Ohio Diesel Mitigation Trust Grant Program
New Grant Awards December 2019

From the 2019 application cycle, the review committee of ODOT and Ohio EPA representatives reviewed 46 applications requesting approximately $16 million. Projects were ranked based on the cost effectiveness of the estimated reductions in emissions of nitrogen oxides and other pollutants, with consideration to maintaining sector and geographic diversity statewide. The following 41 grant awards are awarded, for a total of $12,975,425. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of more than 49.8 tons of nitrogen oxides and 23.3 tons of other pollutants (fine particulates, carbon monoxide, and hydrocarbons) to assist Ohio counties in meeting and maintaining federal air quality standards. These emission reduction benefits will compound every year that these fleets remain in service. These grants are supported with funds allocated to Ohio under the VW State Beneficiary Trust Agreement, as a result of enforcement action by U.S. EPA and the State of California.

$4,116,236 for School Bus Replacement Projects
These 17 grants will replace 132 old diesel school buses, with 6 propane, 6 compressed natural gas and 120 new clean diesel school buses.

**Black River Local Schools**, Medina and Lorain Counties, $69,552 for 25% of the cost to replace three model year 2002-2003 diesel powered school buses with three model year 2021 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190716-000015. Contact: Chris Clark, cclark@blrvrv.org or (419) 736-3300.

**Boardman Local Schools**, Mahoning County, $75,000 for 20.8% of the cost to replace four model year 2004-2006 diesel powered school bus with four model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school bus, #190730-000010. Contact: Ryan Dunn, ryan.dunn@boardmanschools.org or (330) 726-3409.

**Centerville City Schools**, Montgomery County, $206,000 for 20% of the cost to replace 10 model year 2005-2007 diesel powered school buses with 10 model year 2021 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190802-000038. Contact: Andrew Grasty, andrew.grasty@centerville.k12.oh.us or (937) 885-7776.
Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District, Geauga and Cuyahoga Counties, $61,875 for 25% of the cost to replace 3 model year 2004-2007 diesel powered school buses with 3 model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190802-000039. Contact: Michael Morgan, mike.morgan@chagrinschools.org or (440) 893-4055.

City of Tallmadge, Portage and Summit Counties, $51,272 for 50% of the cost to replace one model year 1996 diesel powered school bus with one model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school bus, # 190801-000032. Contact: Mike Rorar, mrorar@tallmadge-ohio.org or (330) 633-0854.

Crestwood Local School District, Portage County, $84,580 for 48% of the cost to replace two model year 2001 and 2003 diesel powered school buses with two model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190801-000008. Contact: Sharon Dove, sdove@crestwoodschools.org or (330) 357-8207.

Deer Park Community School District, Hamilton County, $78,749 for 25% of the cost to replace three model year 2000-2007 diesel powered school buses with three model year 2019 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190801-000038. Contact: Jeff Lewis, lewis.j@dpccsd.org or (513) 936-5933.

Dublin City Schools, Franklin County, $369,500 for 25% of the cost to replace 14 model year 2006-2007 diesel powered school buses with 6 model year 2020 CNG powered school buses and 8 model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190801-000034. Contact: Amy Salay, salay_amy@dublinschools.net or (614) 760-4504.

East Cleveland City Schools, Cuyahoga County, $82,000 for 25% of the cost to replace 4 model year 1998-2000 diesel powered school buses with 4 model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190731-000004. Contact: Alan Wolf, awolf@eastclevelandschools.org or (216) 268-6586.

Firelands Local Schools, Lorain County, $129,417 for 25% of the cost to replace 6 model year 2005-2008 diesel powered school buses with 6 model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190802-000037. Contact: Milton Sayler, msayler@firelandsschools.org or (440) 965-4105.

James A Garfield Local Schools, Portage County, $50,000 for 28.2% of the cost to replace two model year 1999 and 2003 diesel powered school buses with two model year 2019 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190801-000000. Contact: Ted Lysiak, tlysiak@jagschools.org or (330) 527-4336.
Manchester Local Schools, Summit County, $50,103 for 25% of the cost to replace two model year 2000 and 2006 diesel powered school buses with two model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190712-000018. Contact: James Robinson, james.robinson@manchester-panthers.org or (330) 882-6926.

Mason City Schools, Warren County, $488,510 for 25% of the cost to replace 22 model year 2005-2006 diesel powered school buses with 22 model year 2021-2023 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190802-000045. Contact: Carolyn Thornton, thornton@masonohioschools.com or (513) 398-6682.

Ross Local Schools, Butler County, $66,300 for 23% of the cost to replace 3 model year 2000-2003 diesel powered school buses with 3 model year 2019 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190725-000014. Contact: Peggy Lehmann, peggy.lehmann@rossrams.com or (513) 738-2900.

