Act 13 Natural Gas Vehicle Round 2 Grants

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NGV Grant Webinar: Agenda

• NGV Grant Availability
  ➢ General Information

• Grant Guidance
  ➢ New this Round

• Application Process
  ➢ Tips

• Questions
Round 2 opened Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013

Estimated $11 million available

Applications are scored competitively

Last round for exclusive allocation (50%) for Local Transportation Organizations

- LTOs include non-profit agencies providing public transportation services, port/redevelopment authorities, school bus projects
NGV Grant Availability

• Grant requests can be no more than 50% of incremental purchase/retrofit cost per vehicle

• Maximum of $25,000 per vehicle

• Those eligible to apply include non-profits, companies, local transportation organizations, state owned or state related universities, Commonwealth or municipal authorities, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
An eligible applicant may aggregate vehicles (registered in PA) by other eligible entities (project partners) to form a proposed project:
- Can be LTO and Non-LTO project partners
- Purpose is to:
  - Create a project with a minimum of 5 vehicles
  - Create a project that provides significant support for a common/primary fueling facility
A Grantee may not apply for and will not receive an award greater than:

- $500,000 for applicants who commit to utilizing a fueling station not yet constructed as their common/primary station in PA
  - Fueling stations used as NEW in Round 1 can only be used as EXISTING in Round 2
- $300,000 for applicants who commit to utilizing an existing fueling station in PA
• Projects must be completed within grant period of performance (2/1/14 – 8/1/15)

• Grantees may not receive incremental costs for a vehicle –
  ➢ Delivered or paid for prior to 2/1/14
  ➢ If retrofit work conducted or paid for prior to 2/1/14

✓ NOTE: Deposits can be made on vehicles prior to 2/1/2014 if not a part of the incremental cost payment for the vehicle
• School bus projects will be considered a Local Transportation Project if the school district applies as the applicant **even if busing services are contracted**

- Sample school district/bus company agreement included as Appendix B
- You must provide this agreement or something equivalent to it
• Must include description of how applicant intends to meet EPA compliance for conversion systems

• May submit multiple applications, either as the applicant or project partner

• If oversubscribed, DEP may award only 1 grant per primary fueling facility within a round
• A list under the ELIGIBILITY section identifies items that if not included, may result in the determination that the application is incomplete and ineligible for an award.

• A list of fueling facilities identified as primary fueling stations for first round projects that can’t be considered new for second round.

• Sample Project Partner aggregation agreements.
NGV Grant Application Process

• Link to revised guidelines
  http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-11804
  (NOTE: If you downloaded this document prior Monday Nov. 18, please download an updated copy!)

• 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, Jan. 10, 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

• 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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