



Creating a Clean Future for Children in Washington

Transportation is the largest source of climate pollution in Washington, accounting for nearly half of all greenhouse gas emissions across the state. When the pollution comes from diesel exhaust, it also hurts everyone’s health. Diesel puts healthy people at greater risk for respiratory disease and worsens the health of people with asthma, heart conditions, or lung disease.

Children, particularly those who live in communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution, are especially vulnerable. That’s why the federal EPA and the Washington Department of Ecology are investing in electric school buses. Our grant programs help school districts transform their diesel buses into zero-emission fleets – and provide a much cleaner and healthier future for our children.

EPA and the Washington Department of Ecology offer grant money to reduce diesel pollution in communities across Washington.

Ecology's Zero-Emission School Bus Grants

EPA's Clean School Bus Grants

**\$14 Million
Washington**

**Funding
Available**

**\$400 Million
Nationwide**

School bus owners that transport students to K-12 schools identified by the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

**Eligible
Applicants**

Local or state governmental entities, Tribes, Tribal organizations, and tribally controlled schools, public charter school districts, eligible contractors, and nonprofit transportation associations. For specific eligibility, see website* on next page.

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

**Application
Period**

April 24, 2023 – August 22, 2023

Ecology's Zero-Emission School Bus Grants

EPA's CleanSchool Bus Grants

Old School Bus Replacement

The scrap and replacement of diesel school buses with new zero-emission school buses. School buses being scrapped must be:

- Powered by diesel
- Owned by the applicant
- Licensed, registered, and insured for on-road operation in Washington for at least 1 year before applying
- Replaced with a new zero-emission school bus.

Infrastructure:

The grant includes the purchase and installation cost of charging/fueling infrastructure for operating the new school buses.

Old School Bus Replacement

Vehicle model year 2010 or older diesel school buses that will be scrapped if selected for funding.

If a fleet has no eligible 2010 or older diesel school buses, and is requesting zero-emission school bus replacements, then the fleet can either:

- Scrap 2010 or older buses with non-diesel internal combustion engines, or
- Scrap, sell, or donate 2011 or newer diesel buses or buses with non-diesel internal combustion engine buses.

See website* for more details about eligibility.

Infrastructure:

Eligible infrastructure is limited to installations and upgrades between the electrical meter and the charging port. See website* for more details.

Eligible Projects

Website:

ecology.wa.gov/clean-diesel-grants



Learn More and Apply

*Website:

epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-grants

