

Clean School Bus Program - Matching Funds

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Requester Information

Legislator: Cullimore, Kirk A.

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Section 1: Request Details

Description:

Authorized by Congress in 2021, EPA's Clean School Bus program has roughly \$3.5 billion through 2026 for grants and rebates to help school districts adopt zero- and low-emission school buses and install charging infrastructure. With federal funding available, Utah school districts could improve their odds of receiving grant awards for clean school buses with match funding provided by the Legislature.

Legislative designee contact information:

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Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Technology Purchases	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$5,000,000.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$5,000,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024
\$0.00

One-time 2025
\$5,000,000.00

Ongoing 2025
\$0.00

Should unused funding be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year?

No

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled

The project is scalable at any awarded amount, though more investment increases chances of successful awards. Based on previous funding guidelines, future competitive application rounds are likely to prioritize applicants in high-need and rural areas and those in regions with poor air quality, potentially giving certain Utah school districts an advantage should they apply (see map of Utah school districts). In addition, school districts that bring or demonstrate a credible plan to leverage non-federal funds could receive a scoring advantage. State funding can help school districts boost their chances to receive an award.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Infrastructure and Mobility
Land and Environment

Agency:

810 / Transportation

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding

- State Government
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Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?

Improved air quality and healthier students. Nationwide, roughly 90 percent of the school bus fleet relies on diesel fuel, exposing bus drivers and an estimated 20 million children to harmful exhaust that is potentially 675,000 students in Utah.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

By committing state resources to leverage dollars from EPA's Clean School Bus program, Utah can join a handful of leading states to safeguard the health of students, improve air quality, and save school districts money.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

Successful awards from the federal Clean School Bus program. State funding will serve to increase the odds of receiving an award. Additionally, cost savings, air quality and overall safety.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language

Previous State Funding