

FY 19 Oklahoma VW and DERA Grants

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has two opportunities for funding available in FY 2019: the **Oklahoma Alternative Fuel School Bus Program (VW Settlement)**, and the **Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program (DERA)**. Both programs aim to address the problem of older diesel vehicles emitting unhealthy air pollutants and aim to make the greatest impact for the citizens and environment of Oklahoma.

Key similarities and differences between the two programs are outlined below:

| FY 2019: | Alternative Fuel School Bus Program | Oklahoma Clean Diesel (DERA) Program |
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| Total Funding | \$2,600,000 | \$704,000 |
| Project Cap | \$300,000 per award and also subject to a per-item cap (Table 2 of Grant Solicitation) | None |
| Availability | All school districts within Oklahoma | |
| Eligible Project Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of old diesel powered school buses with new alternative fuel school buses • Charging infrastructure for all-electric school buses | Replacement of old diesel powered school buses with new diesel or gasoline powered buses |
| Application Timeline | Grant Solicitation release October 21, 2019 Applications due on or before December 6, 2019 (Applications received before November 22, 2019 will be screened for completeness.) | |
| Project timeline | Projects must be complete by September 1, 2022 | Projects must be complete by September 1, 2020 |
| Fuel types Allowed | New bus must be all-electric, natural gas (CNG, LNG), or LPG/propane | New bus must be diesel or gasoline |
| Engine Model Years Allowed | Original vehicle must be EMY 2009 or older | Original vehicle must be EMY 1996-2009 |
| Vehicle Classes Allowed | Original vehicle must be GVWR Class 4-8 | Original vehicle must be GVWR Class 5-8 |

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| Reimbursement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For <i>government</i>-owned school buses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Up to 50% of the cost of replacement for any eligible fuel type, and associated <u>charging infrastructure</u> cost For <i>non-government</i> owned school buses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Up to 25% of the cost of replacement with natural gas (CNG, LNG), or propane (LPG) -Up to 50% of the cost of replacement to all-electric, including <u>charging infrastructure</u> | Up to 25% of the cost for replacement of school buses |
| Prioritization | Both programs prioritize applicants that are affected by the emissions of nearby high-traffic corridors (such as I-35, I-44, etc.) and counties with the potential of having higher air pollution. | |
| Restrictions | Only school bus replacements and associated electric chargers are eligible under this program | Only school bus replacements are eligible under this program |
| Further Information | https://www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/volkswagen-settlement/alternative-fuel-school-bus-program/ | https://www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/clean-diesel-dera/ |

