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AirCheckTexas funds available for vehicle repair or replacement

The AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program continues to accept applications for replacement vouchers after the Texas Legislature restored full funding to what has become one of the most successful air quality programs in Dallas-Fort Worth. Currently, approximately \$16 million is available to North Texas vehicle owners.

Administered locally by the North Central Texas Council of Governments, AirCheckTexas provides qualifying motorists vouchers worth up to \$3,000 toward vehicle replacement (\$3,500 for hybrids and some other fuel-efficient models) or repair vouchers of up to \$600.

North Texans whose vehicles are at least 10 years old or have failed the emissions portion of the state inspection in the past 30 days are encouraged to apply for assistance if they meet income criteria. For example, a family of four earning \$72,750 or less per year may receive assistance. Vehicles must be registered in one of the participating counties: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall or Tarrant. Assistance through this application-based program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit www.nctcog.org/airchecktexas.

The additional funding approved by the Legislature is expected to allow NCTCOG to provide vouchers for the replacement of approximately 6,000 vehicles. In fiscal year 2015, 547 vehicles were replaced with the help of AirCheckTexas vouchers, pushing the total to 31,132 replacements since the program began in 2002.