Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant (AFIG) Webinar

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AFIG Grant Webinar: Agenda

• AFIG Grant Availability
  ➢ General information

• Grant Guidance
  ➢ New this round

• Application Process
  ➢ Tips

• Questions
• Grant round opened Saturday, March 1, 2014
• Estimated $8 million available
• Applications are scored competitively
• Grants for alternative fuel vehicles and innovative technologies
AFIG Grant Availability

- Those eligible to apply include school districts, municipal authorities, political subdivisions, incorporated non-profits entities, corporations and limited liability companies or partnerships registered to do business in PA.
- Grant requests can be no more than 50% of incremental purchase/retrofit cost per vehicle.
- Maximum of $25,000 per vehicle.
An eligible applicant may aggregate vehicles (registered in PA) by other eligible entities (project partners) to form a proposed project. Purpose is to:

- Create a project with a minimum of 5 vehicles
- Create a local project that provides significant support for a common/primary fueling facility nearby
• Eligible costs:
  ➢ Incremental purchase costs for new alternative fuel vehicles
  ➢ Retrofit costs to convert existing vehicles

• Eligible vehicles/fuels:
  ➢ CNG or LNG vehicles weighing 26,000 lbs. or less
  ➢ Propane (LPG), electric, hydrogen, biofuel or other alternative fuel vehicles of any size
• Projects must be completed within grant period of performance (6/1/14 – 6/30/16)

• Grantees may not receive incremental costs for a vehicle –
  ➢ Delivered or paid for prior to 6/1/14
  ➢ If retrofit work conducted or paid for prior to 6/1/14

✓ NOTE: Deposits can be made on vehicles prior to 6/1/2014 if not a part of the incremental cost payment for the vehicle
• Eligible applicants may submit or be a party to more than one application
  ➢ either as the applicant or as a project partner

• Weight limit of 26,000 pounds or less for vehicle retrofits or new vehicle purchases that utilize natural gas
  ➢ previous round had gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds or less
• Sample aggregation agreement is included as Appendix A
  ➢ Applicants proposing project that aggregates various eligible applicants may choose to use sample agreement or equivalent document

• A list is provided under Application Evaluation Section identifying items needed for a complete application
  ➢ incomplete applications are ineligible for awards
AFIG Innovative Technology Projects

- R&D, demonstration, pilot projects for alternative fuel technology
- Expected to directly result in commercialization
- Requires 50% minimum cost share
- All grant-funded work to be performed in PA
- Innovative fueling equipment will be considered
• Link to revised guidelines -

• Applications accepted online only, using DCNR’s eGrant System – www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us

• The deadline to submit completed applications - 4 p.m. Friday, May 30, 2014
• Completely fill out the Vehicle Summary Tables
• Insure supporting documentation does not conflict with information in the Vehicle Summary Tables
• Get all commitments before applying
  ➢ Fueling infrastructure
  ➢ Project partners
  ➢ Vehicle availability
Application Process - Tips

• Talk to your Regional Energy Manager about your project during the application phase
  ➢ Contact list on AFIG and NGV webpages

• Don’t wait until the last minute to start
  ➢ Upload documents early

• For problems with the eGrants system
  ➢ Call the helpdesk, 1-800-326-7734
QUESTIONS?

Please type your questions into the chat window
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