 2024	\$25.4 million
Port Authority Studies and Pilot Programs	September 15, 2024	\$1 million
New Technology Implementation Grant Program (NTIG)	October 16, 2024	\$11.5 million
Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program (GAFF)	December 4, 2024	\$5 million
Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP)	January 15, 2025	\$16.9 million
Rebate Grants Program (Round 2)	March 5, 2025	TBD

[Salvage Companies](#) - (familiar with TERP Guidelines for Disposition/Dismantling Vehicles)

Funding Opportunities for Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Equipment in Texas:

- <http://www.terpgrants.org/>

## Funding Resources

[Alternative Fuels Data Centers Funding Laws & Incentives](#)

[\(AFDC\)](#) – Information on State Laws & Incentives

[NCTCOG AQ Funding](#) – Regularly updated list of currently open funding programs

[NCTCOG Funding Summary Download + Webpage](#)–

Comprehensive list of annual funding for vehicles, infrastructure and energy efficiency projects

<https://nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/Funding-and-Resources>

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A voluntary association of local governments that works to enhance the quality of life of residents in the Alamo Area through assisting local governments with planning and coordination activities, and providing health and human services to residents in the region.

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Heather was the director of marketing for alternative fuels at the Texas Railroad Commission, vehicles. She co-founded the Texas Natural Gas Foundation now the American Energy Institute. As the Executive Director Heather assists Texas fleets identify and apply for financial incentives to assist their transition to alternative fuels. She continues to advocate for the critical role of Texas energy resources in securing U.S. energy.

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The HGCCC was originally created in 1997, and promotes advanced transportation solutions through outreach and education activities. The HGCCC catalyzes, connects, and facilitates implementation of alternative fuels and advanced vehicles. The Coalition works closely with H-GAC's Clean Vehicles Program and other funding initiatives to assist organizations secure funding for projects. The HGCCC region includes the counties of: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller.

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Designated as a Clean Cities Coalition in 1994, the LSCFA is a stand-alone nonprofit located in Austin. It works closely with the Capital Area Council of Governments and other non-profit and industry organizations to assist businesses in deploying cleaner vehicles and technologies. LSCFA spans Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties.

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DFW was one of the first regions to be designated as part of the DOE Clean Cities initiative in 1995. Dallas Fort Worth Clean Cities works to reduce transportation energy use and improve air quality by providing guidance to fleets and other drivers about clean vehicle fuels/technologies, coordinating infrastructure planning and readiness, and facilitating best practices around transportation-energy integration.

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The Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT) is dedicated to educating the public and the propane industry on safety and on the newest clean burning propane technologies. Additionally ProCOT alerts its members to funding opportunities. ProCOT is the state entity that represents the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), which was authorized by the U.S. Congress with the passage of the Propane Education and Research Act (PERA).