

NEW JERSEY'S
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Program Guidelines

New Jersey's Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Program is administered by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), Office of Clean Energy, and is funded by \$500,000 in Petroleum Overcharge Reimbursement Fund (PORF) money. These funds are the result of settlements of lawsuits with the major oil companies dating to the energy crises of the mid-1970's. This program is a complement to New Jersey's Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Rebate Program, which provides funding to local government entities throughout the State for the incremental costs of acquiring vehicles that operate on alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas, propane and electricity. This program is designed to provide cost-share funds to allow local governments to establish alternative fuel dispensing facilities in New Jersey. Funding is available for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to refuel or recharge AFVs. All funding will be issued as a rebate for equipment purchase and installation.

The following guidelines pertain to the distribution of these funds:

- 1) Eligibility: Eligibility for funding under this program is restricted to New Jersey's local government entities, including counties, municipalities and school boards, as well as State colleges, universities and governmental authorities.
- 2) Qualifying Expenses: The costs of purchasing and installing infrastructure used to refuel or recharge AFVs that operate on natural gas, propane, electricity, ethanol (E85) and hydrogen are eligible for a rebate under this program. Equipment used for fuel storage or dispensing and electronic point of sale equipment (e.g., card readers) is eligible for a rebate. The purchase of land on which the refueling or recharging infrastructure will be placed is not an eligible expense. Equipment purchased after _____ is eligible for a rebate.
- 3) Cost Share: A 50% cost share will be required of all applicants.
- 4) Rebate Limits: The maximum rebate amount for each applicant will be \$50,000.
- 5) Application Availability and Due Date: Applications for New Jersey's Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Program will be available from the BPU, Office of Clean Energy, beginning September 15, 2003. The Office of Clean Energy will accept applications as long as funding is available.
- 6) Evaluation of Applications: Rebate applications will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for rebates must be submitted to the BPU, Office of Clean Energy. The BPU reserves the right to approve all or part of the expenses for which a rebate is requested. It is strongly recommended that the applicant consult with the Office of Clean Energy prior to undertaking any expenditures for equipment purchase or

installation, to ensure that the expenses qualify for the rebate. Upon approval of the application, a Notice of Financial Assistance Award (NFAA) will be issued to the rebate recipient. The NFAA must be signed and dated by the recipient and returned to the Office of Clean Energy with copies of the invoices for equipment purchase and installation, as well as copies of the cancelled check(s) issued for payment. This documentation must be submitted to the Office of Clean Energy as verification of expenditures incurred before a rebate will be issued. All awards under this program must be approved at a regular Board agenda meeting, prior to issuance of any rebates.

Equipment for which rebates are awarded must remain the property of the applicant for a period of two years. Failure to retain the equipment for this time, or to comply with any of these Guidelines, will result in a forfeiture of the full rebate amount to the Office of Clean Energy.

Please Note: Alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas (CNG), propane, ethanol, hydrogen and electricity present different safety requirements than gasoline or diesel fuels. It is strongly recommended that any organization considering the use of alternative fuel vehicles have its vehicle maintenance and repair facilities evaluated to ensure that building systems, including lighting and HVAC, and existing operating procedures, are compatible with the use of gaseous or other fuels.

If you have any questions regarding the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Program, please contact Ellen Bourbon, Project Manager, at (609) 984-3058.

Completed applications should be submitted to:

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