



# **EPA's 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates Now Open!**

July 2022

## Funding Pools and Number of Applications

School districts applying directly for funds may only submit one application to replace up to 25 buses.

EPA will not fund multiple applications for bus replacements that will serve the same school district.

### \$500 Million in Available Funding for 2022 CSB Rebates

Zero Emission  
Funding Pool:

Applications  
**exclusively  
requesting zero-  
emission buses**

Clean School Bus  
Funding Pool:

Applications requesting  
**zero-emission, propane,  
and/or compressed  
natural gas (CNG) buses**

# Clean School Bus Rebate Timeline

Activity	Date
2022 CSB Rebates open. EPA begins accepting applications submitted via online form	May 20, 2022 – August 19, 2022
EPA reviews applications and begins the selection process	September 2022
EPA notifies applicants of selection status. Selectees can proceed with purchasing new buses and eligible infrastructure.	October 2022
Selectees submit Payment Request Forms with purchase orders demonstrating that new buses and eligible infrastructure have been ordered	October 2022 - April 2023
Project period deadline for selectees to receive new buses, install eligible infrastructure, replace old buses, and submit Close Out Forms	October 2024

# Eligible Applicants

State and local governmental entities responsible for:

- 1) providing bus service to 1 or more public school systems; or
- 2) the purchase of school buses

Nonprofit School  
Transportation Associations

Indian Tribes, Tribal  
Organizations, or tribally  
controlled schools

Eligible Contractors

# Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Tribally- controlled Schools

- Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, or Tribally controlled schools responsible for the purchase of school buses or providing school bus service for a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funded school.

# Prioritization Criteria

## 1. High-need school districts and low-income areas

- School districts listed in the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) School District Estimates for 2020 as having **20% or more students living in poverty**
- School districts not listed in the SAIPE data, including most charter schools, **that self-certify as having 20% or more students living in poverty.** *EPA may ask for supporting documentation to confirm this self-certification.*
- School districts located in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## 2. Rural school districts

- School districts identified with locale codes “43-Rural: Remote” and “42-Rural: Distant” by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

## 3. Tribal school districts

- Bureau of Indian Affairs funded school districts and school districts that receive basic support payments for children who reside on Indian land




# Prioritized School Districts Lists

- Posted under Supporting Materials [here](#)
- PDF lists prioritized school districts with the state, name, and [NCES ID](#)
- Excel version adds the city and the prioritization criteria that each district meets

## Supporting Materials

- [2022 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Rebates Program Guide \(pdf\)](#) (May 2022, EPA-420-B-22-025)
- [2022 Clean School Bus Inventory Sheet \(xlsx\)](#) (March 2022)
- [2022 Clean School Bus Program Prioritized School Districts \(pdf\)](#) (May 2022)
- [2022 Clean School Bus Program Prioritized Applicant List \(xlsx\)](#) (May 2022)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (Coming soon)



AR	QUITMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	0511880
AR	RECTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	0504370
AR	RIVERCREST SCHOOL DISTRICT #57	0500045
AR	RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	0500012
AR	RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	0508400
AR	ROSE BUD SCHOOL DISTRICT	0512000
AR	SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT	0512090
AR	SAU-TECH CAREER CENTER	0500002
AR	SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	0512180
AR	SEARCY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	0509480

# School Bus Replacement Guidelines

- Buses eligible for replacement must be 2010 or older diesel-powered school buses that will be scrapped if selected for funding.
- If a fleet has no eligible 2010 or older diesel school buses and is requesting zero-emission school bus replacements, the fleet can either:
  - Scrap 2010 or older non-diesel internal combustion engine buses; or
  - Scrap, sell, or donate 2011 or newer internal combustion engine buses





# School Bus Replacement Guidelines



## **New replacement buses must:**

- Have a battery-electric, CNG, or propane drivetrain.
- Be EPA certified vehicle model year 2021 or newer.
- Have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs. or more.
- Not be ordered prior to receiving official notification of selection for EPA funding.
- Be purchased, not leased or leased-to-own.