Southwest Local Schools, Butler and Hamilton Counties, $99,773 for 25% of the cost to replace 4 model year 1996-2008 diesel powered school buses with 4 model year 2020 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190801-000042. Contact: Adam Lohbeck, adam.lohbeck@southwestschools.org or (513) 738-2900.

Springboro Community City School District, Montgomery and Warren Counties, $153,669 for 40% of the cost to replace 4 model year 2000-2001 diesel powered school buses with 4 model year 2019 new clean diesel powered school buses, #190718-000006. Contact: Terrah Floyd, tfloyd@springboro.org or (937) 748-3960.

Stark County Educational Service Center, on behalf of multiple school districts in Stark and Tuscarawas Counties, $1,999,936 for 49.3% of the cost to replace 45 model year 1998-2009 diesel powered school buses with 39 model year 2019-2021 new clean diesel powered school buses and 6 model year 2021 propane school buses, #190719-000020. Contact: Douglas Neading, d.neading@svlocal.org or (330) 209-8507.

$3,571,184 for Transit Bus Replacement Projects

These 5 grants will replace 19 old transit buses with 1 propane, 10 electric and 8 new clean diesel transit buses.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority, Montgomery County, $960,000 for 23.8% of the cost to replace 8 model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with 8 model year 2020 new clean diesel powered transit buses, #190731-000003. Contact: Robert Ruzinsky, bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org or (937) 425-8360.

Laketran, Lake County, $1,575,000 for 31.3% of the cost to replace six model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with six model year 2021 all-electric transit buses, #190730-000000. Contact: Andrea Aaby, aaaby@laketran.com or (440) 350-1022.
METRO Regional Transit Authority, Summit County, $590,500 for 30.8% of the cost to replace two model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with two model year 2021 all-electric transit buses, #190802-000040. Contact: Matthew Mullen, matthew.mullen@akronmetro.org or (330) 564-2222.

Ottawa County Transit Board, Erie, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties, $83,877 for 65% of the cost to replace one model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with one model year 2019 propane powered transit bus, #190730-000004. Contact: Laurie Cleaver, lcleaver@octapublictransit.org or (567) 262-3161.

Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, Lucas County, $361,807 for 75% of the cost to replace two model year 2008 and 2009 diesel powered transit buses with two model year 2019 electric powered transit buses, #190802-000041. Contact: Sean Smith, ssmith@tarta.com or (419) 245-5217.

$598,335 for Class 4-7 Trucks
These grants will replace 14 class 4-7 diesel trucks with 14 new clean diesel trucks.

Heidelberg Distributing Company, Butler and Hamilton Counties, $46,439 for 20% of the cost to replace 3 model year 1999 diesel powered local freight trucks with 3 model year 2020 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190802-000042. Contact: Toby Coston, toby.coston@heidelbergdistributing.com or (513) 421-5000.

Lake County Commissioners, Lake County, $200,467 for 75% of the cost to replace 4 model year 2001-2008 Class 4-7 diesel powered local freight trucks with 4 model year 2020 Class 4-7 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190801-000002. Contact: John Thrower, john.thrower@lakecountyohio.gov or (440) 350-2634.

Medina County Sanitary Engineers, Medina County, $65,000 for 24.9% of the cost to replace two model year 2000 and 2009 diesel powered local freight trucks with two model year 2020 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190712-000024. Contact: Jeremy Sinko, jsinko@medinaco.org or (330) 764-8331.

Monroe Township, Clermont County, $75,000 for 54.1% of the cost to replace one model year 2003 diesel powered local freight truck with one model year 2019 new clean diesel powered local freight truck, #190801-000036. Contact: Dani Speigel, dspeigel@monroetwp-oh.gov or (513) 734-6462.

Munson Township, Geauga County, $35,990 for 25% of the cost to replace one model year 1994 diesel powered local freight truck with one model year 2020 new clean diesel powered local freight truck, #190723-000028. Contact: Irene McMullen, imcmullen@munsontwp.com or (440) 796-6825.
Sagamore Hills Township, Summit County, $154,870 for 50% of the cost to replace two model year 1998 and 2000 diesel powered local freight trucks with two model year 2020 new clean diesel powered local freight truck, #190730-000007. Contact: William Cuprak, roads@mysagamorehills.com or (330) 467-0900.

Sandusky County Engineers Office, Sandusky County, $20,569 for 25% of the cost to replace 1 model year 1999 Class 4-7 diesel powered local freight truck with 1 model year 2021 Class 4-7 new clean diesel powered local freight truck, #190802-000030. Contact: Chad Fisher, cfisher@co.sandusky.oh.us or (419) 334-9731.

$3,173,683 for Class 8 Trucks
These grants will replace 81 class 8 diesel trucks with 10 compressed natural gas trucks and 71 new clean diesel trucks.

Brunswick Hills Township, Medina County, $50,000 for 32.5% of the cost to replace one model year 1995 Class 8 diesel powered local freight truck with one model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight truck, #190726-000001. Contact: John Witthuhn, jwitthuhn@brunswickhillstwp.org or (216) 470-0652.

