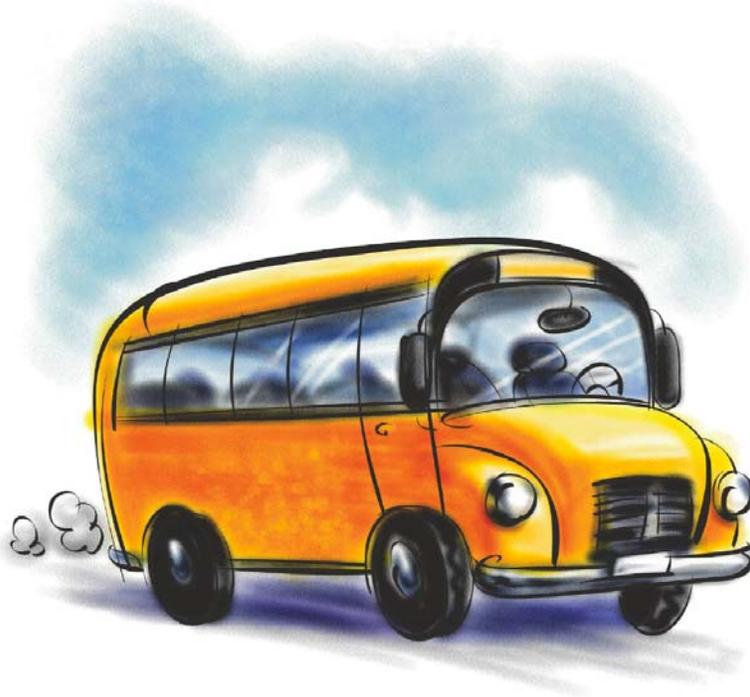




Washington State School Bus Replacement Grant Application and Guidelines



**This application form is available online at:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/ecy070335.pdf>**

For more information, or to have an application mailed to you, contact:

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Apply to: Washington State Department of Ecology, Air Quality Program
Title: School Bus Replacement Grant
Action: Request for Grant Funding
Due Date: Applications must be received on or before Friday, Oct 31, 2008.

Summary:

This notice announces the availability of funds to replace the oldest and most heavily polluting diesel school buses in the state of Washington. Buses powered with 2-cycle engines will be the highest priority for receiving grant funds. **School districts receiving awards for replacement buses must place new buses in service by June 30, 2009.** The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) encourages all school districts to apply.

Funding:

The total funding for this opportunity is approximately \$350,000. Ecology will provide up to \$20,000 per school bus. Total awards per school district will range from \$20,000 to \$60,000. Funds must be used to pay for the replacement of school buses. Grant recipients may not use grant funds to pay for administrative expenses. Ecology intends to award funds to as many eligible school districts throughout the state of Washington as possible. Projects not funded initially due to a lack of funds may receive grant funds at a later date, if and when more funds become available.

Background:

To help school districts reduce students' exposure to diesel emissions, the Washington State Legislature provided funds to install retrofit emissions control technologies on the state's school bus fleet. However, many school buses are too old to accept emissions control technologies. This program provides an incentive for school districts to retire the oldest and most heavily polluting buses. By replacing old school buses, children will benefit greatly from substantially reduced emissions.

Overview of the Award Process:

After first identifying the oldest and most highly used school buses to be included in the program, Ecology will evaluate applications and prioritize them in the following order:

1. Oldest, 2-cycle diesel-powered school buses
2. Primary use vehicles
3. Oldest average fleet
4. School district reported number of students eligible for free and reduced lunch
5. School district reported percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch

To apply for this grant funding, applicants must:

- complete the application on page four (4), and
- provide information on those buses to be replaced using the form for listing diesel school buses (page five (5)) and the form for estimating costs of new buses (page six (6)).

If applicants choose to create their own spreadsheet, it must contain all the information from the form.

Ecology will notify those selected to receive grants via e-mail.

Overview of School Bus Replacement Process:

1. Ecology notifies school districts of grant awards
2. School districts order new school bus(es) as outlined in application
3. Upon delivery of new school buses, school districts will scrap old school bus(es)
4. School districts will provide written documentation to Ecology and to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction indicating the bus make, model year, vehicle identification number, and salvage yard receipts of those vehicles scrapped under the program.
5. School districts must also provide Ecology documentation of the purchase of the new bus(es)
6. Ecology will cost reimburse the school district for the school bus purchase(s)

The new school buses must be put into full service by June 30, 2009, and the old buses must be scrapped in a way that renders them unsuitable for rebuilding.

Eligible Applicants:

- School districts in Washington State may apply.

Eligible Vehicles:

- All model year 1988 and older diesel-fueled school buses (2-cycle engines receive first priority)
- Primary-use vehicles
- All vehicles must have current School Bus Operating Permit

Additional Replacement Requirements:

- **School districts must place new bus(es) in service by June 30, 2009.** .
- New school buses must meet or exceed EPA's 2007 engine emission standards.
- Old buses must be scrapped in a way that renders them unsuitable for rebuilding.



Air Quality Program
APPLICATION FOR
WASHINGTON STATE
SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT
GRANT

FOR Ecology Use Only Application # _____
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Grant Program Goal: Reduce harmful diesel emissions by replacing old, polluting diesel school buses with new school buses that meet 2007 engine standards.	
1). Applicant Name:	
Address:	Federal Tax Identification Number:
2). Applicant Authorized Signatory: <i>(person listed here must sign Section 8 of this application)</i> Name:	3). Applicant Staff Contact: Name:
Title:	Title:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:
4). Project Duration November 15, 2008 through June 30, 2009	
5). Eligible Applicants: Washington State School Districts	
6). Eligible Vehicles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All model year 1988 and older diesel-fueled school buses (2-cycle engines will receive first priority) • School bus to be replaced must be considered a primary-use vehicle • School bus to be replaced must have current School Bus Operating Permit 	
7). Additional Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New buses must have an operating permit-by June 30, 2009 • New buses must meet or exceed EPA's 2007 engine emission standards • Old school buses must be scrapped, and the engines rendered unusable 	
8). Certification and Agreement: The undersigned representative certifies that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they are authorized to submit this application. The applicant agrees that if a grant is awarded on the basis of this application or any revision or amendment of this application, it will comply with all applicable statutory provisions, and with the applicable terms, conditions, and procedures of the Department of Ecology grant regulations and of the grant agreement.	
_____ Signature of Authorized Signatory	_____ Date Signed
9). Application Deadline: Grant Applications, consisting of one hard-copy, original-signature application, must be received by Carrol Johnston, Program Contact, by 5:00 pm, Friday October 31, 2008. Send applications to:	
Department of Ecology, Air Quality Program 300 Desmond Drive (Overnight Mail or Hand-Delivery Address) PO Box 47600 (U.S. Postal Mailing Address) Lacey, WA 98504-7600 Attention: Carrol Johnston, Program Contact	

**Washington State
Department of Ecology
School Bus Replacement Grant**

New Bus # _____

Bus Mfr / Make	
Bus Eng Mfr / Make	
Bus Model	
Bus Category	
Estimated Cost of New Bus:	
• Ecology Grant Portion	\$
• School District Portion	\$
• Other (<i>identify</i> _____)	\$
Total Cost of New Bus	\$

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Application Submittal

Submit your complete application to:

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