

# Oklahoma VW and DERA Grants

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has two opportunities for funding available in Oklahoma: 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:

|                            | <u><a href="#">Alternative Fuel School Bus Program</a></u>   | <u><a href="#">Oklahoma Clean Diesel (DERA) Program</a></u>  |
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| Total Funding              | <b>\$4,184,000</b>   | <b>\$638,545</b>   |
| Project Cap                | \$300,000 per award and also subject to a per-item cap (Table 1 of RFP)  | None   |
| Availability               | All school districts within Oklahoma   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All school districts within Oklahoma</li> <li>Any entity wishing to retrofit exhaust controls, including government fleets and private companies</li> </ul>   |
| Eligible Project Types     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement of old diesel powered school buses with new alternative fuel school buses</li> <li>Repower old diesel technology with new alternative fuel technology</li> <li>Charging infrastructure for all-electric school buses</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of exhaust control retrofits (such as diesel oxidation catalysts and selective catalytic reduction systems) on a variety of vehicle types</li> <li>Replacement of old diesel powered school buses with new diesel or gasoline powered buses</li> </ul> |
| Application Timeline       | RFP release October 17, 2018<br><b>Application deadline extended to December 20, 2018</b>  |  |
| Project timeline           | Projects must be complete by September 1, 2021   | Projects must be complete by September 1, 2019   |
| Fuel types Allowed         | New/repowered vehicle must be all-electric, hybrid-electric, CNG, LNG, or LPG/propane  | New/retrofit must be diesel or gasoline  |
| Engine Model Years Allowed | Original vehicle must be EMY 2009 or older   | Original vehicle must be EMY 1995-2006   |
| 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"> <li>For <i>government</i>-owned school buses:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Up to 50% of the cost of <u>replacement</u>, <u>repower</u>, and/or <u>charging infrastructure</u> for any eligible fuel type</li> </ul> </li> <li>For <i>non-government</i> owned school buses:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Up to 40% of the cost of <u>repower</u> to CNG, LNG, LPG, or hybrid-electric;</li> <li>-Up to 25% of the cost of <u>replacement</u> with CNG, LNG, LPG, or hybrid-electric;</li> <li>-Up to 50% of the cost of <u>replacement</u> or <u>repower</u> to all-electric, including <u>charging infrastructure</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 100% of the cost for <u>retrofits</u> on <i>publicly</i>-owned vehicles</li> <li>Up to 50% of the cost for <u>retrofits</u> on <i>privately</i>-owned vehicles</li> <li>Up to 25% of the cost for <u>replacement</u> school buses</li> </ul> |
| 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, engine repower for school buses, and associated electric chargers are eligible under this program  | Vehicle replacements are only eligible for school buses; heavy-duty vehicles used for any purpose are eligible for exhaust control retrofits  |
| Further Information | <a href="http://www.deq.state.ok.us/agdnew/vwsettlement">www.deq.state.ok.us/agdnew/vwsettlement</a>   | <a href="http://www.deq.state.ok.us/agdnew/cleandiesel">www.deq.state.ok.us/agdnew/cleandiesel</a>  |

