

Implementation and Guidance – Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grant Program

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Webinar Overview

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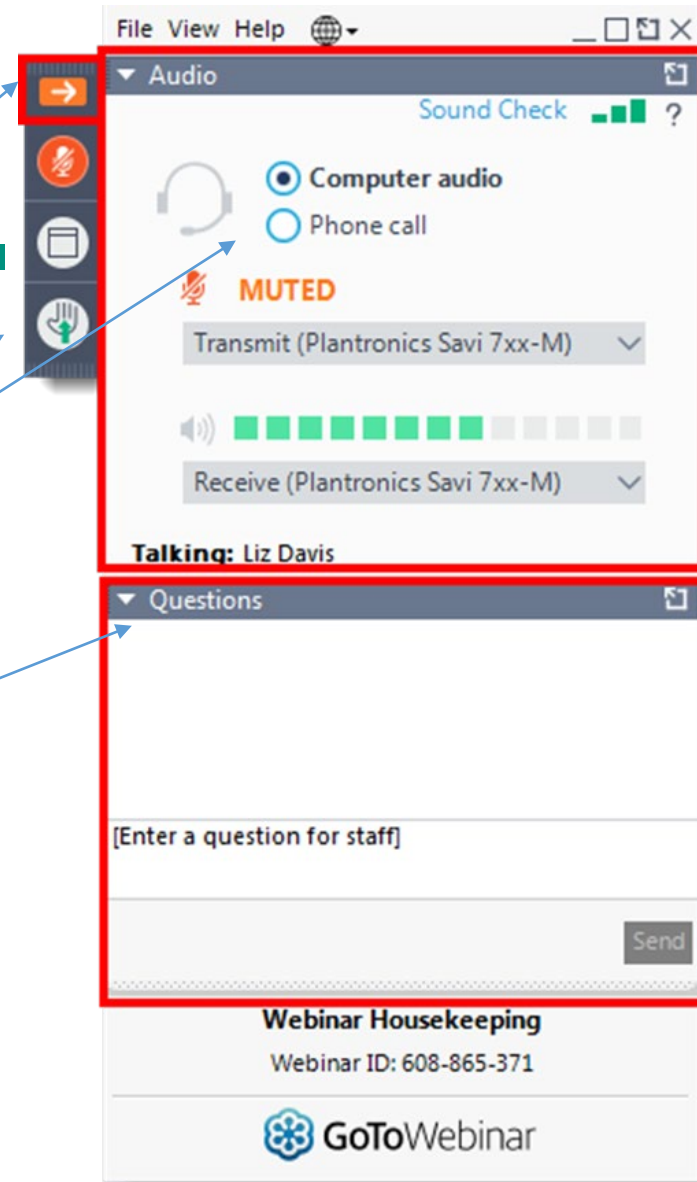
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 - Speak from interests
 - Share airtime
 - Participate fully
 - Demonstrate curiosity
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Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Ground rules and webinar overview
 - Outreach
 - Technical Assistance
 - Grant Application
 - Review Process
 - Grant Administration
 - Program Review
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Summary

The purpose of this presentation is to provide committee members with an overview of DEQ's implementation plans and guidance for the Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grant Program.

Each slide will address one step in the grant application process, key issues, and questions for committee members. Please follow along and provide comments to help improve DEQ's plans.

Implementation Topic:

- Agency plans, grant application and review process, and draft program timelines.

Key Issues:

- Ensure the grant program reduces diesel emissions while supporting grant applicants.

Questions for Committee:

- Requests for feedback and committee expertise to inform DEQ's proposed approach.

Step 1: Outreach

Implementation Topic:

- Engage eligible diesel equipment owners and promote grant funding availability

Key Issues:

- DEQ's draft outreach plan includes sending emails, hosting webinars, giving presentations, distributing GovDelivery, updating agency webpage, and producing publications.

