State of Oregon
DEQ Department of Environmental Quality

# Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grants

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What type of equipment is eligible for this program, and what funding is available for that equipment?

Eligible equipment types are listed in the EPA's funding matrix. If you have additional questions, please contact the Diesel Grants Team

### How will DEQ determine who can receive a grant?

Rules governing the new grant program, including requirements and eligibility, are available on the Oregon Secretary of State's website.

Reviewing these rules may help you to better understand the types of equipment and projects eligible for funding, the maximum amount of funding available and the criteria DEQ will use to score and award funds. The application review process is specifically addressed in section 340- 255-0060.

### When will the grant program open for applications and how long will I have to apply?

- Sept. 9, 2026 - Grant program opens for applications
- Nov. 12, 2026 - Grant program closes for applications
- End of 2026 - Grant awards announced
- February 2027 - Funding for projects becomes available

### How do I find out if I am eligible to apply for this funding and where can I learn more about similar grant projects?

Individuals, businesses, local governments, school districts, nonprofit organizations, community- based organizations, transit providers and federally recognized tribes in Oregon are all eligible to apply for funding.

In order to qualify, an applicant must propose a project to reduce diesel emissions from eligible equipment currently operating in Oregon. A wide range of diesel equipment is eligible, including medium- and heavy-duty trucks and buses, port, rail and marine equipment, as well as a range of non-road diesel engines. The complete list of eligible equipment and maximum reimbursement amounts are available in the grant rules, which can be found on the Secretary of State website.

### What type of information do I need to provide about my diesel equipment to qualify?

In order for your diesel equipment to qualify for the grant program, DEQ needs to collect specific information, including the Vehicle Identification Number, Engine Family Name, proof of ownership and operation in Oregon and the number of miles or hours the equipment is used on an annual basis.

For a complete list of everything needed, please review our fleet information spreadsheet.

Program information, address

## How do I register online and navigate the grant application process?

You can connect to the internet with your personal computer via a web browser and navigate to the Diesel Grants application website where you may register with your contact information. Once you submit your registration information, DEQ staff will approve your new account and send you an email with login and password information.

When you return to the grant application web site with your login information, you can apply for funding for your project. Detailed instructions for this process are available in the WebGrants User Guide.

## Does DEQ offer any assistance to help me get started with my application?

Yes. To request application assistance email the DEM Grants team.

## How will DEQ evaluate projects for funding?

Find criteria for evaluating projects in the Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grant Program User Guide.

## Why are so many of the recent grant awards concentrated in the Portland area when we have older and more polluting diesel equipment that needs to be replaced across the state?

Oregon DEQ received legislative direction from HB 2007 (2019) establishing the grant program and guiding the rules for awarding funding to eligible projects in Oregon. Among other priorities, these statues and rules prioritize funding for projects seeking to comply with HB 2007's vehicle phase out deadlines in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties. As a result, many of the grant awards are concentrated in this area of the state, where diesel pollution is the most severe.

## How will we find out about grant awards and funding decisions?

DEQ will email all applicants of the award decisions once the review is complete. All inquiries should be sent to the Diesel Grants team.

## How long will it take to receive funds after I am approved for a project?

These grants are reimbursements and will be distributed after the successful completion of the project. Reimbursements are initiated after all of the required documents and photos are submitted, reviewed and approved. DEQ's accounting office will then review financial documents and complete the reimbursement process. This may take up to three months. Reimbursement funds will be available in approximately February 2027.

## When can I get started with my project if my project receives approval?

It is important that the work on projects or purchasing of new equipment does not begin until after all parties have signed grant agreements and you have received a notice to proceed from DEQ.

## How is DEQ prioritizing equity in this process and addressing air quality for vulnerable populations?

DEQ will address the impact of diesel emissions on vulnerable populations in Oregon.
For the purposes of this program, vulnerable population groups are defined as people under the age of 14

and over the age of 64; Black, indigenous and people of color; people with a household income less than or equal to twice the federal poverty level; people who are linguistically isolated; and people age 25 or older who have not earned a high school diploma or passed a General Educational Equivalent test.

DEQ will evaluate the primary address where their diesel equipment is based. Using this address, and other location information as needed, DEQ will apply a score of 1-5 for the emissions reduction benefits of a proposed project among vulnerable populations in the immediate area.

## Where can I learn more about the program background and relevant State policies?

Anyone can learn about Diesel Emissions in Oregon; efforts to reduce them; and relevant state policies on DEQ's Air Quality Programs – Diesel Emissions web page.

## How do these projects reduce diesel pollution and improve air quality?

These projects measurably reduce diesel pollution and improve air quality in Oregon by the following methods:

- Replacing and scrapping older, more polluting diesel-powered equipment with new equipment powered by cleaner burning technologies, fuels, and electricity.
- Repowering and scrapping older, more polluting diesel-powered engines with new engines powered by cleaner burning technologies, fuels, and electricity.
- Retrofitting older diesel-powered equipment with new emissions-reducing parts or technologies or converting diesel-powered engines capable of being powered by alternative fuels.

## Are there any other programs like this where I can apply for funding?

EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign periodically solicits proposals for the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program supported through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act program. More information about this program can be found by visiting our State of Oregon: AQ Programs - Federal DERA Grants webpage.

The Oregon Clean Fuels Program offers a range of opportunities available with the goal of reducing the carbon footprint associated with the transportation of all Oregonians. More information can be explored here: is available on the Oregon Clean Fuels Program web page.

## How long do I have to complete my project?

We will work with awarded grantees to set reasonable completion dates on a case by case basis. Roughly one year from the time of signing a grant agreement is a benchmark that we will try to maintain, with flexibility based on the complexity or size of the project.

**Contact the Diesel Emissions Grant Program**

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