



**EPA CLEAN  
SCHOOL BUS**

# **EPA's Clean School Bus Program**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Mid-Atlantic Region

# Clean School Bus (CSB) Program: Ethics Disclaimer

*This presentation aims to provide information related to the Clean School Bus Program. EPA does not endorse any specific companies or products by allowing external parties to present at Clean School Bus Program events. The presenters at this event are not intended to be a comprehensive list of companies or products related to the Clean School Bus Program.*

*Mention of or referral to commercial products or services, and/or links to non-EPA sites does not imply official EPA endorsement of or responsibility for the opinions, ideas, data, or products presented at those locations, or guarantee the validity of the information provided. Mention of commercial products/services on non-EPA websites is provided solely as a pointer to information on topics related to environmental protection that may be useful to EPA staff and the public.*

# Overview of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Clean School Bus Program

---

Under **Title XI: Clean School Buses and Ferries**, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides **\$5 billion** over five years (FY22-26) for the replacement of existing school buses with zero-emission and clean school buses.

---

These new clean school bus replacements will produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors.

---

School bus upgrades funded under this program will result in cleaner air on the bus, in bus loading areas, and in the communities in which they operate.

---

The first funding opportunity was the **2022 Clean School Bus Rebates**. The second funding opportunity is the **2023 Clean School Bus Grant competition**. EPA anticipates opening another rebate program in the fall of 2023.

---



# CSB Rebates vs. CSB Grants

While both grants and rebates provide selectees with award funds **prior** to purchasing eligible buses and infrastructure, there are a few differences between these types of funding programs:

	<b>Rebates</b>	<b>Grants</b>
<b>Application Process</b>	Quick and simple	Longer, more detailed
<b>Selection Process</b>	Random number generated lottery process	Evaluation of application materials and scoring criteria
<b>Project period, support, flexibility, and duration</b>	Shorter project period; less support during the project; less flexibility in funding provided to applicants	Longer project period; may offer more support for recipients during the project; more flexibility in funding and timing of the project, such as longer project periods to complete the project.

EPA encourages school districts to consider which competition structure (grants or rebates) best suits their needs.

# 2023 CSB Grant Program: Overview



---

EPA anticipates awarding approximately **\$400 million** in CSB funding under this FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

---

This NOFO **includes two sub-programs**, one for school district and Tribal applicants (School District Sub-Program) and one for third-party applicants (Third-Party Sub-Program).

---

Eligible activities include the replacement of existing internal-combustion engine (ICE) school buses with electric, propane, or compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses, as well as the purchase and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure.

---

EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, Tribal school districts funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or those receiving basic support payments for students living on Tribal land, and rural areas.

EPA is committed to ensuring the CSB Program delivers on the **Justice40 Initiative to ensure that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.**

# 2023 CSB Grant Program: Next Steps



1. Read the [2023 CSB Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)



2. Visit [EPA's Clean School Bus Website](#) for Tools and Resources, and to review the [Questions and Answers](#) posted on June 5<sup>th</sup>



3. Register your Organization with [Grants.gov](#) and [SAM.gov](#)



4. Prepare Application Package, and submit any questions to [cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov)



5. Submit Application Package on [Grants.gov](#) by **August 22nd at 11:59PM ET**

# 2023 CSB Grant Program: Important Dates

<b>April 24, 2023</b>	<b>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Opens</b>
<b>May – August 2023</b>	<b>Various EPA Webinars on CSB Grant Program</b> <i>More information can be found on the <a href="http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus">www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus</a> website under the 'Webinars' section. The next listening session is Wednesday, June 21 at 1 p.m. (ET).</i>
<b>August 9, 2023</b>	<b>Final Date to Submit Questions</b> ( <a href="mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov">cleanschoolbus@epa.gov</a> )
<b>August 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. (ET)</b>	<b>NOFO Closes – Application Deadline</b> <i>Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through <a href="http://www.grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> (<a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>) no later than Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) in order to be considered for funding.</i>
<b>November 2023 to January 2024</b>	<b>Anticipated Notification of Selection</b>
<b>February to March 2024</b>	<b>Anticipated Awards</b>





**EPA CLEAN  
SCHOOL BUS**

## **EPA Mid-Atlantic Region - Clean School Bus Team:**

Michelle Moyer (Team Lead) - [Moyer.Michelle@epa.gov](mailto:Moyer.Michelle@epa.gov)

Kelsey Mattola - [Mattola.Kelsey@epa.gov](mailto:Mattola.Kelsey@epa.gov)

Sydney Stern - [Stern.Sydney@epa.gov](mailto:Stern.Sydney@epa.gov)

Emily Sapio - [Sapio.Emily@epa.gov](mailto:Sapio.Emily@epa.gov)

**CSB Helpline: [cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov)**