

Description and Guidelines Sue Pope Fund for Pollution Reduction

INTRODUCTION

The Sue Pope Fund for Pollution Reduction seeks to achieve significant reductions in the level of NO_x - a category of nitrogen and oxygen compounds produced by the burning of fossil fuels. Elevated levels of NO_x contribute to the formation of smog, impair visibility, and have significant health consequences. Due to the impact that NO_x has on air quality, it has been identified as a target pollutant for pollution reduction efforts nationwide.



In 2006 Downwinders at Risk Education Fund (DAREF) received \$2.25 million dollars in a settlement agreement, with these funds dedicated to achieving significant public reductions in NO_x in the North Central Texas Council of Government region's four core counties (Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant) and affected surrounding counties (Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Rockwall, Somervell, and Wise). Funds are to be disbursed to projects within these 16 counties by BSA Trust and DAREF through agencies including NCTCOG, DFW nonattainment area city or county governments, or Habitat for Humanity.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sue Pope Fund for Pollution Reduction provides grants to third parties who agree to carry out activities that have a likelihood of achieving NO_x reductions. Funded projects may include school bus/fleet emission retrofits or reductions, low-income household weatherization, truck stop electrification, car replacement programs, or energy efficient building projects.

Each project will be reviewed on the basis of two review criteria:

• Achieving Key Reductions.

Applicants will be asked to provide evidence that their project achieves key reductions in NO_x as well as other major pollutants that impact human health. Preference will be given to projects that address multiple pollutants, achieve the highest ratio of reductions to project cost, and with the greatest overall longevity of NO_x reductions. Projects that address populations downwind of major point sources are strongly encouraged.

• Public Impact.

Applications will be reviewed based on whether the project serves as an important public exemplar of the application of air quality reductions. The public impact criterion may be satisfied by including an educational component on the importance of NO_x reductions and air quality, targeting sensitive groups (people with lung or heart disease, children and the elderly), or historically disadvantaged groups. Organizations may also satisfy the public impact criterion by acquiring matching funds for their project from government or local agencies; however, matching funds are not required.

Projects should explicitly address the two review criteria, with approximately 4/5 of project budget and time dedicated to achieving key reductions, with 1/5 of the project addressing the public impact goal.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application for the Sue Pope Fund For Pollution Reduciton requires the submission of a proposal by a potential grantee demonstrating interest and general outline of the project. Proposals will be reviewed and select organizations will be invited to submit a final full proposal.

Preproposals are currently being accepted:

Pre-proposals shall be no longer than five pages, and should include a description of the activities for which the applicant requests funding, the deliverables and environmental results, a detailed budget, and project timeline. Applicants should specifically address the two review criteria and identify the project activities that will address each of these criteria. All preproposals should also include the applicant information form (attached to this program announcement).

Final Proposal upon invitation:

The Sue Pope Fund will notify selected applicants that they may formally submit a full proposal. The complete application package will require additional project descriptions, detailed information on the environmental results, and letters of support from participating organizations. Applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be guided in the proposal completion process by a member of the organization to help craft a proposal that meets the objectives of the program.

In Round Four, DAREF will take grant applications until 12 Midnight December 31st and make a formal announcement of funded projects by March 1. Upon announcement of the grantees, arrangement will be made for transfer of project funds to recipient organizations within thirty (30) days.

MAILING ADDRESSES AND INFORMATION

Applicants who need clarification about specific requirements of the Sue Pope North Texas Pollution Reduction Program, or who would like to submit a preproposal may contact The Sue Pope Pollution Reduction Fund:

THE SUE POPE FUND FOR POLLUTION REDUCTION
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Office 972-230-3185
Email: info@downwindersatrisk.org

Applicant Information Form Sue Pope North Texas Pollution Reduction Program

Organization:	
Organization type	
Organization Street Address:	
City, State, Zip	

Project Officer (Title, First, MI, Last, Suffix):					
Phone— extension		Fax		Email	
Project Name					
Location of Project					
Project Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY)					
Project End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)					

BUDGET: Please summarize your budget request in the space provided. You should also provide a more detailed budget in your preproposal.		
Line Item	Requested Funds	Matching Funds
Salaries and Benefits		
Equipment		
Other:		
Total:		

Please provide us with additional information regarding the project