

Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate Program



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Office of Energy



About Us

- The Office of Energy was moved to the Florida Department of Agriculture of and Consumer Services (FDACS) on July 1, 2011
- We've combined our programs with existing FDACS programs such as the Farm to Fuel initiative
- Since joining FDACS, the office's focus has shifted from grant management to policy



HB 579

- **Passed in the 2013 Legislative Session**
 - Addresses taxation natural gas fuels
 - Licensing of natural gas fuels
 - Reporting of natural gas fuels

- **Section 17 – Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate**
 - (1) CREATION AND PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM – There is created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services a natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program. The purpose of this program is to help reduce transportation costs in this state and encourage freight mobility investments that contribute to the economic growth of the state.



Program Specifics

What is eligible for a rebate?

- The purchase or lease of a natural gas fleet vehicle
 - Up to \$25,000 (but not more than 50%) of the incremental costs
 - *“Incremental costs” mean the excess costs associated with the purchase or lease of a natural gas fuel motor vehicle as compared to an equivalent diesel or gasoline-powered motor vehicle.*

- Conversion to a natural gas fleet vehicle
 - Up to \$25,000 (but not more than 50%) of the conversion costs

- Eligible vehicles must have been “placed in service” on or after July 1, 2013



Program Information

- \$6 million per year, for 5 years
 - Funding is based on legislative allocation
- The allocation is split into two pots
 - 60% (\$3.6M) of the funds are reserved for commercial applicants
 - 40% (\$2.4M) are reserved for governmental applicants
- Rebates distributed on a first come, first served basis
 - Applications were accepted beginning January 7, 2014
- Economic data collected with each application
 - Data will be included in a report due to the Governor and Legislature on October 1st of each year of the program



Review Process

- By rule, our office has 60 days to review each application
 - After review, a letter will be sent to each applicant notifying them of the status of their application
 - 60 days after the first day of the program will be March 8, 2014
- Each application will be reviewed by at least two staff members
 - The Office of Energy has developed a review check-list to aid in review and to ensure that the review process is consistent and replicable
 - Applications that are approved after the first two reviews go to the OOE's budget section for a review and for final approval from either the Director or Deputy Director
- If an application is incomplete:
 - The applicant will be sent a list of their application's deficiencies and be given a chance to re-submit, though they lose their original place in the first-come, first-served line
- After our office's review, eligible applications are sent to FDACS Financing and Accounting for their approval
 - Pending Finance and Accounting's approval, applications are then sent to Department of Financial Services for a final review and the issue of payment



Where Are We?

- Currently reviewing received applications
 - 329 total applications have been received
 - 226 were received on the first day
- Year 2 of the program begins July 1, 2014

The application form and applicant list are available on our website:
<http://www.FreshFromFlorida.com/Energy/Natural-Gas-Fuel-Fleet-Vehicle-Rebate>

The screenshot shows the website for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, specifically the Office of Energy page. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, Pay Online, About, Divisions & Offices, Forms & Publications, News & Events, and Contact. The 'Divisions & Offices' link is active, leading to the 'Office of Energy' page. The page content includes a sidebar with a list of links, where 'Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate' is circled in red. The main content area provides information about the Office of Energy, its mission, and its mailing address. The footer contains various links such as Employment, FAQs, Public Notices, Contracts, Enhanced Biennial Rule Review Report, Privacy Policy, Site Map, and Website Help.

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Application Forms
[Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate Program \[PDF: 103.89 KB\]](#)

Laws and Regulations
Florida Statutes
 Chapter: 377.810
Florida Administrative Code and Register
 Rule: 50-4.001

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Received Applications
 The Office of Energy began accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 on January 7, 2014. Below is a current list of the applications received and their status. Inclusion on this list does not guarantee eligibility or approval of funding, only that the application has been received as of the date the list was published.

- Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate Applicant Spreadsheet Updated 2/28/14 [PDF: 114.34 KB]

Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Application Period Begins	Application Period Ends	Balance
FY 13-14	\$6 million	January 7, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time	June 30, 2014*	\$6 million
FY 14-15	\$6 million	July 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time	June 30, 2015*	\$6 million
FY 15-16	\$6 million	July 1, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time	June 30, 2016*	\$6 million

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NATURAL GAS FUEL FLEET VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM
 RULE 50-4.001, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

ADAM H. PUTNAM
 COMMISSIONER

Applications must be submitted to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Energy, 600 South Calhoun Street, Suite 251, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001, by certified mail or hand-delivery no later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on June 30 of the fiscal year for which this application is to be considered.

The Department's ability to authorize rebates pursuant to the Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate Program (Program), Section 377.810, Florida Statutes, is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature of the State of Florida for the specific purpose of funding the Program. In the event of a state revenue shortfall, funding for the Program may be reduced. The Department, in accordance with direction from the Governor and/or Legislature, shall be the final determiner of the availability of any funds.

Applicant	
FEIN/Tax ID Number	
Authorized Corporate Officer	
Street Address	
Mailing Address (if different)	
Contact Person	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that the information contained in the application and supporting documentation is true and correct, and that the vehicle I am seeking a rebate for has not previously received a Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate. I affirm that the vehicle I am seeking a rebate for is in compliance with applicable United States Environmental Protection Agency emission standards.

