

2021 DERA School Bus Rebates - Open Announcement FY21

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Request for Applications

2021 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) School Bus Rebates

Opening Date: September 29, 2021

Closing Date: November 5, 2021 4:00 PM EST

Summary: EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications for projects that reduce diesel emissions in school buses. Eligible entities include public school districts and private fleets operating buses under a contract with a public school district. Subject to the availability of funds, EPA anticipates awarding \$10 million to school bus fleet owners for the replacement of old diesel school buses with new buses certified to EPA's cleanest emission standards. Selected applicants that scrap and replace their old diesel buses will receive a rebate of \$20,000-\$65,000 per bus depending on the fuel type of the replacement bus. Applicants will be selected in a lottery, with at least one selectee from a tribal applicant and one selectee from each state/territory represented in the applicant pool. Visit <https://www.epa.gov/dera/rebates> for the application form, program guide, FAQ, and webinar slides.

2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates - Open Announcement FY21

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2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Electric School Bus Rebates

Opening Date: September 29, 2021

Closing Date: November 5, 2021 4:00 PM EST

Summary: EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications for projects that reduce diesel emissions by replacing old diesel school buses with new electric school buses. Eligible entities include (1) public school districts estimated to have 30% or more students living in poverty based on US Census data, (2) tribal governments responsible for providing school bus transportation, and (3) private fleets operating buses under a contract with one of the previous eligible entities. Subject to the availability of funds, EPA anticipates awarding \$7 million. Selected applicants that scrap and replace their old diesel buses with electric buses will receive a rebate of \$300,000 per bus, for up to four school buses. Applicants will be selected in a lottery, with prioritization for one tribal applicant and one applicant from the 10 EPA Regions. Depending on the amount of funds requested, EPA may run out of funds prior to selecting an applicant from each of the 10 EPA Regions. Visit <https://www.epa.gov/dera/2021-american-rescue-plan-arp-electric-school-bus-rebates> for the eligibility list, application form, program guide, FAQ, and webinar slides.