



EPA CLEAN SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

Comparing Rebates vs. Grants

	2022 REBATES	2023 GRANTS
TOTAL FUNDING	\$1 billion in 2023; likely \$600M in 2022	\$400 million
SELECTION	Lottery - selected at random	Competitive - applications scored and ranked
APPLICATION WINDOW	90 days	120 days
ALLOWABLE USES FOR FUNDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New electric school bus + charging station Infrastructure on school's side of the meter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New electric school bus + charging station Infrastructure on school's side of the meter On-site battery storage or renewable power generation systems Workforce training and EVTP certification Staff time & benefits, supplies, sub-contractors
FUNDING AMOUNTS	<p><u>Priority School District:</u> Up to \$375,000 for a new electric school bus + \$20,000 for a charging station</p> <p><u>Non-Priority School District:</u> Up to \$250,000 for a new electric school bus + \$13,000 for a charging station</p>	<p><u>Priority School District:</u> Up to \$395,000 for a new electric school bus + charging infrastructure, winners' discretion how much is spent on either</p> <p><u>Non-Priority School District:</u> Up to \$250,000 for a new electric school bus + charging infrastructure, winners' discretion how much is spent on either</p>
NUMBER OF BUSES	Up to 25 school buses per applicant, no minimum	<p>15-50 school buses for a single school district applying for the School District Sub-Program</p> <p>50-100 school buses for a third party serving at least 4 school districts applying for the Third Party Sub-Program</p>
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	Applicant submits one-page form with details for diesel buses they'd like to replace and which fuel type will replace them. Applicant must have an active SAM.GOV account.	Applicant submits multiple forms and materials (some optional, some required) as well as project narrative and budget (maximum of 15 pages). Applicant must have active SAM.GOV and GRANTS.GOV accounts.
EXPECTED AWARDS	In 2022, EPA awarded funding to over 400 school districts, aiming to fund at least 1 project per state and territory.	For the 2023 grants, EPA anticipates awarding funding for 25-50 projects.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	Priority school districts are selected first in the lottery	Applicants will be scored based on if they are a priority school district and how they plan to engage affected communities throughout the design, planning & performance of the project.
COST-SHARE	Does not factor into selection	Applicants will be scored based on whether they are leveraging additional external funds to contribute to the proposed project.
AIR QUALITY	Does not factor into selection	Applicants will be scored based on if their school buses will operate in an area in non-attainment for ozone or particulate matter pollution.
ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN	Does not factor into selection	Applicants will be scored based on environmental metrics they plan to track and how they will contribute to the EPA's strategic plan goal of reducing climate emissions.
PAST PERFORMANCE	Does not factor into selection	Applicants will be scored based on past experience with federal funds, history of meeting reporting requirements, and staff expertise with electrification projects.
PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY	Does not factor into selection	Applicants will be scored based on demonstrating long-term sustainability of the project after EPA funding ends.
CLIMATE CHANGE RELIENCY	Does not factor into selection	Applicants will be scored based on how the project assesses potential climate change impacts to the project (such as flooding).
WORKFORCE TRAINING	Does not factor into selection	Applicants will be scored on planning for how to train & retain drivers, mechanics, and other staff.
PARTNERSHIP LETTERS	Does not factor into selection	Applicants are encouraged to include letters from project partners.