# School Bus Replacement Funding

The maximum rebate amount per bus is dependent on:

- Bus Fuel Type
- Bus Size
- Whether the school district served by the buses meets one or more prioritization criteria

The table displays maximum funding levels. EPA will not disburse rebate funds in excess of the actual cost of the replacement bus **and any costs above the maximum funding level are the sole responsibility of the applicant/awardee.**

**Maximum Bus Funding Amount per Replacement School Bus**

School District Prioritization Status	Replacement Bus Fuel Type and Size					
	ZE – Class 7+	ZE – Class 3-6	CNG – Class 7+	CNG – Class 3-6	Propane – Class 7+	Propane – Class 3-6
Buses serving school districts that meet one or more prioritization criteria	\$375,000	\$285,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$25,000
Buses serving other eligible school districts	\$250,000	\$190,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000

# Infrastructure Funding

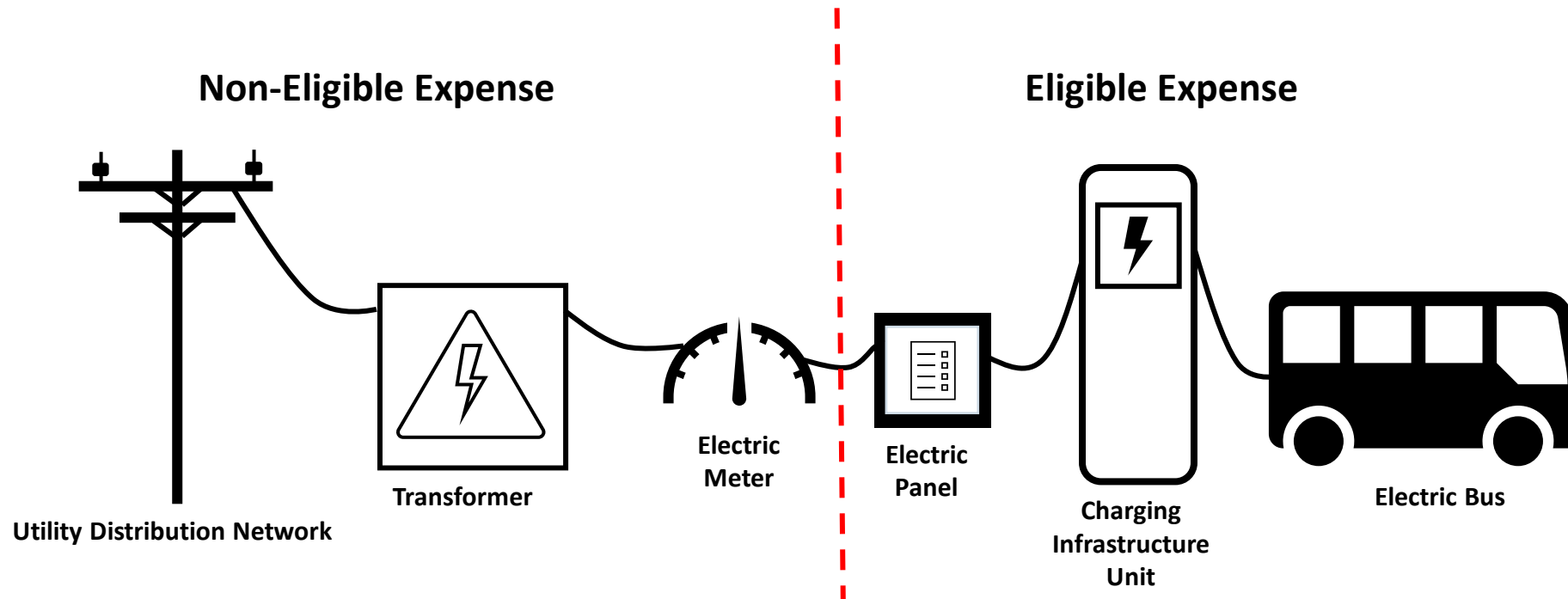
**Talk to your utility now if you are interested in zero-emission buses!**

This table displays the maximum funding levels per bus. EPA will not disburse rebate funds in excess of the actual infrastructure costs.

School District Prioritization Status	ZE – Class 3+ Infrastructure Funding
Buses serving school districts that meet one or more prioritization criteria	\$20,000/bus
Buses serving other eligible school districts	\$13,000/bus

# Infrastructure Funding Restrictions

- EPA funding for infrastructure is limited to the fleet's side of the meter (as shown on the right side of the diagram).
- All Level 2 charging infrastructure purchased under this program must be [EPA ENERGY STAR certified chargers](#).
  - EPA strongly recommends that all other charging infrastructure (for example DC Fast-Charge) purchased under this program be listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).



