

## Diesel Emissions Mitigation Fund



State of Oregon  
Department of  
Environmental  
Quality

### Background

DEQ is providing \$8 million in grant funding to reduce Oregon's diesel emissions in 2022. Revenue for the program is provided by the [Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund](#). In 2019, the Oregon Legislature authorized the creation of this grant program for businesses, governments and equipment owners to replace older and more polluting diesel engines with new, cleaner technologies and exhaust control retrofits.

### Project Goals

This program recognizes the air contaminants and effects on climate produced by diesel engines. It is designed to reduce diesel pollution, including nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, ozone, and air toxics, among others. Used as grants to upgrade diesel equipment, the program will mitigate adverse impacts from diesel emissions. Targeted use of the funds will help Oregon meet the following goals and address some of the challenges to improving air quality:

- Maximize benefits for vulnerable populations, e.g., low income, minority, elderly and youth
- Prioritize pollution reductions in areas of the state with the highest emissions of NOx and particulate matter from diesel engines
- Maximize pollution reduction cost effectiveness

### Eligibility

Public, private, and tribal diesel equipment owners across the state may apply for funding for projects that reduce diesel emissions in Oregon. Proposals for retrofitting, repowering or replacing older, more polluting diesel equipment in favor of newer, cleaner alternative technologies must measurably decrease diesel emissions in Oregon.



### What type of projects are eligible?

Funds must be used to upgrade diesel equipment from older and more polluting engines to newer, cleaner technology. The following are the types of eligible projects:

- Replacement - To scrap a diesel-powered motor vehicle and replace it with an equivalent diesel-powered motor engine, or to scrap a piece of

equipment powered by a non-road diesel engine and replace it with equivalent cleaner burning or all-electric equipment

- Repower - To replace an existing diesel engine with a newer, cleaner engine or power source
- Retrofit - To equip an original diesel engine with new, emissions-reducing parts or technology or to convert the diesel engine into an engine powered by alternative fuel

DEQ will evaluate proposed projects based on the following criteria:

- Project summary and approach
- Eligibility and type of equipment
- Cost effectiveness and air quality benefits
- Project location for emission benefits
- Applicant and fleet Profile

Please refer to our Diesel Emissions Reduction [webpage](#) for more detailed information.

### What is the amount of funding available?

As a reimbursement program, the percentage of funding varies from 25-100%, depending on the project type, equipment and owner. See the EPA's [detailed comparison document](#) for eligible projects and percentages that apply.

### Key dates for 2022

- DEQ will publish program guidelines as soon as possible
- Grant Program Opens for Applications 4/5/2022
- Grant Program Closes for Applications 6/7/2022
- Grant Awards Announced 8/8/2022
- Project Funding Becomes Available 11/15/2022

### Alternative formats

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