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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Grants & Loans Awarded to Expand Natural Gas in Utah**

Salt Lake City, Utah – Natural Gas usage is expanding in Utah thanks to a combination of grants and loans the Department of Environmental Quality’s Division of Air Quality (DAQ) awarded to several entities, including Salt Lake City and the University of Utah.

DAQ announced today it has awarded a total of \$249,440 in grants and another \$100,000 in loans from the Clean Fuels Grant and Loan Program to help six entities purchase natural gas equipment or expand natural gas refueling stations along the Wasatch Front.

“I’m very pleased to be able to provide businesses, governments and the University of Utah with funding to expand our capacity to provide Natural Gas in Utah,” said Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). “This program contributes to the Division of Air Quality’s on-going effort to encourage cleaner transportation choices that will lead to better air quality.”

One of the grant recipients, Momentum Recycling, a small, family-owned business, will use the grant to purchase CNG vehicles for their recycling collection services. “The added expense of purchasing CNG vehicles is a significant financial commitment. The grant assistance makes choosing a cleaner fuel more attainable,” said Jeff Whitbeck of Momentum Recycling.

Those awarded grants are as follows:

1. Allied Waste: \$30,000 to purchase a CNG refuse vehicle that provides recycling collection services to organizations in the Salt Lake Valley
2. Momentum Recycling: \$35,308 to purchase two CNG glass recycling vehicles
3. Salt Lake City Corporation: \$70,000 to purchase one CNG street sweeper and one aerial tower truck
4. Transfuels, LLC: \$70,000 to purchase LNG refueling equipment
5. University of Utah: \$44,132 to purchase four CNG buses

Those awarded loans are as follows:

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- Uintah Commercial Investment/DBA: CNG America: \$100,000 for the purchase of CNG refueling equipment

For more information, visit: [www.cleanfuels.utah.gov](http://www.cleanfuels.utah.gov).

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