

## **Electric & Alternative Energy Vehicles**

**Total Funding Available:** \$300 Million

**State Funding Available:** N/A

### **Overview:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will receive funding from the federal stimulus legislation to provide funding for alternative energy vehicle projects. The funds will be handled through DOE's existing Clean Cities program. Clean Cities began in 1994 and is a coalition of government agencies and private companies with an interest in developing and implementing alternative fuel technologies. Clean Cities coalition members help applicants to win funding for alternative fuel projects.

Projects may include hybrid electric vehicles, idle reduction technology, blending of non-petroleum based fuels (such as ethanol or biodiesel) with conventional fuels, higher-efficiency vehicles and driving practices, and alternative fuels (defined as ethanol, biodiesel, hydrogen, electricity, propane, and natural gas).

### **Special Factors:**

Stimulus funds may go toward cost-shared projects expanding the use of alternative fuel/technology vehicles, as well as the installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fuel/alternative technology vehicle. Within limits, funds may be used for operation and maintenance of vehicles and associated equipment.

Eligible applicants include state or local governments, a metropolitan transportation authority, or combination of those, **along with a designated Clean Cities Coalition member**. DOE will make up to 30 awards, with a 50/50 cost share requirement. The awards will be between \$5 million-\$15 million. Awards will be made in two rounds: Round 1 applications are due May 29, 2009, and Round 2 applications will be due on September 30, 2009.

### **How to Access Funding:**

The N.C. Clean Cities Coalition members (Land of Sky COG, Centralina COG, and Triangle J COG) plan to collect information on potential projects for a pre-application screening by the beginning of April, 2009. Then, Coalition members will make one large application for stimulus funds according to the process outlined above. Please contact the appropriate state contact listed below for your geographic location.

**Federal Contact:** U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities program  
<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/>  
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**State Contacts:** Centralina COG (Greater Charlotte region)

<http://www.4cleanfuels.com/funding.asp>

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Land of Sky COG (Western region)

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Triangle J COG (Greater Triangle region)

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