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Ohio EPA Awards 27 Emissions Reduction Grants For Local School Districts to Retrofit School Buses

Children in 27 Ohio school districts and County developmental disability programs will benefit from Ohio EPA grants awarded to install pollution control equipment on 267 school buses and idle reduction technology on 132 buses.

The grants are funded through two resources including U.S. EPA clean diesel grants to the state, and civil penalties collected from violations of Ohio's environmental laws.

A total of \$750,875 was awarded to help reduce exposure to diesel exhaust. The equipment is expected to eliminate 7,857 pounds of small particle pollution, 131,087 pounds of carbon monoxide, 6,346 pounds of nitrogen oxides and 27,544 pounds of hydrocarbons per year.

Schools receiving funding include:

- **Adams County/Ohio Valley Schools**, Adams County, \$16,912 to retrofit 16 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-015. Contact: Larry Bennington, larry.bennington@ovsd.us or 937-587-2761.
- **Bedford City Schools**, Cuyahoga County, \$51,560 to retrofit 22 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and closed crankcase filter systems, #B2011S-048. Contact: Brian Prochazka, bprochazka@bedford.k12.oh.us or 440-439-4234.
- **Bridgeport Exempted Village Schools**, Belmont County, \$85,524.66 to retrofit 7 buses with diesel particulate filters and closed crankcase filter systems, and install idle reduction equipment onto 8 buses, #B2011S-035. Contact: Edward Minor, Ed.minor@omeresa.net or 740-635-0853, ext. 4200.
- **Brown Local Schools**, Carroll County, \$23,040 to retrofit four buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, and install idle reduction equipment onto eight buses, #B2011S-030. Contact: Rodney Wise, wiser@brownlocalschools.com or 330-863-1355, ext. 225.

- **Centerville City Schools**, Montgomery County, \$19,608.76 to retrofit 19 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-018. Contact: Chuck Walk, Chuck.Walk@centerville.k12.oh.us or 937-885-7776.
- **Clinton-Massie Local Schools**, Clinton County, \$6,342 to retrofit six buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-019. Contact: James Reveal, jreveal@clinton-massie.k12.oh.us or 937-289-2649.
- **Eastern Local Schools**, Brown County, \$19,026.99 to retrofit 18 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-033. Contact: Danny Jodrey, Danny.jodrey@eb.k12.oh.us or 937-378-3981.
- **Eaton Community City Schools**, Preble County, \$15,480 to retrofit 15 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-026. Contact: Karen Jefferson, kjefferson@eaton.k12.oh.us or 937-456-4330.
- **Elgin Local Schools**, Marion County, \$45,755.36 to retrofit six buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and install idle reduction equipment onto 14 buses, #B2011S-042. Contact: Tom Myers, 740-387-3921 or Kim Reynolds, Reynolds-K@Elginschools.org or 740-382-1101.
- **Euclid City Schools**, Cuyahoga County, \$42,147 to install idle reduction equipment onto 21 buses, #B2011S-027. Contact: Dan Dodson, ddodson@euclid.k12.oh.us or 216-797-7601.
- **Fairless Local Schools**, Stark County, \$38,340 to install idle reduction equipment onto 18 buses, #B2011S-021. Contact: Valerie Wiles, Wiles_v@falcon.stark.k12.oh.us or 330-767-4259.
- **Heath City Schools**, Licking County, \$8,656 to retrofit eight buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-032. Contact: Bradley T. Hall, bhall@laca.org or 740-522-5724.
- **Holmes County Board of Developmental Disabilities**, Holmes County, \$29,430 to retrofit four buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, and install idle reduction equipment onto 11 buses, #B2011S-023. Contact: Dave Gerber, dgerber@holmesdd.org or 330-674-8045.
- **Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities**, Jefferson County, \$61,445.60 to retrofit two buses with diesel particulate filters and closed crankcase filter systems, and six buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and closed crankcase filter systems, #B2011S-036. Contact: Mike Zinno, mzinno@jcbdd.com or 740-264-7176, ext. 1103.

