



# It's Your Region

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## NCTCOG Sponsors Workshop on Housing Programs for People with Low Incomes

People with low incomes often struggle in finding and maintaining affordable housing. To help both professionals and laypeople understand the range of housing assistance programs, Aging is sponsoring a free workshop, entitled: "Denton-Area Housing Resources for Persons with Low Incomes." The workshop will be held **Thursday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the Martin Luther King Center, 1300 Wilson Street, **Denton**. Social workers who attend may receive complimentary continuing education units.

Topics include resources for prospective homeowners, rental subsidies, reverse mortgages, and home repair programs. Although the workshop is free, pre-registration is required. To register, or to get more information, call **1-800-272-3921, ext. 7193**.

The October 6 workshop is sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Denton County, a joint initiative of NCTCOG's Aging Program, the United Way of Denton County, Denton County MHMR, and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

## Regional Electrification Initiative Workshop

The Regional Electrification Initiative Workshop will be held October 29 at the NCTCOG offices in the Transportation Council Room to begin planning for the transition to electric vehicles in North Texas. Presentations at the workshop will be provided by the local electricity utility companies, charging infrastructure companies, and electric/hybrid electric vehicle manufacturers to inform local governments and businesses about:

- Preparations Being Done to Minimize Grid Effects that may Arise with Development of Charging Stations
- Recharging Infrastructure Types
- Different Electric and Hybrid Electric Vehicle Types

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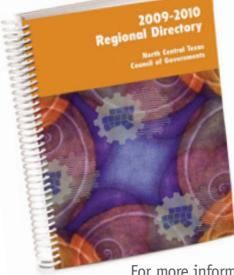
## Funding Still Available for Local Government, Construction, and Idle Reduction Projects

NCTCOG is continuing to accept applications for the Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Grant Program. Of the \$10.7 million available at the beginning of the program in late July, approximately \$4.1 million remains. Grants exist for projects in the following three focus areas: local government vehicle and equipment replacement, repower, and retrofit; construction equipment replacement, repower, and retrofit; and idle-reduction projects including on-board and on-site technology. **Activities are selected on a modified first-come, first-served basis with applications due to NCTCOG offices by 5 p.m. each Friday until funds are fully awarded.**

For information, visit **[www.nctcog.org/AQFunding](http://www.nctcog.org/AQFunding)** or **817-608-2328**.



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**Region gets \$13M from the Department of Energy**

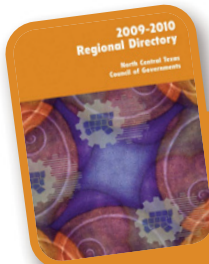
NCTCOG received \$13.2 million from the Department of Energy in August to fund refueling stations and alternative-fuel vehicles in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The funding, from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, will pay for a variety of technologies and fuels, including hybrid vehicles. Both local governments and private companies will benefit from the grant money awarded. The region was awarded all the funding it requested from the Department of Energy, which distributed almost \$300 million nationally to facilitate reduction in petroleum use, improve air quality and create jobs.

**Regional Citizen Corps Programs Take Top Awards**

Three North Central Texas Citizen Corps groups made National and State news recently. The Denton County Citizen Corps Council took top honors in FEMAS National Citizen Corps Council Awards for Most Outstanding Citizen Corps Council, and the Rowlett Citizen Corps Council took honorable mention for the Volunteer Integration category. Both have received national publicity and will serve as models for other councils throughout the country.

The Best Southwest Citizen Corps Council, comprised of DeSoto, Duncanville, Cedar Hill and Lancaster members, was honored by the Texas Association of Regional Councils and the Texas Citizen Corps Program for their Citizen Corps work. In recognition of their outstanding programs and outreach, the BSWUCCC was awarded a 6x8 trailer, replete with full Citizen Corps graphics.

For more information, visit [www.nctcog.org/ep/CCP/](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/CCP/).



**NCTCOG's 2009-2010 Regional Directory**

The Regional Directory reflects the results of the most recent local elections and includes a listing of governing officials, key administrators and information for counties, cities, independent school districts, and special districts in the 16-county region served by NCTCOG.

The directory also has information on regional organizations, universities, and other public agencies; contains information on the state legislators representing North Central Texas and selected state agencies; and provides information on the Texas delegation of federal legislators and selected federal agencies and their regional offices.

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