



FAQ's for AeroGRADE 2019

- 1. How are projects selected for funding?** After your application is received, the pollution reductions will be calculated by air quality staff and ranked according to pollution reduced per grant dollar spent. The most cost-effective projects will rank the highest. An awards selection committee comprised of air quality professionals and environmental advocates representing the entire region will make the final selections.
- 2. Once a project is approved, when will I receive the money?** AeroGRADE is a reimbursement program. A funding agreement between the grant recipient and Mecklenburg County will be signed. The project can then be completed and paid for by the recipient. The money does not get disbursed until the contract documents are signed and returned, the project has been completed, and copies of all supporting documentation are submitted to Mecklenburg County for final approval. In other words, the customer pays for the project out of their capital expense fund and then gets a reimbursement check from Mecklenburg County to cover the approved amount.
- 3. Can I sell my old equipment to offset the cost of new equipment?** No. The old equipment must be permanently destroyed.
- 4. Why is the funding agreement with Mecklenburg County?** Mecklenburg County is the only local government in the Charlotte region with a fully staffed Air Quality department. Therefore, Mecklenburg County, on behalf of the 8 counties within the maintenance region, applied for and received EPA grant funds for local disbursement to improve local air quality.
- 5. How long will I have to complete the project?** Typically, all projects must be completed within 6 months of submitting a signed funding agreement to Mecklenburg County. All projects must ultimately be complete by October 31, 2020.
- 6. How much funding can I receive?** GSE replacement grants are funded up to 25% of the cost of a new electric unit.
- 7. Is a match required?** Yes. Electric ground support equipment replacements require a 75% match.
- 8. Am I eligible to receive a grant?** Grant eligibility depends on several factors such as: How long has the proposed equipment for replacement been operating at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport? (1 year minimum); Does the proposed equipment for



replacement exceed the minimum horsepower threshold of 25 hp?;
How much will the new replacement equipment be operated at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport? (100% minimum)

- 9. Will I be eligible for replacement cost reimbursement if I finance my equipment?** Yes, financing is a purchase option that will be eligible for reimbursement funding should a grant be awarded. Additional documentation will be necessary to complete the funding agreement for candidates using this option. However, any leased equipment will NOT be eligible for the grant.

- 10. Will I be issued an IRS form 1099 if I accept grant money?** Yes, Mecklenburg County will issue an IRS form 1099 if any vendor/recipient is paid \$1,500 or more. Please consult your tax advisor to properly report any grant money received.

- 11. Who can I call for help with the application?** If a particular question and answer is not listed above, or if additional help is needed to complete an application, contact the AeroGRADE Grant Administrator at 704-336-5430 or by email at Sheldon.Turner@MeckNC.gov.