Signature of Applicant/Representative _____ Printed Name and Title _____ Date _____

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Affidavit

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared the affiant, who being first duly sworn, states from his/her personal knowledge that all information contained in the foregoing application and attached documents is true and correct.

Name & Title: _____
(Please print)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this ____ day of _____.

Notary Public,
State of Florida _____
(Notary signature)

Print Name: _____

____ Personally known or;
____ Produced identification

Type of identification produced: _____

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Total Amount of Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate: \$

COE Authorizing Signature _____ Printed Name and Title _____ Date _____

Date Certification Sent to Applicant: _____

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Type of Natural Gas Vehicle Investment

Indicate Natural Gas Investment Type: Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion
 Natural Gas Vehicle Purchase
 Natural Gas Vehicle Lease

Type of Applicant: Commercial
 Government

Type of Natural Gas Fuel System

"Natural Gas Fuel" is defined by s. 377.01(2)(f), F.S., as any liquefied petroleum gas product, compressed natural gas product, or combination thereof used in a motor vehicle as defined in s. 206.01(23), F.S. This term includes, but is not limited to, all forms of fuel commonly or commercially known or sold as natural gasoline, butane gas, propane gas, or any other form of liquefied petroleum gas, compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
 Propane

Indicate Type of Natural Gas Fuel System: Other: _____
(Indicate type of natural gas fuel)

[L] Fuel System: _____
(Indicate type of natural gas fuel)

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Make:	Vehicle Model:	Vehicle Year:	VIN #:
Countries Where Vehicle is Predominately Fueled:		County Where Vehicle is Licensed:	
Has this vehicle previously received a rebate under the Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate Program?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	

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CONVERSION INFORMATION		
Conversion Company		
Address		
Date of Conversion		
Conversion Kit Serial Number		
Total Eligible Conversion Costs <small>(The excess cost associated with retrofitting a diesel- or gasoline-powered motor vehicle to a natural gas fuel powered motor vehicle.)</small>		
\$ _____	x 50% = \$ _____	= Amount of rebate request, up to \$25,000
PURCHASE/LEASE INFORMATION		
Seller		
Address		
Date of Purchase/Lease		
Total Eligible Incremental Costs <small>(The excess costs associated with the purchase or lease of a natural gas fuel motor vehicle as compared to an equivalent diesel- or gasoline-powered motor vehicle.)</small>		
\$ _____	x 50% = \$ _____	= Amount of rebate request, up to \$25,000
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION		
<small>Attach the listed supporting documentation, required by s. 377.810, F.S., to this application. Please check each box to indicate that the corresponding supporting documentation has been attached to this application.</small>		
A legible photocopy of the purchased/leased or converted vehicle's valid and current registration <input type="checkbox"/>		
The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the purchased/leased or converted vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>		
A clear and legible photograph of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) from the vehicle (VEHICLE CONVERSIONS ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/>		
A clear photograph of purchased/leased or converted vehicle (VEHICLE CONVERSIONS ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/>		
A clear photograph of the natural gas fuel tank system installed on the vehicle (VEHICLE CONVERSIONS ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Environmental Protection Agency Certificate of Conformity <input type="checkbox"/>		
Documentation of the equivalent diesel or gasoline vehicle cost (VEHICLE PURCHASES ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Valid and current Weights and Measures Permit pursuant to 531.60, F.S. (TAXI CONVERSIONS ONLY) <input type="checkbox"/>		
INVOICE AND PROOF OF PAYMENT		
<small>Attach an approved form of invoice and corresponding proof of payment as required by s. 377.810(4)(a), F.S. Please check each box to indicate that the corresponding documentation has been attached to this application.</small>		
Invoice <input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of payment <input type="checkbox"/>	

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ECONOMIC DATA	
<small>According to s. 377.810, F.S., applicants must submit a description of the converted or leased/donated vehicle's economic impact in Florida. Please accompany your projections below with a narrative describing how you arrived at your projections. When making the following projections, please use the following motor fuel equivalent gallon conversions:</small>	
Compressed natural gas-	Gasoline Gallon Equivalent = 5.660 pounds Diesel Gallon Equivalent = 6.512 pounds
Liquefied natural gas-	Gasoline Gallon Equivalent = 5.37 pounds Diesel Gallon Equivalent = 6.06 pounds
Liquefied petroleum gas-	Gasoline Gallon Equivalent = 1.35 gallons Diesel Gallon Equivalent = 1.50 gallons
The total dollar value of investment in alternative fuels as a result of the project that is eligible for a Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate	
The projected amount of gasoline/diesel saved as a result of the vehicle purchase/lease or conversion (in gallons per year saved)	
The projected amount of money saved as a result of the vehicle purchase/lease or conversion (in dollars per year saved)	
Economic Data Narrative: Please use the space below (or attach separate page(s) to the application) to describe how the projected economic data was calculated. For more information on what economic data is required, please see Rule 50-4.001(4), F.A.C.	
Legible copies of the documents, in place of originals, will be accepted. If the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Energy, determines the supporting documentation is illegible, the application will be determined incomplete. Incomplete applications submitted to the department will not secure a place in the first-come, first-served application process.	

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