

Make Your School Bus a Clean, Green Transportation Machine!

Apply for funding to retrofit your school bus fleet through the EPA DERA grant program

Funding Available

The EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant program **will cover 100% of project costs** for eligible school buses to install cost-effective retrofits such as filters, catalysts, and closed-crank case ventilation systems. Other eligible project-related costs include:

- diesel particulate filter (DPF) cleaning machines (with DPF retrofit projects)
- training and travel costs
- installation costs
- personnel costs

Who is Eligible?

Eligible applicants include:

- Regional, state, or local agencies; port authorities; and tribal governments and native villages, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, including public school districts and municipalities
- Non-profit organizations dedicated to clean transportation or diesel education

Eligible school buses must:

- Be type A, B, C, or D
- Meet the definition of a school bus as defined by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration
- Be operational and in regular use. The 2020 DERA National Grants required each bus to have accumulated at least 7,000 miles during each twelve month period for the twenty-four months prior to upgrade.

When Can I Apply?

Funding opportunity timelines for the DERA National Grants will be posted at www.epa.gov/dera/national.

Why Retrofits?

U.S. school buses collectively travel more than 4 billion miles each year, safely transporting more than 25 million school children every day. However, children are particularly vulnerable to toxic air pollution and exposure to untreated diesel exhaust can have negative health impacts.

Fortunately, today's diesel retrofit technologies can make older school buses much cleaner, which keeps kids healthy and safe. These technologies are cost-effective and have been verified by the EPA to reduce emissions of particulate matter, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide.



For more information, email DERA@epa.gov.

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