

## What's Next?

*for school districts interested in electrifying*

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### WAITLISTED?

If you applied for the EPA Clean School Bus Program 2022 rebates and were waitlisted, you may be contacted by the EPA if any awardees decline funding.

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### PREPARE FOR 2023 GRANTS

EPA will launch a grants program in 2023. To prepare, pull together details on your current fleet using [EPA's sample inventory sheet](#) (requires download).

Consider who might be able to help you write a competitive grant application - a local college, Clean Cities Coalition, bus dealer, utility or electric co-op?

Consider whether it would make sense for you to partner with other school districts to joint apply for funding, do a joint bulk purchase (perhaps lowering costs) and/or share the work of learning about operating electric school buses. Your state Association of Pupil Transportation may be able to submit a joint application for school districts in your region.

### CONSIDER OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

#### FEDERAL FUNDING

- EPA opens applications yearly for its [Diesel Emissions Reduction Act](#) (DERA) program.
- The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 includes new funding for zero-emission vehicles, including school buses. Additional information will be released soon, but there will be new grants programs, tax credits and other incentives.
- In 2023, EPA will offer Clean School Bus rebates again, likely in the fall.

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#### STATE FUNDING

- Many states have unspent money from the [Volkswagen settlement](#). Check with your [relevant state government's office](#) for applications or other details.

#### UTILITY FUNDING

- Your utility may already have a program to help fund electric vehicle infrastructure, or it may be considering such a program. Talk to your utility about your interest in electric school buses and ask for help with installing charging equipment, assessing power needs and infrastructure upgrades and learn whether the utility has any special rates or tariffs for electric vehicles.

### CONSIDER VENDORS

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Consider your options for financial arrangements and third-party service providers. Use [WRI's Business Models Guide](#) to evaluate different contracting or partnership options for charging, infrastructure, school buses, etc.

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### RENEW YOUR SAM.GOV ACCOUNT

Renew your SAM.GOV registration annually to receive the rebate.

