In early March, the PA DEP announced the recipients of the first round of submissions from the AFIG program. EP-ACT helped develop and write the applications for Aero Corp., and the University of Pennsylvania, two of the eleven companies awarded some of the $1.5 million from the Commonwealth for last summers submission period. PGW a long time member of EP-ACT also received funding.

We have been successful in helping our stakeholders receive over $17 million in the Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant Program since 2009. This program has funded fleet conversions and infrastructure for many types of alternative fuels throughout EP-ACT’s 34 county region.

Congratulations to Our Members and to All Recipients!

https://ep-act.org
$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 funding is officially available to strategically deploy EV charging and other alternative vehicle-fueling infrastructure projects in urban and rural communities, especially in underserved and disadvantaged communities. EP-ACT is working with regional partners to submit projects to both the Community and the Corridor portions of the Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

FUNDING CATEGORIES
- COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANTS
- CORRIDOR PROGRAM GRANTS

Both Community and Corridor Grants are included in the current Notice of Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year FY22 and FY23.

APPLICATIONS DUE

Contact EP-ACT for more information: info@ep-act.org
DOE LAUNCHES NEW C2C PROGRAM TO HELP COMMUNITIES MEET THEIR CLEAN ENERGY GOALS

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) launched a new up to $50 million program to help communities across the country transition to clean energy systems that are reliable, affordable, equitable, and reflective of local priorities. The Clean Energy to Communities program (C2C) will connect local governments, electric utilities, community-based groups, and others with the innovative modeling and testing tools developed at DOE’s world-class national laboratories to transform their clean energy goals and ambitions into reality. By helping communities reach their clean energy targets, this new program reflects President Biden’s continued commitment to ensuring that every community unlocks the public health and cost-saving benefits of a clean energy future and support President Biden’s goals to decarbonize the electric grid by 2035 and achieve a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

Of interest to our readers is the Cohort topic "Planning and Funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Deployment"

This program will:
- Identifying the role of communities in meeting current and future demand for EV charging infrastructure
- Planning, permitting, and zoning best practices for EV charging infrastructure
- Funding and financing opportunities to support deployment of EV charging infrastructure
- Understanding best practices for identifying community partners, conducting engagement, and ensuring equitable outcomes
- Contracting with an EV charging provider
- Developing fee structures for operations and maintenance of EV charging stations.

This FREE and simple application due May 8th
On Monday April 24th EPA Administrator Michael Regan announced the opening of the 2023 National Clean School Bus (CSB) Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). With EPACT’s stakeholder Rohrer Bus, Electric School Bus used as a backdrop, the EPA announced a national program to disburse $400 million in Federal funding to help covert the nations aging fleet of diesel school buses to run on alternative fuels.

The event held at Nanticoke Highschool in Luzerne county PA, which received $6 million for the purchase of 15 electric school buses in the first round of CSB. The media event included a ride and drive on the electric school bus for a representative of students in the municipality, Senator Bob Casey, Congressman Matt Cartwright, Advisor to the President Mitch Landrieu and Administrator Michael Regan. This NOFO is a competitive solicitation and projects will be scored on many criteria unlike the 1st round which was a rebate competition.

Pennsylvania received $34 million, in the 1st round of the some $500 million distributed throughout the country. Those funds were given to priority area school districts, whom were financially distressed or met other priority decision points. This round of funding will include other alternative fuels such as propane and CNG.

Similar to last round, school bus fleets are required to scrap older school buses, taking them out of service and rendering them unusable. This NOFO will include two sub-programs, one for school districts and tribal applicants and one for third-party applicants which must serve at least four school districts.

EP-ACT will be putting on a workshop to help potential applicants understand the process. We will lead the submission for multiple entities that cannot meet the minimum number of replacements (15) into a multiple school district regional proposal. This opportunity provides for a set amount of funding for vehicle types and EVSE’s. If you have an interest in applying please contact info@ep-act.org. The application is due August 22, 2023.
BATTERIES FOR TREES CAMPAIGN

AAA will fund the planting of one new tree for every battery recycled by its emergency roadside service team or at any AAA car care location for its 12th year in a row. This campaign has, to date, funded the planting of nearly 40,000 trees through the Arbor Day Foundation. This year, the goal is to add another 11,000, bringing AAA’s total contribution to more than 50,000 trees planted in our national forests.

EXPANDING FLEET OF "GREEN" MACHINES

These ‘green’ trucks use renewable natural gas (RNG), which offsets AAA’s carbon footprint by more than 300 tons of carbon dioxide per year over fossil natural gas.

EV FLEET TRUCKS AND CHARGING STATIONS

Supporting America’s transition to electric vehicles, AAA now has trucks that offer emergency roadside charging to members with electric vehicles. In the Philadelphia five-county area, AAA operates six EV trucks and three mobile EV charging vehicles, providing a roadside assistance charge for EV members who run out of charge.
More Than 20 School Districts Choose Propane School Buses

Approximately 1,000 propane school buses were deployed to 20 plus school districts in Pennsylvania, making the state third in the nation for the number of alternative fuel buses on the road.

Contact EP-ACT for more information: info@ep-act.org

EP-ACT and Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities coalitions continue to educate fleets on the benefits of propane school buses by holding ride and drives and workshops on funding opportunities, the technology, operations, and maintenance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 30, 2023
10am to 2pm
SIMEONE FOUNDATION AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM
6825-321 Norwich Drive
Philadelphia, PA

CLEAN CITIES CELEBRATING 30 YEARS ADVANCING CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

EP-ACT IS ONE OF THE 1ST OF 6 COALITIONS IN THE US AND PROUD TO CELEBRATE OUR 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

EP-ACT
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
9AM – 2PM

Smart and Sustainable Mobility Showcase

Please Join Us:

Building relationships that can spur investment and job creation in our region.
Learning more about Québec solutions that support Philadelphia, SEPTA, and the region’s climate objectives.

RSVP via Eventbrite below:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/philadelphia-smart-sustainable-mobility-showcase-tickets-615763383857

For additional information, please contact EP-ACT at info@ep-act.org
Join Eastern Pennsylvania's Alliance for Clean Transportation for a “Ready for EVs” workshop for the Reading PA area! Please only register for this event if you live or work in this community. This workshop will be tailored for discussion and idea generating for this specific community.

Takeaways will include:
- Understanding what electric vehicles are and how they impact communities
- Discussing various kinds of electrified transportation methods (i.e. public transportation)
- Learning about electric vehicle charging options
- Becoming aware of the barriers and challenges to EV adoption in their own community and more!

Register today for our upcoming “Ready for EVs” Virtual Workshop to participate in the conversation. Registration is required.

Learn more at ReadyforEVs.com!
Thank You!

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