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Online

Go to: http://das.ct.gov and click on FLEET OPERATIONS for additional information on fueling locations, accident forms and mileage reports.



The Department of Transportation (DOT) has recently announced a new round of funding for the Connecticut Clean Fuel Program. A primary goal of the program is to get more clean fuel vehicles on the road.

DOT has confirmed that this funding will pay the difference in cost for a clean fuel technology vehicle compared to a vehicle powered by gasoline. This means that it may be possible to operate a hybrid or electric vehicle at the same monthly lease rate as a gasoline version of the same/similar model. In 2014, we had several agencies who were approved to purchase vehicles

under this program. So give some thought to how a clean fuel vehicle can help with your agency mission.

As the vehicle owner, DAS will work with interested agencies to assist with the application process. If your agency would like to pursue one or more vehicles under this program we need to know as soon as possible, as the deadline is April 30. Therefore, we request that you contact Jim Palmer or Frank Sanzo no later than April 15 with the details.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Here are some details on the program and the types of vehicles included.

Since the Connecticut Department of Transportation has allocated funding for the purchase of clean fuel vehicles and/or EPA approved diesel retrofit technologies, the ConnDOT is seeking proposals from public entities who want to add alternative fuel vehicles (AFV), clean fuel vehicles (CFV) or diesel retrofit technologies (DRT) to their fleet operations. Typically, CFVs tend to operate as hybrid electric vehicles, or operate on compressed natural gas, propane or electricity.

The Connecticut Clean Fuel (CCF) program is intended to improve air quality, reduce our dependency on petroleum-based fuels and enhance public awareness of alternative fuel based technologies in the automotive and transportation industries by providing incentives for entities to adopt clean fuel technologies. These technologies may also provide cost savings in purchased fuel and vehicle maintenance.

Submitting a proposal does not guarantee that funding will be awarded.

Click on Fleet Operations

ConnDOT is seeking proposals from eligible applicants who want to add, operate, and maintain AFVs, CFVs or DRTs to their fleet operations. The CCF program has a secondary goal of increasing the awareness of availability of AFVs, CFVs and DRTs and the availability of funding through ConnDOT for purchase of this equipment.

Since the purchase cost of an AFV and CFV tends to be higher than the conventional gasoline or diesel-powered vehicle, the CCF program intends to fund the incremental cost associated with the agency's purchase. It is important to note that only new Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) models are eligible for reimbursement.

Examples of AFVs or CFVs eligible for reimbursement:

- Hybrid electric vehicles (HEV)
- Compressed natural gas vehicles (CNG)
- Electric vehicles (EV)
- Propane vehicles (LPG)



It has been the policy of DAS/State of CT for many years that smoking is **not** allowed in any of our vehicles. This policy is clearly stated on page 13 of GL 115. We appreciate your support in communicating this important message to all staff members who operate State-owned vehicles, and for enforcing the policy should you discover that someone is smoking in a vehicle.

While it is not Fleet's role to discipline, we point out that the Penalty section on page 15 of GL 115 addresses the topic of discipline and clearly supports an agency's right to take appropriate action.