



## Ohio Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program New Grant Awards Fall 2018

*From the September 2018 application cycle, the review committee of ODOT and Ohio EPA representatives reviewed eight transit project applications requesting more than \$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 \$8,077,742 to replace 26 aging diesel transit buses. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of more than eight 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, \$1,588,320 for 24% of the cost to replace eight model year 2008 diesel powered transit buses with eight new electric powered transit buses, #D19F-007, ODOT PID #109533. Contact: Kevin Christopher, [Christopherk@cota.com](mailto:Christopherk@cota.com) or 614-275-5934.

**Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)**, Cuyahoga County, \$1,643,099 for 67% of the cost to replace five model year 2003 diesel powered transit buses with five new CNG powered transit buses, #D19F-004, ODOT PID #109535. Contact: Daniel Dietrich, [ddietrich@gcrtcra.org](mailto:ddietrich@gcrtcra.org), 216-356-3370.

**Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA)**, Montgomery County, \$1,125,192 for 80% of the cost to replace three model year 2008 diesel powered transit buses with three new diesel powered transit buses, #D19F-002, ODOT PID #109536. Contact: Robert Ruzinsky, [bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org](mailto:bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org) or 937-425-8360.

**Lake Transit Authority (LAKETRAN)**, Lake County, \$626,800 for 80% of the cost to replace one model year 2009 diesel powered transit bus with one new electric powered transit bus, #D19F-001, ODOT PID #109537. Contact: Andrea Aaby, [aaaby@laketrans.com](mailto:aaaby@laketrans.com) or 440-350-1022.

**Metro Regional Transit Authority (METRO)**, Summit County, \$734,274 for 70% of the cost to replace two model year 2006 diesel powered transit buses with new CNG powered transit buses, #D19F-008, ODOT PID #109538. Contact: Jarrod Hampshire, [jarrod.hampshire@akronmetro.org](mailto:jarrod.hampshire@akronmetro.org) or 330-564-2222.

**Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA)**, Portage County, \$389,293 for 80% of the cost to replace one model year 2007 diesel powered transit bus with one new diesel powered transit bus, #D19F-005, ODOT PID #109540. Contact: Katherine Manning, [kmanning@partaonline.org](mailto:kmanning@partaonline.org) or 330-678-7745 ext. 113.

**Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA)**, Hamilton County, \$1,601,304 for 60% of the cost to replace five model year 2008 diesel powered transit buses with five new diesel powered transit buses, #D19F-003, ODOT PID #109541. Contact: Jeff Mundstock, [jmundstock@go-metro.com](mailto:jmundstock@go-metro.com) or 513-632-7612.

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA)**, Stark County, \$369,460 for 70% of the cost to replace one model year 2009 diesel powered transit bus with one new CNG powered transit bus, #D19F-006, ODOT PID #109542. Contact: Debbie Swickard, [dswickard@sartaonline.com](mailto:dswickard@sartaonline.com) or 330-956-7903.

*The next DERG grant application deadline is expected to be in the fall of 2019. 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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