Butler County Engineers, Butler County, $75,568 for 25% of the cost to replace three model year 1998 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with three model year 2019 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190708-000023. Contact: Scott Bressler, bresslers@bceo.org or (513) 678-6330.

City of Akron, Ohio, Summit County, $272,995 for 50% of the cost to replace three model year 2002 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with three model year 2019 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190802-000029. Contact: Jim Hall, jhall@akronohio.gov or (330) 375-2834.

City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities, Franklin County, $83,091 for 25% of the cost to replace two model year 2008-2009 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with two model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190802-000043. Contact: Jason Smith, irsmith@columbus.gov or (614) 724-0128.

City of Tallmadge, Portage and Summit Counties, $42,278 for 25% of the cost to replace one model year 1992 Class 8 diesel powered local freight truck with one model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight truck, # 190801-000032. Contact: Mike Rorar, mrorar@tallmadge-ohio.org or (330) 633-0854.

Clermont County Board of Commissioners, Clermont County, $100,000 for 24% of the cost to replace three model year 2006-2009 Class 8 diesel powered local freight
trucks with three model year 2021 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190801-000033. Contact: Bobby Connor, bconnor@clermontcountyohio.gov or (513) 748-4580.

**Erie County Engineer’s Office**, Erie County, $72,584 for 33.3% of the cost to replace one model year 2001 Class 8 diesel powered local freight truck with one model year 2019 or 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight truck, #190801-000003. Contact: Matt Rogers, mrogers@eriecounty.oh.gov or (419) 627-7711.

**Estes Express Lines**, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Geauga, Lake, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Medina, Ottawa, Portage, Sandusky, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull Counties; $447,975 for 25% of the cost to replace 18 model year 2004-2006 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with 18 model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190801-000037. Contact: Willard Bristow, willard.bristow@estes-express.com or (804) 353-1900.

**Heidelberg Distributing Company**, Butler and Hamilton Counties, $75,083 for 20% of the cost to replace 4 model year 1994-1997 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with 4 model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190802-000042. Contact: Toby Coston, toby.coston@heidelbergdistributing.com or (513) 421-5000.

**Lake County Commissioners**, Lake County, $746,958 for 72.3% of the cost to replace 5 model year 2007-2009 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with 5 model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190801-000002. Contact: John Thrower, john.thrower@lakecountyohio.gov or (440) 350-2634.

**Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission**, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lorain, Mahoning, Portage, Sandusky, Summit, and Trumbull Counties; $375,000 for 10.7% of the cost to replace 15 model year 2009 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with 15 model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190802-000024. Contact: Bryan Emery, bryan.emery@ohioturnpike.org or (440) 971-2022.

**R+L Transfer, Inc.**, Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Hamilton Counties; $378,901 for 25% of the cost to replace 13 model year 1999-2005 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with 13 model year 2020 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight trucks, #190802-000028. Contact: Kevin Cogswell, kevin.cogswell@rlcarriers.com or (800) 543-5589.

**Sandusky County Engineers Office**, Sandusky County, $53,250 for 25% of the cost to replace 2 model year 2007 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with 2 model year
2021 Class 8 new clean diesel powered local freight, #190802-000030. Contact: Chad Fisher, cfisher@co.sandusky.oh.us or (419) 334-9731.

Waste Management of Ohio, Inc., Geauga County; $400,000 for 11.3% of the cost to replace 10 model year 2005-2008 Class 8 diesel powered local freight trucks with 10 model year 2020 Class 8 CNG powered local freight trucks, #190801-000040. Contact: Rich Warzecha, rwarzecha@wm.com or (866) 797-9018.

$373,939 for Airport Ground Support Equipment
This grant will replace two pieces of gasoline and diesel equipment with all-electric.

Columbus Regional Airport Authority, Franklin County, $373,939 for 75% of the cost to replace two model year 1987-1988 pieces of gasoline and diesel-powered airport ground support equipment with two model year 2020 pieces of all-electric airport ground support equipment, #190802-000026. Contact: Jay Stowe, JStowe@ColumbusAirports.com or (614) 239-4023.

$1,142,048 for Switcher Locomotives
This grant will replace one diesel-powered locomotive with all-electric.

Midwest Terminals of Toledo, Lucas County, $1,142,048 for 75% of the cost to replace one model year 1956 diesel-powered freight switcher locomotive with one model year 2019 electric freight switcher locomotive, #190801-000039. Contact: Sara Blakely, sara.blakely@mwtti.com or (419) 897-6868.

The next DMTF grant application opportunity is expected to open on June 1, 2020, with applications due no later than 3:00 p.m. on August 7, 2020. The Request for Proposals will be posted at https://epa.ohio.gov/hee/#131365122-vw-mitigation-grants

For more information on Ohio’s Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund grants and to be placed on Ohio EPA’s Interested Party list, contact:

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