



Ohio's Clean Diesel School Bus Fund New Grants Awarded, December 2014



For the fall 2014 grant cycle, Ohio EPA awarded eight new grants to school districts for a total of \$240,588.91. These grants will install pollution control equipment onto 58 diesel school buses, and idle reduction technology on 53 school buses. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will reduce air pollution emissions by nearly three tons a year: 194.2 pounds of particulates, 2,291.4 pounds of carbon monoxide, 2,466.0 pounds of nitrogen oxides, and 453.6 pounds of hydrocarbons. These benefits will compound every year that the buses remain in service.

School bus retrofit grants are designed to protect schoolchildren and school bus drivers from the harmful pollutants in diesel exhaust. Projects are supported with funding from civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for violations of Ohio's environmental protection laws, and a federal grant awarded to Ohio EPA from USEPA under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. Since this grant program began in 2006, Ohio EPA has awarded more than \$8.3 million to install pollution control equipment on 2,615 school buses statewide, install idle reduction equipment onto 1001 buses, and remove more than 203 tons of pollutants from the air. The next grant application deadline will be March 1, 2015.

New grant recipients this cycle include:

Alexander Local Schools, Athens County, \$13,376 to install emission control equipment on eight buses. #2015F-001. Contact: Dan Phillips, (740) 698-8831 ext. 41 or dphillips@alexanderschools.org

Crestwood Local Schools, Portage County, \$20,598 to install anti-idling equipment on six buses. # B2015F-007. Contact: Bill Andexler, (330) 357-8207 ext. 6051 or bandexler@crestwoodschools.org.

Lima City Schools, Allen County, \$11,662 to install emission control equipment on seven buses. #B2015F-008. Contact: Tim Haller, (419) 996-3454 or thaller@limacityschools.org

Maple Heights City Schools, Cuyahoga County, \$78,858.91 to install emission control equipment on 17 buses and anti-idling equipment on 17 buses. #B2015F-006. Contact: Charinita McDonald, (216) 510-6412 or Charinita.mcdonald@mapleschools.com

Norwalk City Schools, Huron County, \$14,457 to install emission control equipment on nine buses. #B2015F-004. Contact: Dustin Brown, (419) 660-1822 or brownd@norwalktruckers.net

Sandusky City Schools, Erie County, \$73,622.70 to install anti-idling equipment on 30 buses. #B2015F-002. Contact: Ted Peters, (419) 984-1331 or Tpeters@scs-k12.net

Shawnee Local Schools, Allen County, \$13,346 to install emission control equipment on eight buses. #B2015F-005. Contact: Mike Wilson, (419) 998-8052 or mikew@limashawnee.com

Springfield Local Schools, Lucas County, \$14,668 to install emission control equipment on nine buses, #B2015F-003. Contact Nick Liggett, (419) 867-5612 or nickliggett@sismail.net

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