

The Local Initiative Program (LIP) is a grant contract agreement between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the participating county relating to expenditure of Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP) funds for LIP under Texas Health and Safety CODE (HSC) 382.220.

LIRAP was authorized by the 77th Texas Legislature in 2001, to improve air quality and operates in areas of the state that participate in the AirCheckTexas motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

LIRAP is funded by an Emissions Testing Fee that is collected annually when the vehicle safety test is performed. The \$27.25 Emissions Testing Fee is in addition to the \$14.50 Annual Safety Fee. Presently \$6.00 of the Emissions Testing Fee is used to fund LIRAP.

LIP Funding for Collin County

FY 08	\$263,041
FY 09	\$275,436
FY 10	\$279,726
FY 11	\$279,726

Collin County used FY 08 and FY 09 LIP funds for fleet/vehicle acquisition or replacement. The TCEQ has determined that LIP funds can no longer be used for this purpose.

Projects that are eligible for funding under LIP may include projects to:

- 1.) expand and enhance the AirCheckTexas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program
- 2.) develop and implement programs or systems that remotely determine vehicle emissions and notify the vehicle's operator
- 3.) develop and implement projects to implement the TCEQ's Smoking Vehicle Program
- 4.) develop and implement projects for coordinating with local law enforcement officials to reduce the use of counterfeit state inspection certificates by providing local law enforcement officials with funds to identify vehicles with counterfeit state inspection certificates and to carry out appropriate actions
- 5.) develop and implement programs to enhance transportation system improvements
- 6.) develop and implement new air control strategies designed to assist local areas in complying with state and federal air quality rules and regulations

Collin County would like to be able to see the use of LIP funds expanded to include fleet/vehicle acquisition as was done in FY 08 and FY 09 or for turn lanes and/or intersection improvements that would enhance local transportation system improvements specified by Item 5 above.