Ohio Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program
Grant Award Summary

Since March, 2012 there have been 3 application cycles and the review committee of ODOT and Ohio EPA representatives have approved 58 applications awarding more than $35 million. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of more than 1,650 tons of air pollutants (at least 50 tons of fine particulates and 1,600 tons of nitrogen oxides) in Ohio counties that do not meet or are struggling to meet 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 has issued a formal eligibility determination for each project.

AK Steel Corporation, Butler County, $1,000,000 to repower two 1970s-era diesel locomotives with Tier 3 Genset power units, #D16F-024, PID #102718. The Ohio Rail Development Commission is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: James Touris, james.touris@aksteel.com or 513-425-6265.

Austintown Local Schools, Mahoning County, $1,017,866 to replace fourteen 1989-1997 diesel school buses with 2013 propane-fueled buses, #D13F-022A, PID #95938. Contact: Colleen Murphy, aust cmb@access-k12.org or 330-797-3900, ext. 1083.

Bellaire Harbor Service, LLC, Belmont County, $373,994 to repower two model year 1990 diesel propulsion engines and two model year 1994 auxiliary diesel engines on the tug boat George Harrison with US EPA certified tier 3 power units, #D16F-046, PID #102741. The Belmont County Port Authority is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Robert G. Harrison, bob@bellaireharbor.com or 859-240-8715.

Brunswick City School District, Medina County, $531,811 to replace seven model year 2002-2005 diesel school buses with seven model year 2016 diesel buses, and to purchase 61 direct-fired heaters to be installed onto existing fleet buses for idle reduction, #D16F-048, PID #102784. Contact: Robert Kelly, R Kelly@bcsOH.org or 330-225-7731.

Canton City Schools, Stark County, $414,816 to replace four 1992 diesel school buses with 2013 CNG-fueled buses, #D13F-022B, PID #95934. Contact: Connie Dickon, dickon_c@ccsdistrict.org or 330-456-6710.
Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), Franklin County, $984,880 to replace 10 model year 2003 diesel transit buses with model year 2016 CNG powered buses, #D16F-016, PID #102304. Contact: Lee Jackson, JacksonCL@cota.com or 614-308-4234.

Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), Franklin County, $1,043,458 to purchase the CNG components of 30 new transit buses, #D13F-022E, PID #95954. Contact: Randy Rosser, rosserra@cota.com or 614-308-4237.

Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA), Franklin County, $1,023,000 to purchase the CNG components of 30 new transit buses, #D12S-024J, PID #89957. Contact: Randy Rosser, rosserra@cota.com or 614-308-4237.

Champion Township, Trumbull County, $58,541 to replace one model year 2000 diesel dump truck with one model 2016 diesel truck, #D16F-050, PID #102782. Contact: Chris Connelly, Cconnel2122@aol.com or 330-847-8915.

Champion Township, Trumbull County, $89,806 toward the engine component costs to replace two 1991 diesel road maintenance/snow plow trucks with model year 2013 trucks, #D12S-010, PID #93718. Contact: Christopher Connelly, cconnel2122@aol.com or 330-847-8915.

Cleveland Airport Systems, Cuyahoga County, $88,160 to replace the blower engines in two 1994 snow blowers with remanufactured Tier 3 diesel engines, #D13F-038, PID #95945. Contact: Kevin Ferguson, kferguson@clevelandairport.com or 216-265-6125.

Cleveland Clinic, Cuyahoga County, $19,172 to install fuel-operated heaters for idle reduction onto 5 shuttle buses, #D12S-024i PID #93699. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Kendall Bolyard, bolyark@ccf.org or 216-312-4092.

Columbus and Ohio River Rail Road Company, Coshocton, Franklin, Knox and Licking Counties, $245,612 to install auxiliary power units (APUs) on 11 locomotives to reduce idling, #D12S-027, PID #93670. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Rail Development Commission. Contact: Brian Myers, bmyers@gwrr.com or 740-622-8118.

Columbus Regional Airport Authority, Franklin County, $48,000 for the cost differential to replace five 2007-2009 shuttle buses with 2013 propane-powered shuttle buses, #D13F-022F, PID #95941. Contact: Tom Swackhamer, tswackhamer@columbusairports.com or 614-239-3087.

