Air Quality Grants Available for Clean Fuel Vehicles and Equipment

Salt Lake City — The Utah Division of Air Quality (DAQ) will award up to $350,000 in grants from the Clean Fuels Vehicle (CFV) Program to help businesses and government entities purchase clean fuel technologies.

“The collaboration between state, local governments and the business community to make these projects successful is a demonstration of the commitment being made to help alleviate the unique air quality challenges we face in Utah and encourage clean transportation options,” said Alan Matheson, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Governor Gary Herbert plans to declare the month of November as Alternative Fuel Vehicle Awareness Month.

Since 2008, UDAQ has awarded a total $1,916,952 in grants and $366,667 in loans to 18 different entities. Projects have included the conversion of cars, trucks, and shuttle buses to natural gas as well as the purchase of natural gas refuse trucks, freight trucks, transit buses, school buses, street sweepers, aerial truck towers, glass recycling vehicles, and refueling stations. More recent awards have included electric vehicles (EV), electric-hybrid vehicles, and EV charging stations

Eligible projects and funding amounts include:

- 50% of the cost of converting vehicles to a cleaner burning fuel (minus the amount of any tax credit claimed)*
- 50% of the incremental cost of a clean fuel OEM vehicle (minus the amount of any tax credit claimed)
- The cost of clean fuel refueling equipment for a private sector business vehicle or a government vehicle

*Clean fuel is defined in Utah Code as electricity, natural gas, or propane. Electric-hybrid vehicles are also eligible.

Proposals must be submitted to DAQ by 5:00 pm on December 14, 2016. The awards will be announced in January.

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

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