

COMPARING EPA PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL BUSES

The [EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program \(CHDVP\)](#) launched in April 2024, with applications due July 25. The program is different from the pre-existing [EPA Clean School Bus Program \(CSBP\)](#), which is expected to open a rebate funding round later in 2024. Key differences are outlined below, using past EPA Clean School Bus Program structures as guidance. For additional details, please visit each program's respective website.

Program Details	CHDVP Grants	CSBP Rebates
AVAILABLE FUNDING	\$932 million (\$652 million for school buses)	\$500-\$900 million
FUNDING MECHANISM	Grants	Rebates (Upfront)
ELIGIBLE VEHICLES	School Buses + Class 6 & 7 Vehicles	School Buses Only
ELIGIBLE FUELS	Electric or Hydrogen	Electric, Propane or CNG
NUMBER OF VEHICLES	10+ *	1-25
PRIORITIZED COMMUNITIES	Disadvantaged & Poor Air Quality	Low-Income, Rural & Tribal
FUNDING USES	Vehicle + Charging Infrastructure + Training + Project Implementation	Vehicle + Charging Infrastructure + Training
COST-SHARE	25% Mandatory Cost Share *	No Cost Share
SELECTION	Competition	Lottery
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	One Round Only	Multiple Rounds
APPLICATION STATUS	Closing July 25, 2024	Opening Summer/Fall 2024



* Tribes and territories are exempt from minimum number of vehicles and mandatory cost-share