

Washington State Diesel Reduction Combined Funding Program

More information

Please refer to the funding program [Grant Guidelines: https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2602017.pdf](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2602017.pdf)

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Questions and Answers

This document summarizes questions received pertaining to the Washington State Diesel Reduction Combined Funding Program 2027. Questions and answers will be added to this document as they are received, on a biweekly basis.

Question: Does this opportunity use any federal or EPA DERA (diesel emission reduction act) funding?

Answer: No, this grant program does not use any federal funds. The program is using Volkswagen settlement and the state-funded diesel reduction program.

Date: August 26, 2026

Question: Will this program also be open to FCEV and h2 fueling stations?

Answer: Please refer to the grant guidelines for full eligibility information.

FCEV: Page 6 defines 'All-electric' vehicles as 'Powered exclusively by electricity provided by a battery, fuel cell, or the grid'. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are eligible for grant funding.

H2 fueling stations: Refer to page 13 'eligible infrastructure' for full details on eligibility. Infrastructure for this opportunity is limited to charging only and hydrogen fueling station infrastructure is not eligible.

Date: August 26, 2026

Question: Are you able to provide applicants with eligible all-electric vehicles currently available on the market?

Answer: No, Ecology cannot provide names of specific manufacturers. Ecology encourages applicants to reach out to the Washington Green Transportation Program Technical Assistance program at ep.greentransportation@wsu.edu for additional technical support.

Date: August 26, 2026

Question: Can these grants be combined with incentives like WAZIP?

Answer: Yes, grantees may combine grant funding awarded through this program with incentives, like WAZIP. Applicants are responsible for adhering to all the terms and conditions of other funds used. The total of all grants, rebates, and incentives may not exceed the total cost of the project.

Ecology's opportunity is a reimbursement grant. Purchases made before the recipient has an executed agreement with Ecology will not be eligible for reimbursement. Please refer to page 23 of the grant guidelines for more details.

Date: August 26, 2026

Question: Are infrastructure costs eligible for reimbursement limited to supporting vehicles included in the grant application or can additional infrastructure requests be included?

Answer: Costs related to infrastructure are only reimbursable under this program when the installation or upgrade to charging infrastructure is associated with the new all-electric vehicle(s) funded.

Date: August 26, 2026

Question: "Vocational vehicles" are defined quite broad. Would this definition capture motor coaches used for shuttle services by a private company? This seems like a specific job.

Answer: Vocational vehicles do not include motor coaches. Motor coaches are not eligible for this grant program.

Date: September 1, 2026

Question: Is there a maximum amount per application that can be requested?

Answer: Please review the 'Project Funding Levels' on page 11 of the grant guidelines.

All-electric replacements and repowers, including associated charging infrastructure, are eligible for an award up to 75% of eligible project costs, up to the following maximum award amounts per vehicle:

On road vehicles, Class 4-8:

- Local Freight: up to \$400,000
- Vocational Vehicles (sweepers, refuse trucks, etc.): up to \$750,000
- Emergency vehicles: up to \$1,500,000
 - Note: emergency vehicles with an auxiliary engine are subject to the following maximum award amounts:
 - Government Owned: 75% of eligible project costs, up to \$1,500,000 per replacement or repower
 - Non-Government Owned: 40% of eligible project costs up to \$1,500,000 per repower or 25% of eligible project costs up to \$1,500,000 per replacement.
 - Replacement vehicles with an auxiliary engine are not eligible for charging infrastructure funding

Non road vehicles/equipment:

- Terminal tractors/Yard trucks: up to \$400,000
- Cargo Handling Equipment: up to \$1,000,000
- Medium Forklifts (8,001–34,000 lb. lift capacity): up to \$400,000

- Large Forklifts (>34,000 lb. lift capacity): up to \$750,000

Date: September 1, 2026

Question: Do dealers need to be pre-registered or approved as vendors before customers can use grant funds toward a purchase from them?

Answer: Our program is a reimbursement grant, so recipients will have to pay all upfront costs and then get reimbursed after grant requirements have been met. Dealers do not need to be pre-registered. Ecology will work with recipients to make sure the ZE vehicles are eligible.

Date: September 2, 2026

Question: Will there be a vendor information session planned before the application window open?

Answer: We have a grant webinar planned for September 14, which you are welcome to attend. [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)¹ There will not be an info session specific to vendors.

Date: September 2, 2026

Question: Are there any documents that a dealer should have ready (quotes, spec sheets, eligibility confirmations) to support its customers applications?

Answer: The application will ask applicants to provide quotes for vehicles/equipment and infrastructure. See page 15 of the [Diesel Reduction & Volkswagen Enforcement Action Grants 2027 Funding Guidelines](#)². Please note, our awardees must adhere to the state's procurement requirements. For more information regarding procurement processes, please review [Grant & loan guidance - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)³

Date: September 2, 2026

Updated below on September 22, 2026

Question: Is it possible to lease the replacement vehicles or equipment for the 5-year period required under this grant?

