

# **| OCTOBER 2024 | EPA PARTNERS AND AFFILIATES**

	Rebates (%)	Grants (\$55)
Application Process	Quick and simple; applications submitted through EPA portal	Longer, more detailed; applications submitted through grants.gov
Selection Process	Random number generated lottery process	Evaluation of application materials and scoring criteria
Selectee support and flexibility	EPA provides less support and flexibility in funding to selectees	EPA may offer more support for selectees during the project, as well as flexibility in funding – e.g. covering project implementation costs - and timing of the project, such as extending project periods to complete the project.
Number of Replacement Buses	Funds the transition of smaller fleets (lower bus replacement minimum and maximum)	Funds the transition of larger fleets (higher bus replacement minimum and maximum)

## 2024 CSB Rebate Program Overview

- EPA anticipates awarding at least \$965 million in this round of CSB funding
- This rebate program has a few differences from last year's rebate:
  - o Increased bus maximum (50 buses); still a minimum of one bus
  - Eligible applicants can request up to \$20,000 per bus for ADAcompliant wheelchair lifts and/or high bus delivery costs (non-lower 48 states and territories)
  - Prioritized applicants can receive up to \$325,000 per electric school bus and non-prioritized applicants can receive up to \$170,000; funding for alternative fueled buses is up to \$45,000 for compressed natural gas (CNG) and up to \$35,000 for propane buses
- Eligible activities include the replacement of existing internal-combustion engine (ICE) school buses with electric, propane, or compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses, as well as the purchase and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure
- Eligible applicants under this solicitation are:
  - Public School Districts, State and local government entities, Tribal Applicants, Public Charter school districts, Nonprofit school transportation associations, and eligible contractors

2023 CSB Rebate Important Dates		
September 26, 2024	2024 CSB Rebates Open. Applications must be submitted via CSB Rebate Online Application Form	
September 2024 – January 2025	Various <u>Webinars</u> on CSB Program	
4 PM ET on November 14, 2024	Final Date to Submit Questions to cleanschoolbus@epa.gov for inclusion in the QA document	
4 PM ET on January 9, 2025	2024 CSB Rebates Application Deadline	

# Utility Engagement and Technical Assistance

Electric Sector Pledge to Support School Bus Electrification

Technical assistance can be found at:

https://www.epa.gov/cleansc hoolbus/clean-school-bustechnical-assistance

IRS Commercial Clean Vehicle
Credit

Alternative Fuel Vehicle
Refueling Property Credit

# How To Successfully Deploy Clean School Buses and Infrastructure

EPA and the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation have partnered to provide:

- Coordination with utilities
- Identifying available funding and incentives
- Analyzing charging infrastructure needs
- Conducting route analyses
- Providing training and workforce development

### Please Go To

EPA.gov/cleanschoolbus for more information on the program, available resources, and information about electric school buses!

All program related questions can be sent to:

## cleanschoolbus@epa.gov

All infrastructure related questions can be sent to:

<u>cleanschoolbusTA@nrel.gov</u>