



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



For the spring 2014 grant cycle, Ohio EPA awarded seven new grants to school districts for a total of \$270,648.70. These grants will install pollution control equipment onto 37 diesel school buses, and idle reduction technology on 82 school buses. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will reduce air pollution emissions by nearly three tons a year: 188.8 pounds of particulates, 1,626.6 pounds of carbon monoxide, 3,826.4 pounds of nitrogen oxides, and 321.8 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. Since this grant program began in 2006, Ohio EPA has awarded more than \$8.1 million to install pollution control equipment on 2,557 school buses statewide, install idle reduction equipment onto 948 buses, and remove more than 140 tons of pollutants from the air. The next grant application deadline will be September 1, 2014.

New grant recipients this cycle include:

Blanchester Local School District, Clinton County, \$14,823 to install emission control equipment on nine buses. #2014S-008. Contact: Barbara Prater, (937) 783-3714 or praterb@blan.org.

Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland County, \$70,938 to install emission control equipment on eight buses and anti-idling equipment on 21 buses. #B2014S-004. Contact: Kelly Stanford, (419) 886-3491 or stanfordk@clearfork.k12.oh.us.

Crestwood Local School District, Portage County, \$24,587.20 to install anti-idling equipment on seven buses. # B2014S-009. Contact: Bill Andexler, (330) 357-8207 ext. 6051 or bandexler@crestwoodschools.org.

Dover City Schools, Tuscarawas County, \$40,358.50 to install emission control equipment on five buses and anti-idling equipment on 14 buses. #B2014S-003. Contact: Jim Cercone, (330) 364-1906 or cerconej@dovertornadoes.com.

Minster Local Schools, Auglaize County, \$6,664 to install emission control equipment on four buses. #B2014S-005 Contact: Donald E. Patch, (419) 628-2324, ext. 2039 or don.patch@minsterschools.org.

Northern Local Schools, Perry County, \$70,228 to install emission control equipment on three buses and anti-idling equipment on 26 buses. #B2014S-006. Contact: Mike Washburn, (740) 743-1533 or no-mwashburn@seovec.org.

Zane Trace Local School District, Ross County, \$43,080 to install emission control equipment on eight buses and anti-idling equipment on 14 buses. #B2014S-002. Contact: Dustin Britton, (740) 775-7287 or dbritton@ztlisd.org.

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