Convoy Solutions, LLC (Idle Aire), Clark, Hamilton, and Montgomery Counties, $336,000 to install truck stop electrification infrastructure at two locations along IR 70 and IR 75 in southwest Ohio, #D16F-033, PID #102722. The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Brian MacDonald, brian.macdonald@idleair.com or 865-232-1700.
Convoy Solutions, LLC (Idle Aire), Allen, Warren and Wood Counties, $888,495 to install 114 electrified truck stop spaces at three Pilot/Flying J locations along I-75 and I-80 to reduce idling, #D12S-024L, PID #93666. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Cynthia Perthuis, Cynthia.perthuis@idleaire.com or 212-706-2078.

First Student, Inc., Clark, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, and Montgomery Counties, $650,000 to replace the engine components of 36 1997-2001 diesel school buses with model year 2013 diesel buses, #D13F-037, PID #95933. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio EPA. Contact: Ken Kirkpatrick, ken.kirkpatrick@firstgroup.com or 513-419-3350.

Frito Lay, Stark County, $181,933 to provide the cost differential to replace six 2005 tractors with 2013 CNG-fueled tractors, #D13F-022i, PID #95947. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Michael Birk, Michael.birk@pepsico.com or 734-374-9841.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), Cuyahoga County, $5,000,000 to replace eleven 2006 trolleys with model year 2018 trolleys. PID# 100456. Contact: Michael York, 216-566-5101 or Ronald Baron, rbaron@gcrt.org.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), Cuyahoga County, $796,000 to replace two model year 2002 diesel transit bus with model year 2016 CNG powered buses, #D16F-055, PID #102312. Contact: Michael York, 216-566-5101 or Ronald Baron, rbaron@gcrt.org.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA), Montgomery County, $999,075 to replace three model year 2001-2003 diesel transit buses with model year 2016 diesel buses, #D16F-058, PID #102314. Contact: Robert Ruzinsky, bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org or 937-425-8360.

Home City Ice Co./HC Transport Inc., Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Franklin, Geauga, Lake, Licking, Portage, Stark and Summit Counties, $873,600 for the cost differential to convert 40 diesel trucks to CNG power. The 40 trucks will be purchased separate from the federal aid conversion project. #D13F-022J, PID #95946. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Cliff Riegl, criegler@homecityice.com or 513-598-3000.

J. Rayl Transport, Inc. (JAM Equipment Ltd.), Summit and other northeastern Ohio counties, $1,475,360 for the cost differential to replace 32 diesel trucks with CNG fueled trucks. #D13F-022L, PID #95944. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Matthew Selby, Matt.Selby@JRayl.com or 330-752-2914.
J. Rayl Transport, Inc. (JAM Equipment Ltd.), Summit and other northeastern Ohio counties, $476,640 to convert 19 short-haul diesel trucks to dual fuel operation with a combination of diesel and natural gas, #D12S-024N, PID #93716. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Ryan Richards, ryan.richards@jrøyl.com or 330-784-1134 ext. 3313.

JARO Transportation Services, Inc., Trumbull and multiple counties, $200,565 to install anti-idling APUs onto 30 short-haul trucks, #D13F-022K, PID #95957. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Thomas Halula, thalula@jarotran.com or 330-847-5230.

Kraft Foods, Lucas County, $66,002 to repower one 1970 switcher locomotive with a 2012 model year engine, #D12S-024o, PID #93727. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Rail Development Commission. Contact: Richard Leggett, Richard.Leggett@KraftFoods.com or 419-697-6619.

LakeTran, Lake County, $996,576 to replace two model year 1998 diesel transit buses with model year 2016 diesel buses, #D16F-061, PID #102313. Contact: Andrew Altenweg, aaltenweg@laketran.com or 888-525-3872.

Licking County Commissioners, Licking County, $81,097 to replace one 1983 diesel semi-tractor truck with a model year 2016 diesel truck, #D16F-010, PID #102719. Contact: William C. Lozier, blozier@lcounty.com or 740-670-5280.

McGinnis, Inc, Lawrence and Scioto Counties, $399,021 to replace two main engines and four generators on two Tier 3 tug boats with 2013 Tier 3 diesel engines, #D13F-022N, PID #95952. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Robert Lynch, rlynch@mcginnisinc.com or 740-337-4391, ext. 1240.

McGinnis, Inc, Lawrence County, $323,576 to repower two 1980s-era diesel propulsion engines in the tow boat the M/V John Greer with US EPA certified tier 3 power units, #D16F-036, PID #102725. The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Robert J. Lynch, rlynch@mcginnisinc.com or 740-377-4391 ext. 1240.

