

## North Texas Green & Go Partnership 2010 Funding Opportunity

The North Texas Green & Go Partnership has launched a new funding award program to facilitate the replacement of taxicabs and limousines with green vehicle options in the North Central Texas region. Eligible projects, if awarded, will receive \$5,000 toward the purchase of low-emitting vehicles. In addition, the North Texas Green & Go Partnership provides an extensive marketing campaign for companies who participate in the program. A recorded list of taxicab and limousine companies can be obtained by dialing toll-free 1-877-HAIL-GREEN, which allows a client to be connected to the company of choice. The program also maintains a Web site as a marketing component used to generate interest among the general public. All current taxicab and limousine companies who operate clean vehicles are listed at <a href="https://www.northtexasgreenandgo.org">www.northtexasgreenandgo.org</a>. Local businesses and other organizations have joined as partners by pledging to hail a green taxi before a regular taxi, and also by promoting the program to employees as well as visiting clients. Marketing material has been provided to local activity centers, hotels, and visitor bureaus throughout the region.

## **Project Eligibility**

Eligible Applicants	Taxicab and limousine owners who operate within Dallas-Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Counties (Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, Johnson, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant)
Eligible Vehicles	Light duty (gross vehicle weight not exceeding 10,000 pounds). At a minimum, vehicles must have an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) engine standard of Tier 2 Bin 3, OR a California Air Resource Board (CARB) standard of Super Ultra Low Emitting Vehicle (SULEV), OR not have nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions of greater than 0.03 grams/mile (primarily alternative fuel vehicles and gasoline-hybrid electric vehicles)
Activity Life	Awarded vehicle must be used as a taxicab or limousine in the Dallas-Fort Worth region for a minimum time period of three years
Eligible Criteria	Must hold taxicab or limousine operating permit in at least one of the Dallas-Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Counties

The North Texas Green & Go Partnership will begin accepting applications May 3, 2010. Applications may be submitted until Friday, June 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. and must be submitted with original signature to the project contact provided below. Properly completed applications will be evaluated based on the criteria:

- Emissions standard of new vehicle
- Voluntary replacement of existing vehicle with new vehicle
- Cost/ton of pollutant reduced
- Timeliness of implementation
- Previous participation in other funding opportunities

Regardless of the scores and ranking, funding decisions may be based on other factors associated with best achieving the goals of the program. There is no obligation to select a project for funding.

All materials associated with this program including application and guidelines are posted at <a href="https://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding">www.nctcog.org/aqfunding</a>. A vehicle list will be provided which includes eligible vehicles that may be purchased under this program. It will be the responsibility of the grantee to insure that the vehicle purchased under this program meets all specifications set forth by the regulating authority they are permitted with.

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