Questions for Committee:

- Who else should we engage with?
- What are the best methods to distribute this information?
- What types of trainings and information should we provide?

Step 1: Outreach

Oregon Trucking Association	National Association of Minority Contractors	Association of Oregon Counties
Association of General Contractors	Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs	League of Oregon Cities
Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association	Professional Business Development Group	Oregon Public Ports Association
Oregon Building Trades	Oregon's federally recognized Tribes	Special Districts of Oregon
Chambers of Commerce	Business Oregon Affiliates	Others...

Step 2: Technical Assistance

Implementation Topics:

Types of technical assistance include:

- Establishing a fleet inventory
- Finding and recording engine family names
- Tracking and supporting reporting requirements
- How to properly destroy and scrap and provide photo documentation of scrappage

Key Issues:

- Technical assistance will also be available for all applicants from DEQ staff
- DEQ will provide applicants with an option to request support for technical assistance as needed, based on the current EPA model for competitive DERA grant applications.

Step 2: Technical Assistance

Questions for Committee:

- What types of technical assistance do you think will benefit diesel equipment owners?
- How long should DEQ staff plan to provide pre-application assistance prior to grant deadline?
- What types of resources should DEQ consider developing to assist applicants?
- How can DEQ staff ensure that we provide technical assistance without providing an unfair advantage among applicants?
- Staff is considering a cutoff date for technical assistance beyond which DEQ won't provide pre-application support. If we go this route, requests after a certain date will get funneled into a FAQ-type resource for everyone. How do you feel about this idea?

Step 3: Grant Application

Business, Individual Information:

- Basic contact information; Oregon business registration information including ownership;

Federal Grant Requirements:

- Copy of W-9; Dun & Bradstreet Number (DUNS); registration with System for Award Management; (Sam.gov);

Project Description:

- Project description including old diesel equipment to be addressed, desired exhaust control technology (retrofit, repower, or replacement), equipment model year, engine model year, engine family name, annual usage in Oregon, fuel type of replacement vehicle as applicable, attestation of remaining useful life of old diesel equipment, project cost, and diesel equipment vocation;

Step 3: Grant Application

Location Information:

- Primary address of operation for nonroad diesel equipment; primary route map for onroad diesel equipment; additional location information as necessary; proof of regulation by HB 2007 and/or contract specifications related to emissions standards

Key Issues:

- Simplify application process as much as possible.
- Ensure adequate information to evaluate projects

Questions for Committee:

- How can DEQ determine previous years' operation of nonroad diesel equipment in Oregon?
- What common business registration/tax forms provide the easiest access to relevant info?
- Is there any information you think DEQ should require that is not included in previous list?
- How do you think DEQ can streamline this step of the application process?
- Any other feedback, comments, or questions about the application?

Step 4: Draft Review Process

Project Eligibility, Cost, and Type

- Equipment owner, equipment type, remaining useful life, and project type eligible under Settlement Agreement Appendix D-2.
- Proposed budget is complete and includes enough information to determine cost effectiveness.
- Project replacement vehicles and equipment use fuel that is eligible to produce credits in the Clean Fuels Program.
- Project addresses construction equipment regulations from clean diesel contracting standards.

Air Quality Benefits

- Project will produce a net reduction in NOx and PM 2.5 emissions in Oregon and result in a measurable, verifiable reduction in NOx and PM 2.5 per ton of total emissions.

Step 4: Draft Review Process

Project Location

- Project location relative to elevated diesel emissions and dense, vulnerable populations.
- Project is located in Multnomah, Washington, or Clackamas County and subject to HB 2007 vehicle phase out deadlines.

