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School Bus Replacement Program
GFO-17-607

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Agenda

• Introduction

• Eligibility Requirements

• Application Requirements

• Evaluation Process & Criteria

• Time Table

• Questions/Comments
• Funding: $75 million

• Eligible applicants: school districts and county offices of education (COE).

• Priority should be given to the oldest school buses, or school buses operating in disadvantaged communities and to schools that have a majority of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the prior year.

• Any school bus replaced shall be scrapped.
The Energy Commission adopted a resolution on April 8, 2015, to firmly commit to:

– Increase participation of women, minority, disabled veteran and LGBT business enterprises in program funding opportunities.
– Increase outreach and participation by disadvantaged communities.
– Increase diversity in participation at Energy Commission proceedings.
– Increase diversity in employment and promotional opportunities.
Fairness – Increase funding accessibility to all Californians.

Inclusion – Small businesses make up a significant portion of the U.S. economy.

Job Creation – Projects can create jobs for residents of the under-served communities.

Diversity of Ideas – Great ideas occur in a variety of areas.

Diversity in Communities’ Needs – Needs vary widely from one area to the next (air quality, socioeconomic, etc.).
• SB 110 Funds
  • EV School Buses $75 million

• Alternative and Renewable Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) Funds
  • CNG School Buses $3.7 million
  • CNG Fueling Infrastructure $2.4 million
  • EV Charging Infrastructure $13 million
• SB 110 funds for electric school buses awarded evenly among four regions in California:

1. Northern
2. Central
3. Southern
4. Los Angeles County

• Each region will receive $18.75 million to replace the oldest diesel buses in their individual regions.
Scenario A1

North
Average Daily Attendance: 1,514,697.72
# of Counties: 33

Central
Average Daily Attendance: 1,563,459.96
# of Counties: 20

Los Angeles
Average Daily Attendance: 1,468,193.96
# of Counties: 1

South
Average Daily Attendance: 1,405,004.18
# of Counties: 4
1. School bus replacement (2 phases)

- Phase 1: Solicit public school districts/COEs to establish a list of buses eligible for replacement based on applications received.

- Phase 2: Solicit manufacturers to design, construct, and deliver the replacement electric buses to school districts and COEs awarded in Phase 1. This phase is a separate competitive bus manufacturers solicitation planned for release in late 2018.
2. Provide fueling infrastructure to support awarded school buses.

3. Provide workforce training and development opportunities and resources to support electric school bus maintenance, charging, and operations.
California public school districts and county offices of education.

Private schools, public charter schools, joint powers authorities (JPAs), state special schools, private transportation companies and non-profit agencies are not eligible to apply.
Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Bus Replacement Types

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• Electric Buses, or (if necessary) CNG Buses
  • Type A
  • Type B
  • Type C
  • Type D
The bus replacement does not need to be “like for like replacement”.
Proposed projects must:

- Be for the purchase of new battery electric or CNG school bus(es).
- Replace diesel buses.
- Scrap and remove from services the old bus.
1. **Old School Bus Requirements:**
   - Be registered to a California public school district or COE;
   - Have a current CHP certification;
   - Have a current DMV registration;
   - Be type A, B, C or D diesel fueled school bus;
   - Be owned and operated by the school district/COE for a minimum of 1 year;
   - Be removed from service and scrapped within 12 months from delivery of new bus. Proof of scrappage will be required (Attachment 12); and
   - Not have been previously used to qualify for school bus replacement under another program or funding opportunity.
2. **New School Bus Requirements:**
   - Receive a CHP certification before bus is placed in service;
   - Be a current year model;
   - Be owned and operated by the grant recipient for a minimum of 3 years; and
   - Must be operated and maintained according to the manufacturer’s warranty specifications.
Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Costs Electric Bus

• Total cost of the bus as determined by the separate competitive bus manufacturers solicitation.

• Infrastructure funding up to $60,000 per bus.

• Access to workforce training.
Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Costs CNG Bus

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• Up to $165,000 in funding per CNG bus for a total maximum of $3.7 million.

• Potential infrastructure funding up to $500,000 per awardee for a total maximum of $2.4 million.
There is no match share requirement and applicants will not receive additional points for match funding in the evaluation phase.

However, there are opportunities to leverage funds. Examples include:

- Potential co-funding opportunities – California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP): [https://www.californiahvip.org/](https://www.californiahvip.org/).
- Check with local air districts for available local funds.
Application Requirements

- Application Form (Electric and CNG)
- Governing Board Resolution
- CHP Certification
- DMV Registration
- Route Profile (if applying for CNG school bus)
- What would cause an application to be rejected
- Quick Reference Guide
Additional information will be required of potential awardees once the final Notice of Proposed Awards (NOPA) is posted:

- CEQA Worksheet
- Localized Health Impacts (LHI) Information Form
- Scope of Work (SOW)
- Utility Data Release Authorization and Facility and Service Account Information Form
Administrative Screening:

- Application was received by due date and time.
- Application was signed.
- No statements in the application contrary to the required authorizations and certifications.
Technical Screening:

- The applicant is eligible.
- The project is eligible.
## Evaluation Process and Criteria

### Scoring Criteria

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<td>Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities</td>
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<td>Free and Reduced Price Meals</td>
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Evaluation Process and Criteria

**Funding**

- **Electric**
  - School Bus Purchase: $75 million (Prop 39)
  - School Bus Infrastructure: $13 million (ARFVTP)

- **CNG**
  - School Bus Purchase: $3.7 million (ARFVTP)
  - School Bus Infrastructure: $2.4 million (ARFVTP)
Evaluation Process and Criteria

Ranking

Applicants will compete by region. (Northern, Central, Southern, and Los Angeles County)

Buses will be listed in ranked order by final score.

Tie breaker:
- Age of buses
- Free and Reduced Price Meal
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Objective tiebreaker
Evaluation Process and Criteria

Two NOPAs

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- Initial Notice of Proposed Awards (NOPA):
  - Ranks applicants and bus replacements requested.
  - No specific funding amount.
  - Proposals are no longer confidential.

  Funding amount determined by a separate competitive manufacturers solicitation (released date, late 2018).

- Final NOPA:
  - Identifies funding amount and which bus replacements will be proposed for funding.
Evaluation Process and Criteria

**Develop Agreements**

- Document Development
  - CEQA
  - Localized Health Impacts (LHI) Information Form
  - Scope of Work (SOW)
  - Utility Data Release and Information

- Business Meeting Approval

- Document Execution
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<td><strong>Deadline to Submit Applications by 5:00 p.m.</strong></td>
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Questions and Answers

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Deadline to submit questions is June 15, 2018
5:00 PM PDT!