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Grants & Loans Awarded to Expand Natural Gas in Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah – Natural Gas usage is expanding in Utah thanks to grants the Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Air Quality (DAQ) awarded to several entities, including Salt Lake City and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA).

DAQ announced today it has awarded a total of $250,000 in grants from the Clean Fuels Grant and Loan Program to help three entities purchase natural gas equipment or expand natural gas refueling stations along the Wasatch Front.

"I'm very pleased to be able to provide businesses, Salt Lake City, UTA and the University of Utah with funding to expand our capacity to provide Natural Gas in Utah," said Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). "This program contributes to the Division of Air Quality's on-going effort to encourage cleaner transportation choices that will lead to better air quality."

One of the grant recipients, Salt Lake City Corporation will use the grant to purchase four CNG vehicles for their fleet. "The conversion of the City's fleet to CNG is proving to be very successful and well received by the community. The purchase of these vehicles will expand the breadth and diversity of alternative fuel vehicles used to deliver City services and help demonstrate that the technology is beneficial in a wide variety of applications," said Renee Zollinger, Environmental Manager of Salt Lake City Corporation.

Those awarded grants are as follows:

1. Salt Lake City Corporation: $91,857 to purchase a CNG street sweeper, snow plow, aerial tower lift, and refuse truck

2. Utah Transit Authority: $79,072 to purchase CNG buses

3. Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District: $79,071 to purchase CNG trucks

For more information, visit: www.cleanfuels.utah.gov.

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