

FY 2022 Oklahoma VW and DERA Grants

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has two opportunities for funding available in FY 2022: the **Alternative Fuel School Bus Program (VW Settlement)**, and the **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 2022:	Alternative Fuel School Bus Program	Oklahoma Clean Diesel (DERA) Program
Total Funding	Estimated \$1,000,000	Estimated \$800,000
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 November 2022 Applications due on or before January 13, 2023	
Project timeline	Projects must be complete by September 1, 2025	Projects must be complete by September 1, 2023
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 2009 or older
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 75% 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	<p>Only school bus replacements and associated electric chargers are eligible under this program.</p> <p>Eligible buses must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be in current, active service in the State of Oklahoma must have accumulated at least 3,000 miles in the past year 	<p>Only school bus replacements are eligible under this program.</p> <p>Eligible buses must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be owned and operated by participating fleet owner for the two years prior to upgrade. must have at least three years of remaining life at the time of upgrade. must have accumulated at least 7,000 miles/year during the two years prior to upgrade, or during calendar year (Jan-Dec) 2019.
Further Information	www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/volkswagen-settlement/alternative-fuel-school-bus-program/	www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/clean-diesel-dera/

