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\$240,000 Available to Local Towns, Cities, Counties and School Districts
Funding Available for Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Infrastructure, and Idle Reduction

INCOG and Tulsa Area Clean Cities (TACC) have released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for local transportation projects improving air quality and reducing the use of gasoline and diesel. The funds are part of the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program.

At stake in the RFP released today is \$240,000 for Tulsa-area towns, cities, counties, school districts and other public entities to fund transportation projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the use of petroleum-based fuels.

Examples of eligible projects include: replacing gasoline or diesel vehicles with alternative fuel vehicles that emit fewer greenhouse gas emissions; building alternative fuel infrastructure (electric vehicle charging, CNG, or propane stations); and installing idle reduction equipment and technologies which save fuel by turning off the engine while powering interior electronics with batteries.

Past recipients of CMAQ funding include the cities of Bixby, Mannford, Owasso, Sand Springs, Sapulpa, Skiatook, Tulsa, and Tulsa County. These entities have used CMAQ awards to purchase hybrid vehicles; bi-fuel CNG trucks, paratransit vans, and CNG lawnmowers; and CNG refueling equipment.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend a webinar hosted by TACC on June 16, 2016. After a short presentation, staff will host a Q&A session. For the complete RFP and application materials, visit tulsacleancities.com/cmaq or www.incog.org. All project proposals are due August 1, 2016.

Tulsa Area Clean Cities (TACC) is a coalition of local businesses and governments interested in alternative fuels. A program of the U.S. Department of Energy, TACC aims to decrease the use of petroleum in the transportation sector by promoting alternative fuels through outreach and education. TACC focuses on projects designed to reduce operating costs and increase access to new fuel sources. It is housed locally at INCOG.

In 2015, TACC stakeholders displaced more than 4.8 million gasoline gallon equivalents of petroleum fuel and reduced emissions by 7,300 tons, helping ensure the nation's energy security, strengthen our local economy, and improve regional air quality.

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