



Ohio Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program New Grant Awards December 2020

From the September 2020 application cycle, the review committee of ODOT and Ohio EPA representatives reviewed eight transit project applications requesting nearly \$11 million. Based on the total cost-effectiveness of the proposed projects in reducing diesel emissions, the following eight grants are awarded for a total of \$9,981,290.16 to replace 40 aging diesel transit buses. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of more than six 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 transit buses 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, \$1,888,867.20 for 80% of the cost to replace four model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with four new CNG powered transit buses, #D21F-006, PID #114449. Contact: Kevin Dinan, dinanka@cota.com or 614-275-5926.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), Cuyahoga County, \$1,968,346.58 for 61% of the cost to replace six model year 2005 diesel powered transit buses with six new CNG powered transit buses, #D21F-002, PID #114451. Contact: Daniel Dietrich, ddietrich@gcrtcra.org, 216-356-3370.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA), Montgomery County, \$793,286.40 for 80% of the cost to replace two model year 2010 diesel powered transit buses with two new diesel powered transit buses, #D21F-005, PID #114456. Contact: Bob Ruzinsky, bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org or 937-425-8360.

Lake Transit Authority (LAKETRAN), Lake County, \$996,249.60 for 80% of the cost to replace nine model year 2015 diesel powered transit buses with nine new propane powered transit buses, #D21F-001, PID #114455. Contact: Andrea Aaby, aaaby@laketrans.com or 440-350-1022.

METRO Regional Transit Authority (METRO), Summit County, \$854,521.60 for 80% of the cost to replace two model year 2010 diesel powered transit buses with two new CNG powered transit buses, #D21F-007, PID #114452. Contact: Jarrod Hampshire, jarrod.hampshire@akronmetro.org, 330-762-7267, ext. 3082.

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA), Portage County, \$722,876.40 for 60% of the cost to replace two model year 2002-2005 diesel powered transit bus with two new CNG powered transit buses, #D21F-008, PID#114450. Contact: Ashley Boyd, aboyd@partaonline.org or 330-678-7745 ext. 110.

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), Hamilton County, \$1,926,223.20 for 60% of the cost to replace six model year 2009 diesel powered transit buses with six new diesel powered transit buses, #D21F-004, PID #114454. Contact: Mary Huller, mhuller@go-metro.com or 513-632-7533.

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA), Stark County, \$830,919.18 for 78% of the cost to replace seven model year 2014-2015 diesel powered transit buses with seven new CNG powered transit buses, #D21F-003, PID #114453. Contact: Debbie Swickard, dswickard@sartaonline.com or 330-956-7903.

The next DERG grant application deadline is expected to be in the fall of 2021. The Request for Proposals will be posted at <http://epa.ohio.gov/oe/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx#131364252-diesel-emissionreduction-grants>.

For more information on Ohio's Diesel Emission Reduction Grants and to be placed on Ohio EPA's Interested Party list, contact:

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