



## Ohio Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program New Grant Awards January 2020

*From the September 2019 application cycle, the review committee of ODOT and Ohio EPA representatives reviewed seven transit project applications requesting nearly \$11 million. Based on the total cost-effectiveness of the proposed projects in reducing diesel emissions, the following seven grants are awarded for a total of \$6,993,320 to replace 29 aging diesel transit buses. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of nearly seven 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, \$1,439,496 for 16% of the cost to replace nine model year 2008 diesel powered transit buses with nine new electric powered transit buses, Project ID #112316. Contact: Kevin Dinan, [dinanka@cota.com](mailto:dinanka@cota.com) or 614-275-5926.

**Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)**, Cuyahoga County, \$1,644,131 for 67% of the cost to replace five model year 2005 diesel powered transit buses with five new CNG powered transit buses, Project ID #112317. Contact: Daniel Dietrich, [ddietrich@gcrtc.org](mailto:ddietrich@gcrtc.org), 216-356-3370.

**Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA)**, Montgomery County, \$766,899 for 80% of the cost to replace two model year 2008 diesel powered transit buses with two new diesel powered transit buses, Project ID #112318. Contact: Robert Ruzinsky, [bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org](mailto:bruzinsky@greaterdaytonrta.org) or 937-425-8360.

**Lake Transit Authority (LAKETRAN)**, Lake County, \$411,828 for 80% of the cost to replace one model year 2010 diesel powered transit bus with one new diesel powered transit bus, Project ID #112315. Contact: Andrea Aaby, [aaaby@laketrans.com](mailto:aaaby@laketrans.com) or 440-350-1022.

**Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA)**, Portage County, \$703,038 for 70% of the cost to replace two model year 2007 diesel powered transit bus with two new diesel powered transit buses, Project ID #112319. Contact: Brian Trautman, [btrautman@partaonline.org](mailto:btrautman@partaonline.org) or 330-678-7745 ext. 137.

**Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA)**, Hamilton County, \$1,269,893 for 60% of the cost to replace four model year 2006 diesel powered transit buses with four new diesel powered transit buses, Project ID #112320. Contact: Jeff Mundstock, six [jmundstock@go-metro.com](mailto:jmundstock@go-metro.com) or 513-632-7612.

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA)**, Stark County, \$758,035 for 80% of the cost to replace six model year 2014 diesel powered transit buses with six new CNG powered transit buses, Project ID #112321. 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 2020. 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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