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Permitted uses, eligibility, and prioritization.

(A) With monies made available from the "Alternative Fuel Transportation Fund (Fund 5CG0)" for the alternative fuel conversion program pursuant to section 122.076 of the Revised Code, the director may do the following:

- (1) Make grants to a person that purchases one or more new alternative fuel vehicles, in an amount not to exceed the lesser of fifty per cent of the adjusted purchase price of the new alternative fuel vehicle, or twenty-five thousand dollars.
- (2) Make grants to a person that converts one or more traditional fuel vehicles into alternative fuel vehicles, in an amount not to exceed the lesser of fifty per cent of the cost of the conversion parts and equipment, or twenty-five thousand dollars.
- (3) Limit the total amount of grants awarded to a person that purchases or converts multiple alternative fuel vehicles to no more than four hundred thousand dollars.
- (4) Require each grant recipient to attest that, of the total number of miles that the recipient or any employee or agent of the recipient will drive the alternative fuel vehicle, over half will be in this state.

(B) Eligible vehicles.

- (1) To be eligible for grant funding under section 122.076 of the Revised Code, the new alternative fuel vehicle to be purchased shall conform to the following:
 - (a) Be registered in this state for operation on public highways.
 - (b) Be propelled by a motor that runs on compressed natural gas, liquid natural gas, or liquid petroleum gas, or by a motor that can run on one of these alternative fuels and on gasoline or diesel fuel.
 - (c) Be propelled by alternative fuel technology that has received a compliance designation or been certified by the United States environmental protection agency for new or intermediate use.
 - (d) Have a gross vehicle rating of at least twenty-six thousand pounds.
 - (e) Be purchased from an original equipment manufacturer, automobile retailer, or after-market conversion facility.
 - (f) Be purchased by the first person to purchase the vehicle not for resale.
 - (g) Be purchased for use in business.

(2) To be eligible for grant funding under section 122.076 of the Revised Code, the traditional fuel vehicle being converted to alternative fuel operation shall conform to the following:

(a) Be registered in this state for operation on public highways.

(b) Be propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel.

(c) Be converted to alternative fuel technology that has received a compliance designation or been certified by the United States environmental protection agency for new or intermediate use.

(d) Have a gross vehicle rating of at least twenty-six thousand pounds.

(e) Receive conversion parts and equipment used for the storage of alternative fuel, the delivery or alternative fuel to the motor, and the exhaust of gases from the combustion of alternative fuel, that have not previously been used to modify or retrofit another traditional fuel vehicle.

(f) Receive conversion parts and equipment that were purchased from an original equipment manufacturer, automobile retailer, or after-market conversion facility.

(g) Be converted for use in business.

(C) Prioritization.

(1) In awarding grants the director shall make an eligibility determination for each new application received, and award grants to those whose applications are deemed to be eligible in the order in which applications were received after the initial application date and time specified in the "Alternative Fuel Vehicle Request for Proposals," until all available funds have been allocated.

(2) If an application that was deemed eligible and received an award is subsequently withdrawn by the applicant, or the grant is revoked by the director for cause, the unused funds may be awarded to the applicant or applicants whose proposals were the next deemed eligible and submitted after the initial application date and time specified in the "Alternative Fuel Vehicle Request for Proposals," until all available funds have been allocated.