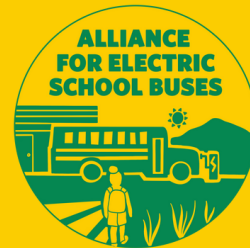


WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

EPA Clean School Bus Program 2023 Grants



Applications are now open for the EPA Clean School Bus 2023 grants competition! \$400 million is available for projects replacing aging diesel buses with zero-emission electric school buses. Applications opened [April 24](#) and will close [August 22, 2023](#).



\$400 million

total funding amount for approximately 25-50 grant awards nationwide



up to \$395,000

for a new electric school bus and charging infrastructure for **priority** school districts

up to \$250,000

for a new electric school bus and charging infrastructure for **non-priority** school districts

WHO CAN APPLY?

(1) Public School Districts:

- State and local governmental entities that provide bus service,
- Public charter school districts,

(2) Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Tribally-controlled Schools,

(3) Third Parties:

- Nonprofit School Transportation Associations, and
- Eligible Contractors (bus manufacturers, dealers, school bus service providers and private bus fleets)

WHO IS PRIORITIZED FOR FUNDING?

Priority school districts will receive additional points as well as higher per-bus funding. The EPA's 2023 list of priority school districts can be found [here](#), and includes:

- **Low-income** school districts with 20% or more students living in poverty
- **Rural** school districts
- **Tribal** school districts

Public school districts in U.S. territories are also prioritized.

HOW ARE WINNERS SELECTED?

EPA will score, rank, and select applicants based on their project narrative and budget (15 pages max), as well as other materials demonstrating their capacity, such as utility partnership plans, ability to leverage external funding, environmental goals, and more.

WHAT CAN FUNDING COVER?

- New electric school bus and charging equipment
- Charging infrastructure costs on the customer's side of the meter (such as designing, engineering, trenching, wiring, electrical upgrades, labor, permitting, software, telematics)
- On-site battery storage or renewable energy systems to power buses and charging stations
- Workforce training and certifications such as EVITP
- Staff time, staff benefits, travel, supplies, sub-contractors, and other related expenses

Learn more about this opportunity!

Reach out to the **Alliance for Electric School Buses** for help with:



Answering questions on program guidelines



Identifying technical assistance and grant writing resources



Building community and stakeholder support

For full program information, please visit the EPA's website at epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.