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Local Agencies Encouraged to Apply for State Clean Diesel Grants

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is encouraging city, county or other local government agencies to apply for State Clean Diesel Grants, according to Keith Hinnenkamp, environmental scientist with the Department of Health.

The state health department will award about \$314,554 in grants funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the purchase of new, diesel-powered vehicles and equipment. The purpose of the grants is to reduce diesel emissions in accordance with the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The grants will reimburse about 25 percent of the cost to replace older, less efficient, medium- and heavy-duty, diesel-powered, on- and non-road vehicles and equipment. The goal is to award funds to agencies that maximize efforts to preserve and enhance air quality across the state through the reduction of diesel emissions and to reduce diesel fuel use.

The grant guidelines and application are available at www.ndhealth.gov/AQ/Notices.htm. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. CDT Aug. 13, 2010.

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