



Electric School Bus Grant Program

Overview

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Electric School Bus Grant Program provides **\$15,000,000** per year for three years to replace diesel school buses with battery-electric school buses

The Program includes optional funding to upgrade to bi-directional buses and charging infrastructure as part of a bi-directional charging pilot. **Applications for Year 1 of the Program are due on May 17th, 2024 at 5:00 PM ET.**

For additional information, see Cheat Sheet: Electric School Bus Bi-directional Pilot Grant

Program Funding Amounts

Program	Standard Grant Amount	Overburdened School District Grant Amount
Bus + Level 2 Charging Station	\$270,000	\$300,000
Bus + DC Fast Charging (DCFC) Station	\$290,000	\$320,000
Bus + Bi-Directional Charging Option	\$320,000	\$370,000

1 Up to \$40,000 in tax credits are offered by the federal government for applicants acquiring qualified clean vehicles. These tax credits can be combined with the funding amounts shown here. See section 5d of the program solicitation for details.

2 Overburdened school districts include school districts located in municipalities categorized as overburdened communities.

Who's Eligible?

Under this solicitation, two types of entities are eligible to apply:

School Districts

Schools and school districts who operate school bus services are eligible to apply directly.

School Bus Contractors

School bus contractors are eligible to apply, however, the application must be made in conjunction with a specified school or school district.

Fine Print, Please!

- Each eligible applicant can apply for funding for a minimum of two electric school buses and a maximum of 16 electric school buses.
- Eligible buses must be classified as school bus Type C or D: I.e., Buses must have at least a 44-student capacity or reduced seat count as appropriate for wheelchair capacity.
- Eligible expenses include purchase or lease of electric buses and charging infrastructure.
- Ineligible expenses: used or repowered vehicles, Type A or B School buses (i.e., buses with less than a 44-student capacity or reduced seat count as appropriate for wheelchair capacity), and buses with a fuel type other than electric
- Scraping an existing bus is not required under this Program, however, applicants choosing to scrap buses will be awarded additional points during scoring.