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Commission on Environmental Quality

8. Appropriation: Air Quality Planning. Included in amounts appropriated above out of the Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, is ~~\$7,075,000~~3,537,500 for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2011 for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone in areas as approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These areas may include Waco, El Paso, Beaumont, Austin, Corpus Christi, Longview-Tyler-Marshall, San Antonio, and Victoria. These activities may be carried out through interlocal agreements or contracts and may include: identifying, inventorying, and monitoring of pollution levels; modeling pollution levels; and the identification, quantification, and implementation of appropriate locally enforceable pollution reduction controls. The TCEQ shall allocate these funds in such a way as to channel the funds to those projects most useful for the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The areas receiving funds shall submit work plans for TCEQ approval describing the work they will complete with those funds.

~~**16. Appropriation: Low-income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP).** Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, is \$45,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2010-11 biennium in estimated fee revenues from vehicle inspection and maintenance fees generated pursuant to Health and Safety Code, §§ 382.202 and 382.302, to fund the Low-income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP). Of the amounts, not more than \$323,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for costs associated with administering the LIRAP as authorized in Health and Safety Code, § 382.202, and all remaining funds shall be used as LIRAP grants to local governments.~~

~~Also included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, is \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2010-11 biennium in unexpended balances in the Clean Air No. 151 to be used only for purposes authorized in Chapter 382 of the Health and Safety Code for county implemented local initiatives projects to reduce air emissions, including but not limited to the following: the expansion of AirCheck Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program; development and implementation of remote emissions sensing systems, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Smoking Vehicle program, and the enhancement of transportation system improvements; and coordination with local law enforcement to reduce counterfeit inspection stickers.~~

~~In addition to the amounts appropriated above, there is hereby appropriated to the TCEQ for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2009 any additional revenues from vehicle inspection and maintenance fees generated from additional counties participating in the LIRAP beginning on or after September 1, 2009. Such funds shall be used to provide grants to local governments and to cover administrative costs of the TCEQ in administering the LIRAP.~~

2721. Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP): Grants and Administration. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, is ~~\$117,003,925~~\$57,165,047 in each fiscal year of the ~~2010-11~~2012-13 biennium out of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Account No. 5071. The funds shall be used as follows: ~~\$104,133,194~~\$55,995,008 in each fiscal year of the ~~2010-11~~2012-13 biennium shall be used as incentive payments for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Programs established in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 386, Subchapter C, of which ~~\$4,165,339~~\$2,239,602 in each fiscal year of the ~~2010-11~~2012-13 biennium shall be used to implement the Clean School Bus Initiative established in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 390, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 386.252, and ~~\$5,206,675~~\$2,799,759 each fiscal year of the ~~2010-11~~2012-13 biennium shall be used to implement the Clean Fleet Program established in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 391 (c); and not more than ~~\$2,340,078~~\$1,170,039 in each fiscal year shall be used to administer the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program; ~~and \$10,530,353 in each year of the 2010-11 biennium shall be used for grant funding for the New Technology Research Development Program established in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 387 according to provisions in Health and Safety Code § 386.252, of which not more than \$250,000 each fiscal year shall be used to administer the New Technology Research Development Program.~~

It is the intent of the Legislature for the Commission on Environmental Quality to work with the Texas Procurement and Support Services Division of the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts to negotiate state contract pricing for equipment purchased under the Texas State Clean School Bus Initiative.