# Getting to the Application

- The link to the application, additional information on SAM.gov requirements, and help resources can be found [here](#).
- An Application User Guide with screenshots will be posted on this page soon.

[Clean School Bus Home](#)

[Clean School Bus Rebate Program](#)

**[Clean School Bus Rebate Online Application Information](#)**

[Benefits of Clean School Buses](#)

[Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Resources](#)

[Events](#)

## Online Rebate Application Information: Clean School Bus Program

### On this page:

- [Who can submit an application?](#)
- [What information do I need to complete the application?](#)
- [Where can I get help?](#)
- [User Guide and other application resources](#)



After reviewing this page, [click here](#) to access the application form

### Who can submit an application?

1. Review the [Rebate Program Information](#) page and 2022 Clean School Bus (CSB) Program Guide posted there to determine if your organization is eligible to apply.
2. Check the System for Award Management ([SAM.gov](#) [EXIT](#)) to ensure your organization is **actively** registered as an entity

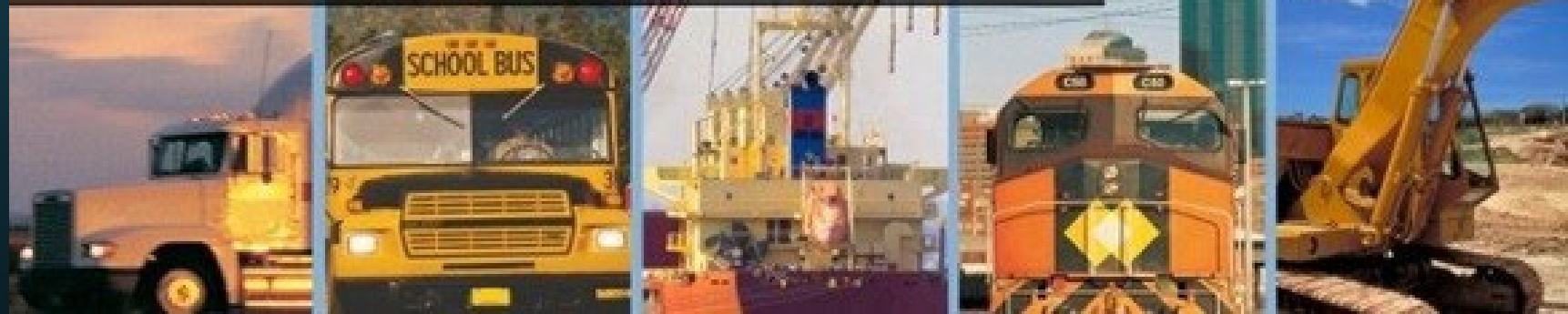
# Selection and Notification

- Applications received by the deadline will be placed in a single ordered list using a random number generator lottery process.
  - This funding opportunity is not first-come, first-served, but EPA recommends not waiting until the deadline to submit.
- EPA will select applicants for funding, working from the top to the bottom of the list, until funds are allocated from both the Clean School Bus and Zero Emission halves of funding.
  - Prioritized applicants will be selected first when making selections for the two halves of funding
- To ensure a broad geographic distribution of funds, EPA will select at least one application per state or territory provided there is at least one eligible application.
- Applicants not selected by lottery will remain in random number order on a wait list.



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Reducing emissions that impact our health

