

Low or No Emission Vehicle Grants

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

March 9, 2023

<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Federal Transit Administration
<u>Application Deadline:</u> April 13, 2023	<u>Max Award:</u> Not listed

Description

The Low or No Emission Vehicle Grants program provides funding to state and local governments for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible applicants include States, local governmental authorities, and Indian Tribes.

Proposals for funding projects in rural (non-urbanized) areas must be submitted as part of a consolidated State proposal. A rural non-urbanized area is defined as *any area that has not been designated in the 2010 census, as an "urbanized area" with at least 50,000 in population.*

Matching Grant Requirements

- 15% matching grant requirement for costs related to purchasing transit buses
- 10% matching grant requirement for costs related to bus-related equipment and facilities

Eligible Projects

- Purchasing or leasing low- or no-emission buses
- Acquiring low- or no-emission buses with a leased power source
- Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment (including intelligent technology and software) for low- or no-emission buses
- Constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low- or no-emission buses
- Rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low- or no-emission buses
- Additionally 0.5% of a request may be for workforce development training and an additional 0.5% may be for training at the National Transit Institute (NTI).
- Applicants proposing any project related to zero-emission vehicles must also spend 5% of their award on workforce development and training, unless the applicant certifies that their financial need is less.

For applications related to zero-emission vehicles, applicants are required to submit a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. FTA has developed an outline to support cities in developing their [Zero-Emission Transition Fleet Transition Plan](#).

New or Existing Program

Existing

Tips for Being Competitive

Projects will be evaluated based on quality and the extent to which they demonstrate how the proposed project will address an unmet need for capital investment in vehicles and/or supporting facilities.

Projects will also be evaluated on the quality and extent to which they advance the following goals: (1) Reduce Energy Consumption; (2) Reduce Harmful Emissions; and (3) Reduce Direct Carbon Emissions.

Labor Requirements

FTA will give priority consideration to zero-emission applicants that are able to demonstrate that they have consulted with workforce representatives on all aspects of the workforce section of the fleet transition plan; AND include steps to provide or connect workers to supportive services (such as childcare and transportation assistance); AND identify the use of at least one of the following in their plan (1) use of labor management partnerships for training; (2) use of registered apprenticeship training to support skilling of incumbent and entry-level workers with focus on using registered apprenticeship to advance underrepresented groups facing systemic barriers to employment.

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

In FY2022, Central Ohio Transit Authority, based in Columbus, received a \$26.7 million grant to replace diesel buses that have exceeded their useful life and replace them with battery electric buses and chargers.

Agency Contact

FTALowNoBusNOFO@dot.gov

Upcoming Events

The Federal Transit Administration held two informational webinars. Presentations and recordings are available on the [Low or No Emission Vehicle Grants program](#).

Partners Required

For applications related to zero-emission vehicles, applicants are required to submit a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. In this plan, the applicant should describe their partnership with the utility or alternative fuel provider.

Total Allocation

\$1.7 billion

Anticipated Award Date

July 2023

Resources

- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)
- [Low or No Emission Vehicle Program Page - FTA](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)