Applicant and Fleet Profile

- Applicant (diesel equipment owner) is a Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, or Emerging Small Business or Service Disabled Veteran Business as certified by the State of Oregon Certification Office for Business Inclusion & Diversity.
- Applicant owns a single truck, small fleet, or concrete mixer truck and proposes diesel emissions reduction project for qualified equipment
- Applicant fleet includes diesel equipment with at least three years of remaining useful life

Step 4: Draft Review Process

Key Issues:

- Evaluate projects based on all criteria from statute and rule
- Prioritize funding for projects that meet the most criteria
- Fund additional qualifying projects up to annual funding availability

Questions for Stakeholders

- Is anything missing from this list that is included in HB 2007?
- Is there anything included on this list that seems out of place?
- What other priorities do you think DEQ should take into consideration during grant review?
- Are there other examples of project prioritization that you think we should consider?
- How else can we make this process accessible/easy to understand among applicants?
- How else can we maximize emissions reductions during grant review in this program?

Step 5: Grant Administration

Implementation Topics:

- Process will include signing grant agreement, submitting quarterly reports, amendments as needed, vehicle destruction requirements, purchase documentation, and reimbursement.
- DEQ intends to open funding at least once per year and possibly twice per year if needed.
- If funds are oversubscribed DEQ will award the maximum amount available in the first round.
- If funds are undersubscribed DEQ will open a second round, approximately six months after the first round, in the same calendar year to award remaining annual funds.

Key Issues:

- Establish clear goals and priorities for applicants to be successful.
- Set project deadlines that help achieve air quality benefits and accommodate supply issues

Step 5: Grant Administration

Questions for Committee:

- Do you think ~two months is enough time for applicants to get their applications together?
- Do you have any feedback on DEQ's plans for one to two grant cycles per year?
- What additional information do you think grant applicants might need to be successful?

Step 6: Program Review

Implementation Topic:

- DEQ will conduct periodic reviews of the Diesel Emission Mitigation Grant Program during implementation. The reviews will include an assessment of emissions reductions, general types and locations of projects being awarded funding, tracking overall spending against goals, and potentially making adjustments to improve performance.

Key Issues:

- Ensure program performance, funding accessibility, and emissions reductions
- Track Oregon's progress and create opportunities for improvement

Questions for Committee:

- What type of information do you expect your stakeholders will want to see during review?
- How will you want to be involved in any stakeholder component of program review?
- What performance measures or metrics do you recommend be included in the process?

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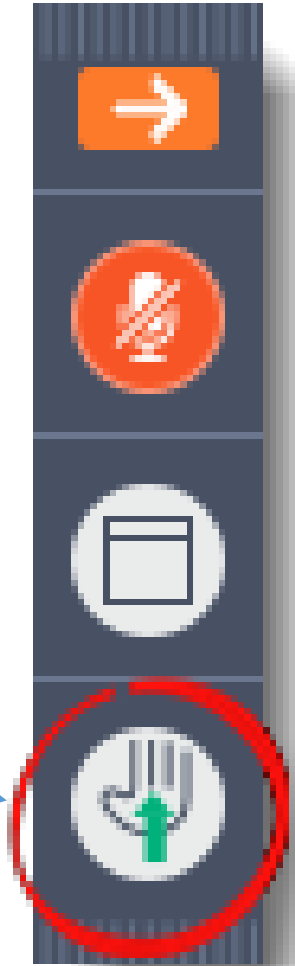
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Public Comment

Opportunity for public comment

- Time during agenda for public comment
 - To make a verbal comment, **raise your hand**
 - You will be called on and the facilitator will unmute you
 - Please provide your name and address and your comment
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- Deadline for written comments is September 7th



Next Steps

Timeline	Activity
Sept. 2020	File Rules with Secretary of State
Sept. 2020	Begin Public Comment Period
Oct. 2020	Public Hearing
Dec. 2020	DEQ Staff Report to Environmental Quality Commission
Jan. 2021	Environmental Quality Commission Action
Q1 – 2021	Outreach and Develop Program Materials
Q2 – 2021	Open Grant Program
Q2 – 2021	Review Applications and Award Funding
Ongoing	Program Administration and Review