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NGV Grant Webinar: Agenda

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- NGV Grant Availability
 - General Information
- Grant Guidance
 - New this Round
 - Key Considerations
- Application Process
 - Tips
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NGV Grant Availability

- Round 3 opened Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014
- Estimated \$6 million available
- Applications are scored competitively
- Local Transportation Organizations are eligible, but have no specific fund allocation this round

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-profit entities, for-profit companies, local transportation organizations, state owned or state related universities, Commonwealth or municipal authorities, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

NGV Grant Availability

- 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 project that provides significant support for a common/primary fueling facility

➤ Guidance Document – New This Round

- Previous grant award caps of \$300,000 for a project utilizing an existing fueling station has been removed
 - All projects will have an award cap of \$500,000 regardless of the type of fueling station (existing, new, or expanded) identified as the primary fueling station in the application
- Use of an existing fueling station which is to be expanded, has been added as an evaluation criterion
- No specific carve-outs for LTO or non-LTO eligible applicants

Key Considerations

- Projects must be completed within grant period of performance (12/1/14 – 5/31/16)
- Grantees may not receive incremental costs for a vehicle –
 - Delivered or paid for prior to 12/1/14
 - If retrofit work is conducted or paid for prior to 12/1/14
- ✓ NOTE: Deposits can be made on vehicles prior to 12/1/14 if not a part of the incremental cost payment for the vehicle

Key Considerations

- Entities may submit multiple applications, either as the applicant or project partner
- If oversubscribed, DEP may limit awards based on
 - Number of requests submitted per primary fueling facility
 - Number of applications submitted by an entity
- 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

Key Considerations

- All alternative fuel conversion systems must be compliant with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or California Air Resource Board (CARB) requirements as described in DEP's guidance document titled "Policy on Clean Alternative Fuel Conversion Systems"

<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document86214/PCV%20Conversion%20Policy%20Final%20Revised.pdf>

- Sample Project Partner aggregation agreements are included as Appendix A

NGV Grant Application Process

- Link to revised guidelines -
<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-102295/0120-BK-DEP4455%20%20%20NGV%20Round%203%20Draft%208-11.pdf>
- 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, Nov. 14, 2014

Application Process - Tips

- 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 and include these commitments in the application
 - Fueling infrastructure (letters, commitments)
 - Project partners (aggregation agreements)
 - Vehicle availability (vehicle quotes)

Application Process - Tips

- Talk to your Regional Energy Manager about your project (seek assistance) during the application submission time frame
- 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



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