

Oklahoma VW Settlement: FY 2020 Alternative Fuel School Bus Program

A Grant Solicitation has been released for the FY 2020 Oklahoma Alternative Fuel School Bus program. This program is funded by the Volkswagen State Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund. Information regarding the program is below; more details will be available in the Grant Solicitation, which is published on the Alternative Fuel School Bus Program webpage. All final applications for potential projects must be received on or before December 4, 2020.

Reimbursement Limits

Funding will be in the form of reimbursements. All projects are subject to a total project reimbursement cap and a per-item reimbursement cap. Reimbursement caps vary depending on whether the vehicles are government or non-government owned. Government-owned vehicles may be reimbursed up to 50% of the project cost. Reimbursement levels for non-government owned vehicles vary from 25-50%, depending on the project. Caps for government-owned purchases appear below.

Per-Vehicle Caps on Project Reimbursement (Government-Owned Purchases)			
School Bus Type	LPG	CNG	Electric
Type A, up to 20 passengers	\$33,783	\$43,783	\$150,000
Type A, 21-28 passengers	\$33,882	\$43,882	\$150,000
Type A, 29-36 passengers	\$34,794	\$44,794	\$150,000
Type C, up to 39 passengers	\$43,751	\$53,751	\$175,000
Type C, 40-42 passengers	\$43,902	\$53,902	\$175,000
Type C, 43-48 passengers	\$44,054	\$54,054	\$175,000
Type C, 49-54 passengers	\$44,205	\$54,205	\$175,000
Type C, 55-59 passengers	\$44,764	\$54,764	\$175,000
Type C, 60-65 passengers	\$45,322	\$55,322	\$175,000
Type C, 66-71 passengers	\$45,418	\$55,418	\$175,000
Type C, 72-77 passengers	\$45,917	\$55,917	\$175,000
Type D, 70-90 passengers	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$175,000
Electric Bus Charger Reimbursement Caps			
Charger Only	Charger with installation		
\$350	\$1,100		
TOTAL Project Reimbursement Cap			
\$300,000			

FAQs

- What is the total funding for the Alternative Fuel School Bus Program?**
Total program funding for FY 2020 is about \$1.3 million.
- When will applications be accepted?**
October 7, 2020 - December 4, 2020
- Which projects will be eligible under the Alternative Fuel School Bus program?**
Actively used diesel school buses that transport pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 students, with engine model year 2009 or older, may be replaced with a new alternative fuel bus.
- Which technologies will be eligible under the Alternative Fuel School Bus program?**
Eligible fuels include all-electric, natural gas (CNG, LNG), and propane (LPG).
- What if our school wishes to fund a diesel or gasoline bus project?**
Traditional diesel and gasoline bus projects may apply for funding under the Clean Diesel (DERA) Program: <https://www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/clean-diesel-dera/>
- Does the Alternative Fuel School Bus program allow for the cost of infrastructure?**
The costs for electric charging infrastructure and its installation are eligible for funding, but are subject to a per-charger maximum and the total project cap. Infrastructure for other fuels will not be covered.



For more information, please visit
<https://www.deq.ok.gov/air-quality-division/volkswagen-settlement/>