Answer: No, leasing a vehicle isn't an eligible cost under this grant opportunity. Vehicles or equipment must be owned by the recipient. Please refer to page 13 of the guidelines for additional examples of eligible costs for reimbursement under this grant opportunity.

Date: September 10, 2026

Question: Are school buses eligible for this funding opportunity?

Answer: No, school buses are not eligible for this funding opportunity.

Date: September 11, 2026

Question: Are front loaders eligible non-road equipment for this grant?

Answer: A front loader is not eligible unless it is used as cargo-handling equipment. Please contact us with your specific situation to determine eligibility.

¹ <https://waecy-wa.gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/hQu4Sm2qTrWaxzVpfRVqDQ#/registration>

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2602017.html>

³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/UIPages/SummaryPages/2601001.html>

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Is stationary processing equipment eligible?

Answer: Stationary processing equipment is not eligible unless it is used as cargo-handling equipment. Please contact us with your specific situation to determine eligibility.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Can a school district apply for chargers only since buses are not eligible?

Answer: No. All eligible projects must include the replacement/scrapping of an eligible vehicle/equipment. Buses are not eligible. Infrastructure- only projects are not eligible.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Are battery electric Auxiliary Power Systems that can replace on-board generators to power air conditioners and tools and equipment eligible for funding?

Answer: No. The only eligible non-road vehicles and equipment are forklifts, cargo-handling equipment, and yard trucks/terminal tractors.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Are Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles eligible?

Answer: Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are eligible if they are emergency vehicles. All other vehicles and equipment must be all-electric to be eligible.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Can a fleet owner be the primary grant applicant while working with a separate EV charging infrastructure company to develop the charging portion of the project?

Answer: Applicants can contract with entities to complete their infrastructure project. All recipients must follow Washington State procurement laws. Please refer to [Administrative Requirements for Recipients of Ecology Grants and Loans \(Yellow Book\) June 2026](#)

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Since administrative costs aren't eligible, how do you envision nonprofits participating if they don't own eligible vehicles?

Answer: Non-profit organizations can apply if they have their own eligible vehicles to replace. Non-profits can also assist eligible organizations apply for and administrate grants, but compensation for this service is not eligible for reimbursement under this grant.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: How would drayage trucks be classified under this grant?

Answer: For this funding opportunity, drayage trucks are classified as on-road local freight.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: How should applicants verify the engine model year? Is the VIN/registration sufficient, or is an engine label/photo required?

Answer: Photos of both the VIN tag and the engine label will be required once the grant is awarded. Information found on the VIN tag and engine label will be required on the Vehicle/Equipment Specification sheet required at application. If applicants are having trouble locating any of this information, please reach out to our team for assistance.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: For reimbursement, do applicants need to show proof that an invoice has already been paid, or are invoices/quotes sufficient? Given the size of these costs, do applicants need to front the funds?

Answer: The applicants will have to provide invoices for the equipment that has been purchased prior to getting reimbursed. Yes, this is a reimbursement grant and the applicant is expected to pay up front for their project.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Before applying, what documentation should a fleet and its charging-infrastructure partner have completed — utility assessment, preliminary design, charger quote, contractor estimate, site plan, LOI or other documentation?

Answer: The applicant is asked to provide quotes for charging infrastructure project costs as part of their application. This can include quotes for any eligible infrastructure expenses. Additionally, if the applicant does not own the land that the infrastructure is to be installed on, the applicant will have to provide a Site-Host agreement certifying that the applicant has permission to install fueling infrastructure at that location.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Does the replacement have to be new or can it be a demo or used?

Answer: The replacement should be new. If you want to check about a specific demo or used scenarios, please contact us and provide the specific case information.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: What engine model year forklifts are eligible?

Answer: There are no engine model year restrictions on forklifts.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Can an independent owner-operator apply if they own the truck but operate under a carrier/company?

Answer: Yes, if the owner-operator is registered as a business and own the eligible vehicle, they are eligible to apply. Please refer to page 7 of the guidelines for more details on eligible applicants.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Are regular pickup trucks eligible for funding?

Answer: Only Class 4-Class 8 trucks are eligible for funding. Pickup trucks do not generally qualify as Class 4 or above.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Does the replacement truck have to be the same size/class as the existing diesel truck, or can applicants replace it with a different eligible EV model that serves the same use?

Answer: Typically, the replacement truck must be the same size or class as the existing truck, however exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis depending on operation and use of the existing truck and new truck. Please contact us and provide specific case information.

Date: September 14, 2026

Question: Are gas-powered low speed vehicle cargo handling equipment eligible for this grant?

Answer: For this grant program, all vehicles being replaced need to be diesel powered.

Date: September 15, 2026