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**Apply to:** Ecology Air Quality Program  
**Title:** VW State Penalty Funds—Diesel Grants, 2018 Funding  
**Action:** Request for Grant Funding  
**Due Date:** April 25, 2018 (for priority consideration)

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**Summary:** This notice announces funding available to help Washington school districts reduce toxic diesel emissions from publicly owned diesel school buses in Washington.

**Amount of Funding Available:** Up to \$12,000,000 is available for eligible projects.

**Application Deadline:**

- **Preliminary Applications:** Applicants should submit preliminary applications by 5 PM PDT, April 25, 2018 to receive priority consideration. (We will continue to accept applications after this deadline, but applications will have a lower priority.)
- **Final Applications:** Applicants must submit final applications by 5 PM PDT, May 24, 2018.

*Note: Ecology has a new electronic grant and loan application system called EAGL (Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans). Applicants must submit final applications through EAGL. Ecology will provide staff assistance to help applicants submit applications through EAGL. See below for more details.*

**Notice of Awards:** Ecology will notify successful recipients of awards by June 29, 2018.

**Signed Grant Agreements:** Awardees should sign agreements by September 28, 2018.

**Application Process:** All applications must be submitted through the electronic grant and loan application system called EAGL (Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans) Applicants must register for a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account and an EAGL account to apply. Detailed instructions for new and current EAGL users are at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans>

For additional assistance, please contact Cindy James at (360) 407-6568 or email at [cindy.james@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:cindy.james@ecy.wa.gov).

If you submitted an application before this funding announcement, you must submit a new application in EAGL. Ecology will not consider old applications submitted before this funding announcement.

For all project proposals, applicants must submit:

- An application using EAGL (<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans>),
- School bus list (form available on the EAGL Clean Diesel Application).

**Background:** Diesel emissions contain a hazardous mixture of pollutants that have serious health effects. Diesel exhaust has been linked to the onset or worsening of most major, chronic and/or terminal diseases, including cancer, emphysema, auto-immune disorders, asthma, heart disease, stroke, and the underdevelopment of children's lungs. When inhaled, fine particles in diesel exhaust penetrate the lungs and remain there indefinitely to aggravate or create both lung and heart conditions. Research also indicates diesel emissions cause premature deaths of people who are regularly exposed to these toxins. For this reason, diesel exhaust is one of the most toxic forms of air pollution.

Ecology is working with school districts to reduce harmful diesel emissions by replacing older, high polluting school buses with newer, cleaner ones. These school bus replacements effectively reduce toxic emissions by up to 99 percent. (Electric school bus replacements reduce toxic emissions and greenhouse gasses by 100%.)

## Award Process

Ecology will evaluate applications based on the age of the school bus. We will rank the school buses from the oldest to the newest, with the older buses receiving the higher rankings for receiving an award. School Districts are eligible to receive awards for more than one school bus, with no maximum on the number of school buses eligible for an award.

## Eligible Project Categories:

Ecology is providing assistance to scrap and replace 2001 and older diesel school buses with new school buses. 2001 applies to buses manufactured prior to calendar year 2002. School districts may purchase a new gasoline, diesel, or alternate fuel powered bus. Alternate fuel includes propane, natural gas, electricity, etc.

School District fleets should either:

- Scrap and replace a 2001 or older primary bus, or

- Scrap and replace a 2001 or older spare school bus, in which case an older primary bus replaces the scrapped spare bus, and the newly purchased bus becomes a primary bus.

Either of the above conditions will meet the intent of scrapping older, high polluting buses and transporting children in newer, cleaner buses.

**General Eligibility – Applicants:** Washington State School Districts with publicly owned school buses

**Notice of Awards and Grant Conditions:** Ecology will notify successful recipients of awards by June 29, 2018. These funds to replace school buses should be spent as quickly as possible in the 2018/19 school year or sooner. In some cases it may be negotiated to purchase buses in the 2019/20 school year. All tasks need to be completed by June 30, 2020.

**Amount of Award and Required Cost Share:** Ecology will provide an award of \$35,000 for each 2001 and older bus scrapped and replaced with a new school bus. School Districts must provide the cost difference for the purchase of a new bus.

## Scrap of Old Buses

Vehicles and buses intended to be scrapped must be currently licensed and registered for onroad operation in Washington.

School Districts must provide Ecology documentation of permanent destruction of school buses. This documentation should include:

- Completing and signing a certificate of destruction provided by Ecology.
- Using acceptable methods of permanent destruction as approved by Ecology, such as cutting a 3 inch by 3 inch hole in the engine block and cutting the chassis rail in half.
- Digital photographs and other materials documenting the destruction.

Ecology will provide complete instructions on acceptable destruction methods and documentation prior to execution of award agreement.