

AIR QUALITY INITIATIVES: OUTREACH EFFORTS UPDATE

Collin County Commissioners Court Meeting
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LOW-INCOME REPAIR & REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIRAP)

PROGRAM SUMMARY

**Repairs or Replaces Vehicles That Fail an Inspection or
Are \geq 10 Years Old**

**Funded by \$6 Inspection Fees Collected and Distributed
by TCEQ**

**Fee Continues to be Collected but the Texas Legislature
Withheld 87% and Appropriated Only 13% of the Funds
Collected to North Texas Counties**

LOW-INCOME REPAIR & REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIRAP) FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS FISCAL YEARS 2003 – 2014 Quarter 2

| Funding Categories | Collin County | DFW 9-County Region |
|---|---------------|------------------------|
| Estimated Funds Collected ¹ | \$23,347,886 | \$186,783,084 |
| Estimated Funds Being Held by the State | -\$8,270,167 | -\$55,712,221 |
| Funds Allocated to Local Initiative Projects | \$1,168,106 | \$12,622,648 |
| Funds Allocated to LIRAP (+ Interest & Rebate) | \$13,909,613 | \$118,448,215 |
| Funds Spent on LIRAP | -\$10,209,815 | - \$114,129,258 |
| Funds Returned to the State in Fiscal Year 2006 | -\$309,576 | -\$1,443,450 |
| Funds Shared Across North Texas Counties ² | -\$3,390,222 | \$2,875,507 |

¹ Calculations for *estimated* funds collected based on multiplying \$6, the dollar amount allocated to LIRAP in the North Texas nonattainment region, by the number of OBDII Initial Inspections Conducted. The *actual* funds collected is based on the number of OBDII inspection stickers sold and the Department of Public Safety maintains that data.

² Funds collected by counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region are pooled and expended on first-come-first-served basis to applicants in the nine counties. Funds are not dedicated to the county in which the funds were collected. **Source: NCTCOG**

LOW-INCOME REPAIR & REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIRAP) TARGETED OUTREACH EFFORTS

Public Events

Public Meeting, Nevada, November 7, 2-13

Public Meeting, Plano, December 10, 2013

Farmers and Flea Market in Farmersville, November 2, 2013

McKinney Trade Days in McKinney, January 25, 2013

Vendor Outreach

Focused on Inspection Stations in High Failure Rate Zip Codes

Hosted Seasonal Car Care Clinics with Local Repair Facilities

Educated Collin County Dealerships

Media Coverage

Article in *Richardson Today* January 2014 Newsletter

Press Release Issued on February 12, 2014

Interviews for KXAS: NBC 5, KXTX: Telemundo 4, KRLD News Radio,
and Al Dia/The Dallas Morning News

LOW-INCOME REPAIR & REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIRAP)

TARGETED OUTREACH RESULTS

Collin County LIRAP Repair Funds Spent

FY 2013
Qtr 1-2

\$17,421

FY 2014
Qtr 1-2

\$27,049

+55%

Collin County LIRAP Replacement Applications Received

FY 2013

78

FY 2014

109

+40%

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROJECTS (LIP)

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Use of Funds

Expand/Enhance LIRAP - Develop and/or Implement:

Remote Sensing Programs

Smoking Vehicle Programs

Coordinated Efforts with Regional Emissions Enforcement Programs and Emissions Task Forces

Transportation System Improvement Programs

Other Control Strategies to Assist in Complying with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

Projects Approved by TCEQ

Bus Transit Services, Traffic Light Synchronization, Transportation Management Efforts, Propane Lawnmower Program, etc.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROJECTS (LIP)

COLLIN COUNTY FUNDING SUMMARY

| Fiscal Year | Funds Appropriated | Funds Expended | Funds Relinquished/ Transferred (Receiving Entity) | Project Type |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 2008 | \$263,041 | \$263,041 | \$0 | Clean Vehicle Purchases* |
| 2009 | \$275,436 | \$10,477 \$264,959 | \$0 | Remote Sensing Study Clean Vehicle Purchases* |
| 2010 | \$279,727 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| 2011 | \$195,062 | \$474,640 | \$149 (State) | Plano Police Dept. Idle Reduction Project |
| 2012/13 | \$78,044 | \$0 | \$78,044 | To Be Determined |
| 2014/15 | \$76,796 | \$0 | \$76,796 | To Be Determined |
| Total | \$1,168,106 | \$1,013,117 | \$154,989 | |

*Eligible project at time, but no longer an eligible use of funds

IF COUNTY CHOOSES TO STOP OFFERING ASSISTANCE

STEP 1: Pass Resolution to Opt Out of Participating in LIRAP/LIP

STEP 2: Pass Resolution to Stop Collecting \$6 Fee for LIRAP/LIP

STEP 3: Terminate Agreement with NCTCOG to Administer LIRAP

STEP 4: Terminate Inter-County Agreement with Other North Texas Counties to Share Funds

STEP 5: Make Formal Request to TCEQ to Opt Out of LIRAP/LIP

STEP 6: TCEQ Takes Request Through Rulemaking Process

Things to Consider: Rulemaking Process Takes ~12-18 Months;
\$6 Fee Will be Collected Throughout Rulemaking Process

Recommendation: Remain in the Program Through 84th Texas Legislative Session

LIRAP AND LIP

EFFORTS DURING 83RD TEXAS LEGISLATURE

RTC Correspondence

| | Date |
|---|-------------------|
| Senate Finance Committee | February 4, 2013 |
| House Appropriations Committee | February 8, 2013* |
| Senator Jane Nelson | February 20, 2013 |
| Representative Diane Patrick | February 21, 2013 |
| Senator Tommy Williams and Rep. Jim Pitts | March 15, 2013 |
| Representative Jim Pitts | April 3, 2013 |
| North Texas Legislative Delegation | April 23, 2013 |
| North Texas Legislative Delegation | April 26, 2013 |
| North Texas Legislative Delegation | May 2, 2013 |

RTC - Regional Transportation Council

*Staff also provided verbal testimony at hearing

LIRAP AND LIP

RECENT LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

| Correspondence | Date |
|--|-------------------|
| Senator Wendy Davis and Representative Chris Turner | October 3, 2013 |
| Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker Joe Straus | October 30, 2013 |
| Representative Jim Pitts | November 14, 2013 |
| Speaker Joe Straus | January 29, 2014 |
| Representative Yvonne Davis | February 4, 2014 |

MOVING FORWARD

RECOMMENDATION: Remain in the Program

Wait for 84th Legislative Session before Considering Opting Out

OPTION 1: Seek Full Funding of Program

Current Process by Reaching Out to North Texas Delegation to Fully
Appropriate

Modified Process to Collect Funds at Local Level

OPTION 2: Modify Use of Dedicated Funds for Broader Reach

50% Funds: LIRAP

40% Funds: Transportation Improvement Projects

10% Funds: Local Initiative Projects

OPTION 3: Work with Representative Drew Darby

Use Dedicated Funds for Intended Purpose

Support House Bill 7 from 83rd Legislative Session

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