Mightyfruit Trucking, LLC, Richland County, $87,894 to replace two model year 1984-1988 diesel trucks with model year 2016 diesel trucks, #D16F-037, PID #102717. The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Richard Shaw, mightyfruit@me.com or 567-274-0199.

Mondelez Global, LLC, Lucas County, $156,480 to replace one Tier 0 diesel switcher locomotive with a new Tier 3 diesel locomotive, #D16F-022, PID #102730. The Ohio Rail Development Commission is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Richard Leggett, Richard.Leggett@MDLZ.com or 419-697-6619.
NAT Transportation, Inc., Wood County, $131,481 for the cost differential to replace four 1989-95 diesel refuse trucks with four 2014 CNG-fueled trucks, #D13F-022P, PID #94953. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: M.N. “Mick” Torok, mtorok@hotmail.com or 419-308-6279.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Ashtabula, Jefferson, Mahoning, Stark and Trumbull Counties, $1,484,736 to install electric layover heating systems in 26 switcher locomotives, and install 21 480-volt three-phase plug-in stations, #D13F-023, PID #95960. Public Sponsor: Ohio Rail Development Commission. Contact: Mark Duve, mark.duve@nscorp.com or 404-582-6743.

Portage Area RTA (PARTA), Portage County, $830,000 to replace two model year 2006 diesel transit buses with model year 2016 CNG powered buses, #D16F-059, PID #102310. Contact: Katherine Manning, kmanning@partaonline.org or 330-678-7745 ext. 113.

R&L Transfer, Inc., 29 counties statewide, $996,403 to replace 40 model year 1993-2005 diesel trucks with model year 2017 diesel trucks, #D16F-018, PID #102724. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Rick Duken, rduken@rlcarriers.com or 937-382-1494 ext. 1201.

Railserve, Inc, Montgomery County, $568,443 to repower one 1973 switcher locomotive with a Tier 3 Genset power unit, #D16F-023, PID #102715. The Ohio Rail Development Commission is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: T.J. Mahoney, tjmahoney@railserve.biz or 404-661-8390.

Republic Services, Inc., Stark County, $936,255 to replace seven model year 2009 diesel refuse trucks with model year 2016 CNG powered refuse trucks, and to construct a CNG refueling facility at Republic Services’ facility at 964 Hazel St., Akron, #D16F-043, PID #102728. The City of Akron is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Mark O’Brien, Mobrien2@republicservices.com or 330-834-4920.

Ringler Energy, fourteen counties, $260,000 to replace seven 2007-2009 short haul trucks to CNG fueled trucks, #D13F-022S, PID #95937. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Alexander Ringler, alex@ringlerenergy.com or 419-253-0637.

Rocky River City School District, Cuyahoga County, $111,084 to replace two model year 2002 diesel school buses with model year 2016 diesel school buses, and to purchase 19 direct-fired heaters for idle reduction, to be installed onto existing fleet buses, D16F-002, PID #102733. Contact: Samuel L. Gifford, Gifford.samuel@rrcs.org or 440-356-6017.
Savage Services, Lucas County, $688,000 to repower one switcher locomotive engine with a new diesel Tier 4i compliant engine and APU, #D13F-025, PID #95958. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Rail Development Commission. Contact: Gerry Farrell, gerryfarrell@savageservices.com or 281-673-1151.

Scioto County Engineer, Scioto County, $486,948 to replace one 1990 off-road excavator, three 1990-1991 dump trucks and one 1985 semi-tractor with one model year 2012 excavator, three model year 2013 trucks and one model year 2013 semi-tractor, #D12S-041, PID #93723. Contact: Craig J. Opperman, sciotoeng@frontier.com or 740-259-5541.

Smith Dairy Trucking Company, seventeen counties, $368,488 to replace the diesel engines in six 2003-2004 diesel tractors with 2013 CNG-fueled engines, #D13F-034C, PID #95936. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio EPA. Contact: Robert Diehl, chuckdiehl@smithdairy.com or 330-684-6586.

Smith Dairy Trucking Company, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit Counties, $244,000 to convert ten local and over-the-road diesel trucks to operate on a dual fuel system of natural gas and diesel, #D12S-024V, PID #93692. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Robert Diehl, chuckdiehl@smithdairy.com or 330-684-6586.

