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Grants & Loans Award to Expand Electric Vehicles in Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah – Electric Vehicle (EV) usage is expanding in Utah thanks to grants awarded to numerous entities, including Salt Lake City and several universities, by the Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Air Quality (DAQ).

DAQ announced today it has awarded a total of \$700,000 in grants and low-interest loans from the Clean Fuels Grant and Loan Program to help nine entities purchase EV and natural gas vehicles and expand EV charging stations and natural gas refueling stations along the Wasatch Front.

"I'm very pleased to be able to provide businesses, governments and several universities with funding to expand our capacity to provide alternative fuel vehicles 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, Salt Lake City Corporation, will use the grant to purchase 25 electric charging ports to be installed throughout the City. "The expanded capacity of the City to offer public access to EV charging ports will decrease emissions from mobile sources that impact the air quality throughout the Salt Lake Valley airshed and will demonstrate the effective application of electric vehicle technology in the market," said Tyler Poulson, Sustainability Program Manager for Salt Lake City Corporation.

Those awarded grants and low-interest loans are as follows:

1. CNG America: \$200,000 loan for natural gas refueling equipment
2. Salt Lake City Corporation: \$200,000 grant for 25 EV charging ports to be installed throughout the city; \$141,847 grant for electric-hybrid, electric, and natural gas vehicles; and a \$5,516 grant for 3 EV charging stations for their fleet

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3. Salt Lake Community College: \$14,830 grant to purchase two EVs and one charging station
4. Salt Lake County Office of Township Services: \$9,085 grant to purchase one electric-hybrid vehicle
5. Southern Utah University: \$11,594 grant to purchase two EV charging stations
6. University of Utah: \$70,262 grant to purchase EVs, electric-hybrid, and natural gas vehicles, as well as five EV charging stations
7. Utah Valley University / Office of Energy Development: \$5,066 grant to purchase two electric-hybrid vehicles
8. Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District: \$15,864 grant to purchase CNG refuse trucks
9. Weber State University: \$25,936 grant to purchase three electric-hybrid vehicles

For more information, visit: www.cleanfuels.utah.gov.

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