## THE CITY OF CHICAGO

## **GREEN TAXI PROGRAM**



The Green Taxi Program provides an incentive to the taxi industry to reduce carbon emissions. Alternative fuel and hybrid taxis provide numerous benefits including lower fuel costs for drivers and improved air quality. The City of Chicago is committed to supporting these efforts and providing financial and operational incentives to offset the higher initial cost of these vehicles.



## What is This Program?

The City of Chicago, received a \$1 million Clean Cities grant through the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**. The money is being used to reimburse taxi owners up to a set amount of the cost of certain hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles.

**Hybrids** can be reimbursed for \$2,000, the maximum allowed by the federal government under this program. **Compressed Natural Gas** or **propane powered vehicles** can be reimbursed for up to 100% of the **conversion cost**, which is typically between \$9,000 and \$14,000.

- Vehicles must be purchased by December 31, 2011.
- Vehicles already purchased this year will qualify.
- Vehicles must be on the approved vehicle list.
- Electric vehicles are not qualified under this program.

To find out more about the program or to download application forms visit the **BACP Public Vehicle** page at <a href="https://www.cityofchicago.org/bacp">www.cityofchicago.org/bacp</a>. The Green Taxi Program forms are also available at the Ogden Public Vehicle Facility located at 2350 W. Ogden. Information sessions will be held at the Ogden facility on April 25 at 5:30pm and on April 26 at 10:30pm.