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), Hamilton County, $729,504 to replace two model year 2001 diesel transit buses with model year 2016 diesel buses, #D16F-062, PID #102311. Contact: Daron Brown, DBrown@go-metro.com or 513-623-7612.

City of Springfield, Clark County, $87,293 toward the engine component costs to replace three 1997-2000 diesel snowplow/dump trucks with model year 2013 trucks, #D12S-023, PID #93724. Contact: Jim Crews, jcrews@ci.springfield.oh.us or 937-525-5811.

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA), Stark County, $1,000,000 to purchase one zero-emission (LoNo) hydrogen fuel cell 40’ transit bus to replace one model year 2002 diesel bus, #D16F-007, PID #102304. Contact: Julie Juszli, juliej3@sartaonline.com or 330-430-2275.

J. W. Stenger Trucking, Inc., Belmont, Clark, Franklin, Licking, Madison, and Montgomery Counties, $282,000 to convert ten heavy duty diesel tractors to dual fuel operation with a combination of natural gas and diesel, #D12S-024W, PID #93679. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Joseph Stenger, joestenger@jwstengertrucking.com or 740-425-1155 ext. 101.
Sugar Creek Packing Company, Butler and Montgomery Counties, $28,637 to install power station and hybrid trailer hookups at two locations, #D13F-022T, PID #95959. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: David Kuhn, dkuhn@sugarcreek.com or 740-335-3586.

Superior Beverage Group, Butler, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox and Licking Counties, $540,736 to provide the cost differential to replace 14 1995-2003 diesel trucks with new 2013 CNG-powered trucks, #D13F-022U, PID #95955. Public Sponsor: Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Contact: Michael J. Scurria, m.scurria@superiorbeveragegroup.com or 614-294-3555.

Superior Marine Ways, Inc., Lawrence County, $728,536 to repower four 1980s-era diesel propulsion engines and four auxiliary engines in two tow boats, the Stephen T and R.H. Beymer, with US EPA certified tier 3 power units, #D16F-054, PID #102740. The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Matt Manns, mattmanns@superiormarineinc.com or 740-894-6224.

Sysco Corporation, nineteen counties statewide, $501,271 to replace 25 model year 1997-2000 diesel trucks with 23 model year 2017 diesel trucks, #D16F-019, PID #102721. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Eddie Tantoco, tantoco.eddie@corp.sysco.com or 281-584-4097.

Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA), Lucas County, $796,000 to replace two model year 2000 diesel transit buses with model year 2016 diesel buses, #D16F-060, PID #102308. Contact: Bill Kelly, wkelly@tarta.com or 419-245-5230.

United Dairy Farmers, Inc, nine counties in central and southwest Ohio, $338,745 to replace 11 model year 1993-2005 diesel trucks with model year 2016 diesel trucks, #D16F-017, PID #102723. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is serving as the Public Sponsor for this project. Contact: Don Stamper, dstamper@udfinc.com or 513-396-8700.

United Parcel Service, Inc., Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton and Stark Counties, $619,841 to replace 17 1997 delivery trucks with model year 2013 trucks equipped with selective catalytic reduction systems, #D12S-001, PID #93726. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Contact: Mike Casteel, mcasteel@ups.com, 404-828-7059.

Warren Fabricating and Machining Corporation, Trumbull County, $684,000 to repower an industrial locomotive and car mover with a newer, cleaner engine, #D12S-030. This project will be carried out through a Public-Private Partnership with the Ohio Rail Development Commission. Contact: Todd Reutzel, Todd_reutzel@warfab.com or 330-534-2400 ext. 297.
Western Reserve Transit Agency (WRTA), Mahoning County, $678,541 to replace two model year 2001 diesel transit buses with model year 2016 diesel buses, #D16F-013, PID #102309. Contact: Matthew Kotanchek, mkotanchek@wrtaonline.com or 330-941-5762.

Wood County Engineer, Wood County, $180,400 toward the engine component costs to replace two 1995 diesel dump trucks with model year 2012 trucks, #D12S-022, PID #93720. Contact: David Casey, dcasey@co.wood.oh.us or 419-354-9071.

The next DERG grant application deadline is expected to be later in 2016. The Request for Proposals will be posted at http://epa.ohio.gov/oee/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx#131364252-diesel-emission-reduction-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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