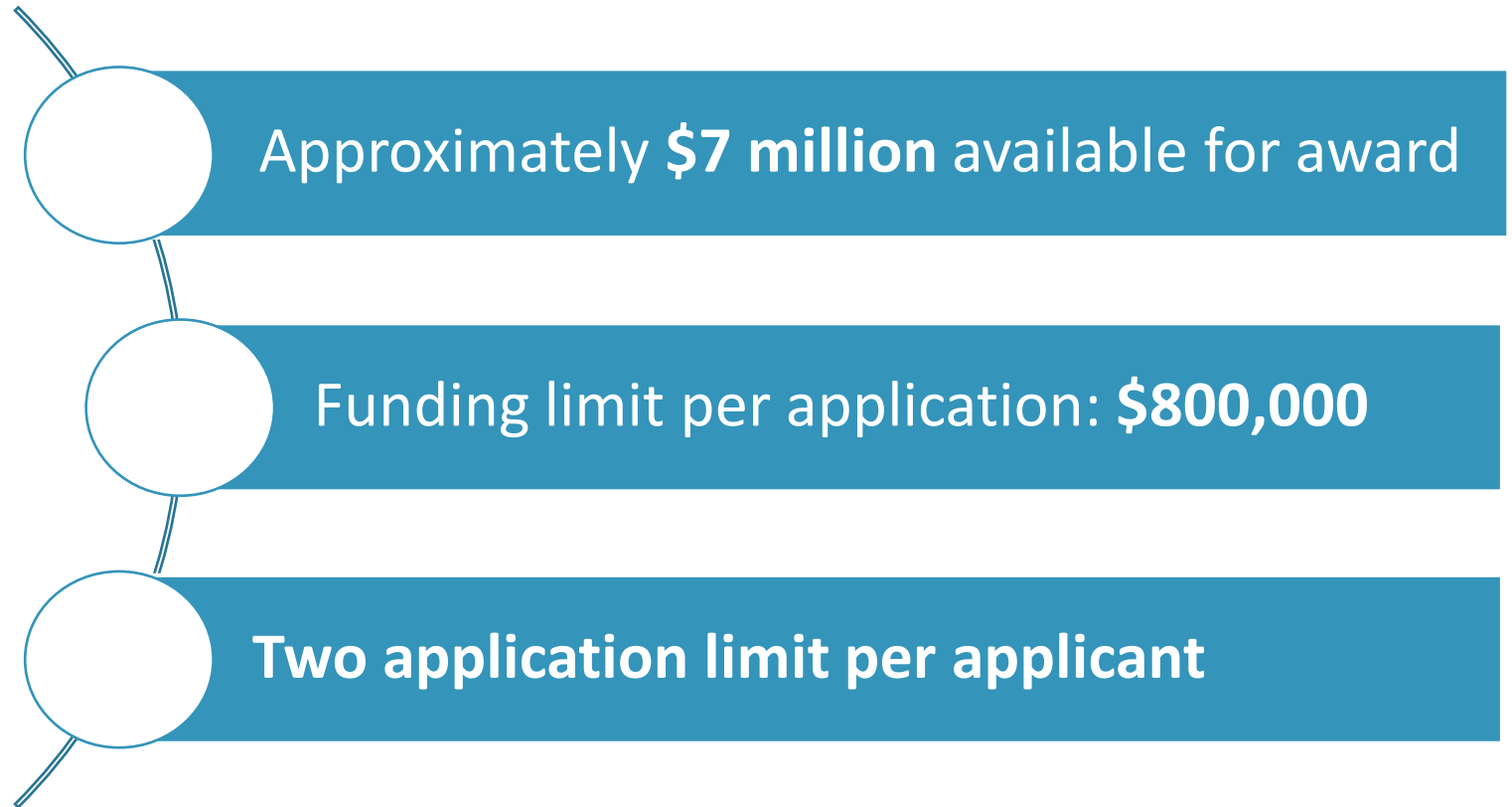


# DERA Tribal & Insular Area Grant Program

- **Competitive RFA out August 2022**
- No mandatory cost share requirement
- Separate funding opportunity from the other DERA programs
- More flexible than the DERA National Grant Program
- Separate review by EPA staff of the tribal & Insular Area applications

**“Insular Area”:** Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands & U.S. Virgin Islands

# 2022 Tribal and Insular Area RFA Highlights



\*\*\*Although funding for both tribes and insular areas is planned under this single RFA, the applications will be competed separately. Tribal and insular area applications will be reviewed, ranked, and selected by separate review panels.

# Recap

- EPA anticipates awarding \$500 million in rebate funding for zero-emission and clean school buses.
- Don't forget to verify your organization's SAM.gov entity registration and POCs!
- Initiate discussions with your utility now if you will apply for zero-emission buses.
- **CSB application deadline is August 19, 2022.**
- DERA Tribal & Insular Area Grant Program RFA out August 2022
- Approximately \$7 million available for award for tribes

# Thank You!

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