

# Currently Available Funding Opportunities

## **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**

### *Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet (GAFF) Grant Program*

This new grant program has been established under the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP). The program will provide grants to eligible applications in purchasing or leasing new motor vehicles that operate primarily on CNG, LNG, LPG, hydrogen fuel cells, or electricity, including electricity to power fully electric motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid motor vehicles. The program will also assist in the installation of refueling infrastructure for grant funded vehicles. Eligible applicants include a state agency/political subdivision that operates a fleet of more than 15 motor vehicles (excluding motor vehicles that are owned and operated under contract) and a mass transit or school transportation provider or other public entity established or provide public or school transportation services.

### **Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Rebates**

Rebates are available statewide for eligible light-duty motor vehicles purchased or leased in Texas on or after September 1, 2019. Rebates of up to \$5,000 are available for up to 1,000 eligible compressed natural gas and liquified petroleum gas (LPG or propane) vehicles. Rebates of up to \$2,500 are available for up to 2,000 eligible electric drive (plug-in or plug-in hybrid) or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Applications will be accepted and considered on a first-come., first-served basis until all available rebates have been awarded.

*Deadline for applications:* **January 7, 2021**

More information: [www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/ld.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/ld.html)

### **Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP)**

Individuals, businesses, and governmental entities that operate heavy duty or medium duty motor vehicles in Texas are invited to repower their vehicles with a natural gas or propane engine, or replace the vehicle with a new natural gas or propane powered vehicle. Approximately \$15.5 million is available.

*Deadline for applications:* **February 26, 2021**

More information: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/tngvgp.html>

### **Texas Volkswagen Mitigation Trust (TxVEMP)**

TCEQ, the lead agency for the VW Mitigation Trust in the State of Texas, has announced the availability of reimbursement funding for the replacement or repower of Class 7 and Class 8 diesel-powered refuse haulers. Vehicles may include: garbage trucks, recycling trucks, roll-off trucks, sweeper trucks, and chipper trucks.

Approximately \$7.5 million is available for the Houston region

*Deadline for applications:* **Ongoing until all funding is awarded**

More information: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/trust>

### **Dept. of Education**

#### *2020 Green Ribbon Schools*

Green Ribbon Schools are schools, districts, and postsecondary institutions that are achieving sustainability gains encompassing facilities and grounds, health and wellness, and environmental literacy. Schools interested in applying for a 2020 Green Ribbon Schools designation can begin preparing for the applications cycle by using resources and programs available on Green Strides:

[https://www.greenstrides.org/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.greenstrides.org/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

For 2020 applications, interested colleges and universities may contact state higher education authorities (<https://sheeo.org/membership/our-members/>), while preschools, elementary and secondary schools, and districts may contact state education agencies

([https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/state-contacts.html?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/state-contacts.html?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)). State education authorities may contact the U.S. Dept. of Education Green Ribbon Schools program for more information.

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

#### *2019 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) School Bus Rebates Program*

Applications are sought for rebates to assist in replacing old, dirty diesel school buses serving public schools with new school buses meeting the cleanest emission standards. EPA anticipates awarding over \$10 million in this funding opportunity. Selections will be made by lottery, with at least one selectee from each state/territory represented in the applicant pool.

*Deadline for applications:* **October 30, 2019**

More information: <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/school-bus-rebates-diesel-emissions-reduction-act-dera>

## **Dept. of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration**

### *Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program*

A total of 107 projects in 50 states and territories will receive over \$366 million in grant funds to improve the safety and reliability of America's bus systems and enhance mobility for transit riders. The funding supports projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses, related equipment, and bus-related facilities. VIA Metropolitan Transit **San Antonio TX** (\$6 million to relocate the paratransit operating and maintenance facility), Texas DOT **Austin TX** (\$7 million to purchase buses for rural transit providers).

More Information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/news/us-department-transportation-announces-3662-million-grants-modernize-and-improve-america%20>

## **Propane Council of Texas (ProCOT)**

### *Propane Vehicle Incentives*

Funds are available to private fleets in Texas with three or more vehicles for the purchase of new, factory-direct LPG, engine, and/or aftermarket conversions to propane. Incentives available for the incremental cost between gas/diesel vehicles and a LPG vehicle up to \$7,500, with a \$20,000 lifetime cap per fleet. Other eligibility criteria apply.

*First-come, first-served, with funds expiring at the **end of 2019**.*

More information: <http://www.propanecounciloftexas.org/fleet-incentives>

## **Funds for Propane Mowers**

Funds for the purchase of factory-built propane mowers and mowers that are converted to run on propane by commercial law and landscapers, ground maintenance professionals, parks departments, etc. ProCOT is offering incentives for commercial-grade mowers, both dedicated and dual-fuel for qualifying entities. Those entities may include landscapers, school districts, parks departments and farmers that plan to use a minimum of 500 gallons of propane per mower. \$1000 per commercial-grade propane mower and/or propane conversion, with a lifetime cap of \$7,000 per qualifying entity.

**Ongoing** funding opportunity. More information:

More information: <https://www.propanecounciloftexas.org/incentives> or 1-800-325-7427

## **IC Bus**

### **Grants Toward the Purchase of Propane School Buses**

This grant program offers qualifying school districts throughout the U.S. \$5,000 in grants per newly purchased propane-powered CE Series school buses.

**Ongoing** funding opportunity

More information: <http://hoglundcompanies.com/news/ic-bus-grant-program>

## **AmeriGas**

### **Clean Community Grant**

Grants for new purchases of propane-powered school buses. School districts that are new or existing AmeriGas customers are eligible and may submit one application annually (\$2,500 - \$5,000 per purchase, minimum 3).

**Ongoing** funding opportunity

More information: <https://www.amerigas.com/autogas-school-district-grant>