



Ohio Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program New Grant Awards Fall 2017

From the September 2017 application cycle, the review committee of ODOT and Ohio EPA representatives reviewed seven transit project applications requesting more than \$11 million. Based on the total cost-effectiveness of the proposed projects in reducing diesel emissions, the following 6 grants are awarded for a total of \$10,396,839.72. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of more than 10 tons of air pollutants (fine particulates and nitrogen oxides) 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 federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds allocated to Ohio by the Federal Highway Administration, which must issue a formal eligibility determination for each project.

Transit Bus Replacement Projects Funded:

Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), Franklin County, \$2,000,000.00 to replace five model year 2005 diesel powered transit buses with five new CNG powered transit buses, #D18F-006, PID #106796. Contact: Lee Jackson, JacksonCL@cota.com or 614-308-4234.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), Cuyahoga County, \$1,994,288.26 to replace six model year 2003 diesel powered transit buses with six new CNG powered transit buses, #D18F-002, PID #106792. Contact: Ronald Baron, rbaron@gcрта.org, 216-421-2160.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA), Montgomery County, \$1,805,440.00 to replace five model year 2007 diesel powered transit buses with five new diesel powered transit buses, #D18F-001, PID #106791. Contact: Robert Ruzinsky, bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org or 937-425-8360.

Lake Transit Authority (LAKETRAN), Lake County, \$1,992,911.46 to replace four model year 2004 diesel powered transit buses with four new diesel powered transit buses, #D18F-004, PID #106793. Contact: Terri Goodson, tgoodson@laketrان.com or 440-350-1007.

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), Hamilton County, \$1,135,725.60 to replace four model year 2004 diesel powered transit buses with four new diesel powered transit buses, #D18F-007, PID #106797. Contact: John Gardocki, jgardocki@go-metro.com or 513-632-7572.

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA), Stark County, \$1,468,474.40 partial funding to replace one model year 2002 diesel powered transit bus with one new hydrogen powered transit bus, and to replace one model year 2004 diesel powered transit bus with one new CNG powered transit bus, #D18F-005, PID #106795. Contact: Mark Finnicum, mfinnicum@sartaonline.com or 330-430-2276.

The next DERG grant application deadline is expected to be in the fall of 2018. The Request for Proposals will be posted at <http://epa.ohio.gov/oe/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx#131364252-diesel-emissionreduction-grants>.

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