- **Kent City Schools**, Portage County, \$14,798 to retrofit 14 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-044. Contact: Rick Lewis, ke_rlewis@kentschools.net or 330-676-7690.
- **Liberty Local Schools**, Trumbull County, \$32,224 to retrofit 17 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, and install idle reduction equipment onto six buses. #B2011S-047. Contact: Charles Cera, Charles.cera@neomin.org or 330-759-7450.
- **Loveland City Schools**, Hamilton County, \$23,737 to retrofit 23 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-034. Contact: Sue Beamer, beamers@lovelandschools.org or 513-683-3103.
- **Manchester Local Schools**, Summit County, \$36,106.70 to retrofit six buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and closed crankcase filter systems, and eight buses with closed crankcase filter systems and idle reduction equipment, #B2011S-028. Contact: Pat Boyd, Patrick.Boyd@manchester-panthers.org or 330-882-3184.
- **Minerva Local Schools**, Stark County, \$14,910 to install idle reduction equipment onto seven buses, #B2011S-037. Contact: Larry Pottorf, pottorl@minerva.sparcc.org or 330-868-6293.
- **Ontario Local Schools**, Richland County, \$9,738 to retrofit nine buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-043. Contact: Pat Duffner, duffner.pat@ontarioschools.org or 419-529-3814.
- **Salem City Schools**, Columbiana County, \$20,550 to retrofit six buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and idle reduction equipment, #B2011S-045. Contact: Thomas Mather, MatherT@saalem.k12.oh.us or 330-332-2321.
- **South Range Local Schools**, Mahoning County, \$51,725 to retrofit 13 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and install idle reduction equipment onto 16 buses, #B2011S-038. Contact: Paul Cubick, pcubick@southrange.org or 330-549-4086.
- **Swanton Local Schools**, Fulton County, \$5,964.26 to retrofit seven buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-020. Contact: Jason Divoll, Jason.divoll@swantonschools.org or 419-826-8891.
- **United Local Schools**, Columbiana County, \$37,000 to retrofit eight buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and install idle reduction equipment onto 12 buses, #B2011S-049. Contact: Kerry Beeson, Kerry.beeson@united.k12.oh.us or 330-223-1521.

- **Urbana City Schools**, Champaign County, \$28,019.55 to retrofit 11 buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and install idle reduction equipment onto nine buses, #B2011S-017. Contact: Marty Hess, hessma@urbana.k12.oh.us or 937-653-1411.
- **West Liberty-Salem Local Schools**, Champaign County, \$3,096 to retrofit three buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-041. Contact: Linda Harr, lharr@wlstigers.org or 937-465-1141.
- **Wilmington City Schools**, Clinton County, \$9,738 to retrofit nine buses with diesel oxidation catalysts, #B2011S-024. Contact: Curt Bone, curt.bone@wilmington.k12.oh.us or 937-283-7500.

Ohio EPA created the Clean Diesel School Bus Fund in 2006 to encourage schools to install pollution controls on diesel school buses, and use cleaner fuel to reduce air emissions and improve air quality. Ohio EPA has awarded nearly \$7 million to retrofit 2,305 school buses, removing nearly 116 tons of pollutants from the air. The next grant application deadline is September 1, 2011.

Priority is given to applicants from school districts in areas that do not meet federal air quality standards for fine particulates, and districts that employ additional measures such as anti-idling programs to reduce emissions from school bus fleets.

Retrofitting school buses reduces fine particle pollution in diesel exhaust by between 20 and 90 percent, depending on the type of control equipment installed. Fine particles, known as particulates, can lodge deeply in the lungs and aggravate respiratory conditions such as asthma and bronchitis. Because children's respiratory systems are under development, they are most susceptible to the health impacts from this type of air pollution.

[Applications](#) can be found online and more information is available from the Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873.