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City Receives \$122,000 for Alternative Fuel Vehicles Mayor's Green Cincinnati Action Plan continues to show results

Cincinnati – Clean Fuels Ohio today awarded the City of Cincinnati a \$122,000 Clean Cities Grant. The City will use the funding to add 8 hybrid electric vehicles and 10 propane powered vehicles to the City fleet this year instead of regular vehicles. The grant is part of the Ohio Advanced Transportation Partnership project and is funded by a Department of Energy Stimulus Grant.

“This is great news for Cincinnati. We are going to use the stimulus funding to continue to green our fleet, saving money and reducing air pollution,” Mayor Mallory said. “In today’s world, we must continually invest in strategies that will reduce our long term fuel costs and improve efficiency. And, it’s always great to be able to pay for these goals with outside funding. Once again, I want to congratulate Larry Falkin and the OEQ for their fine work bringing these resources to the City”

The City’s fleet currently has 14 hybrid electric vehicles and 41 gas/ethanol flexible fuel vehicles. The alternative fuel vehicles help the City save money, conserve natural resources, reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce dependence on foreign oil. Last year, the City used 56,000 fewer gallons compared to 2008.

“Clean Fuels Ohio is very pleased to have the City of Cincinnati as a significant partner in the Clean Cities Grant. The City has already come a long ways in greening its fleet operations. The Clean Cities Grant represents the City’s next significant step towards sustainability, and hopefully, the beginning of a long and productive partnership between Cincinnati and Clean Fuels Ohio,” Sam Spofforth, Executive Director of Clean Fuels Ohio.

The increasing number of green vehicles in the City fleet is a component of Mayor Mallory’s Green Cincinnati Action Plan, adopted by City Council in 2008. Under the plan, the City is moving forward on a broad range of sustainability initiatives, including:

- Incentivizing green building construction and renovation
- Performing energy retrofits in City buildings
- Installing renewable energy systems
- Creating community gardens and small scale farms on vacant City land
- Implementing a plan to promote non-motorized (bike/ped) transportation

“The Green Cincinnati Plan includes more than 80 specific recommendations selected because they yield multiple benefits. Expanding the use of alternative fuel vehicles is one of the recommendations. The majority of the Plan’s recommendations are moving forward on schedule, saving money, creating jobs, improving public health, and protecting the environment.” said Larry Falkin, Director of Cincinnati’s Office of Environmental Quality.

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