

INDIANA CLEAN SCHOOL BUS CONSORTIUM WEBINAR

June 13, 2023
10 a.m. CST



About Drive Clean Indiana

DCI -- headquartered in St. John, Indiana -- is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization managed by Legacy Environmental Services, Inc., an Indiana Certified Women's Business Enterprise.

Designated as the 71st Clean Cities coalition on June 15, 1999, DCI is one of the U.S. DOE's more than 75 Clean Cities coalitions across the country.



Agenda

- Welcome & Housekeeping (Drive Clean Indiana)
- Drive Clean Indiana Update
- U.S. EPA Update
- Grant Assistance from Drive Clean Indiana
- Q&A



2023 EPA CSB Grant NOFO Overview

With slides from EPA's
Office of Transportation and Air Quality

Clean School Bus Rebates vs. Grants

CSB Rebates versus CSB Grants

While both grants and rebates provide selectees with award funds **prior** to purchasing eligible buses and infrastructure, there are a few differences between these types of funding programs:

	Rebates	Grants
Application Process	Quick and simply application process	Longer, more detailed application process
Selection Process	Selectees determined by a random number generated lottery process	Recipients are selected based on evaluation of application materials
Project period support, flexibility, and duration	Shorter project period; less support and flexibility in funding provided to applicants	Longer application period; may offer more support for applicants during the project, as well as flexibility in funding – such as providing funds for training and administrative costs - and timing of the project such as longer project periods to complete the project.



Application packages must be submitted to EPA via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) no later than 8/22/23 at 11:59 p.m. ET.
For more information, please visit www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.





2023 Clean School Bus Grant Program

FY23 Clean School Bus Grants NOFO Important Dates

April 24, 2023	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Opens
May 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (ET)	1st Webinar Information Session <i>Webinar links and additional session dates can be found at: www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-grants</i>
August 9, 2023	Final Date to Submit Questions
August 22, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (ET)	NOFO Closes – Application Deadline <i>Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov (www.grants.gov) no later than Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) in order to be considered for funding</i>
November 2023 to January 2024	Anticipated Notification of Selection
February to March 2024	Anticipated Awards



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CSB Grant Program Structure

School District Sub-Program

Eligible entities: (1) State and Local Governmental Entities (e.g., school districts), (2) Public Charter School Districts, and (3) Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Tribally-controlled Schools

Minimum of 15 buses
Maximum of 50 buses

Targeting large single-fleet turnovers that may have been limited by the 25-bus maximum in the rebate program.

Third-Party Sub-Program

Eligible entities: (1) Nonprofit School Transportation Associations and (2) Eligible Contractors (including OEMs, Dealers, and Private Bus Fleets)

Minimum of 25 buses
Maximum of 100 buses
Application must include at least 4 school district beneficiaries.

Targeting school districts - particularly small, rural, Tribal, or low-income beneficiaries - that may benefit from third-party technical support, grant administration, and coordination (e.g., with utilities)



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Prioritization Criteria

2023 CSB Grants*

*Please note that program criteria may be different from prior CSB funding opportunities and are subject to change in future rounds of CSB funding

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allows EPA to prioritize certain communities that will benefit from the CSB program. For this funding opportunity, prioritized communities include:

HIGH-NEED SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOW-INCOME AREAS



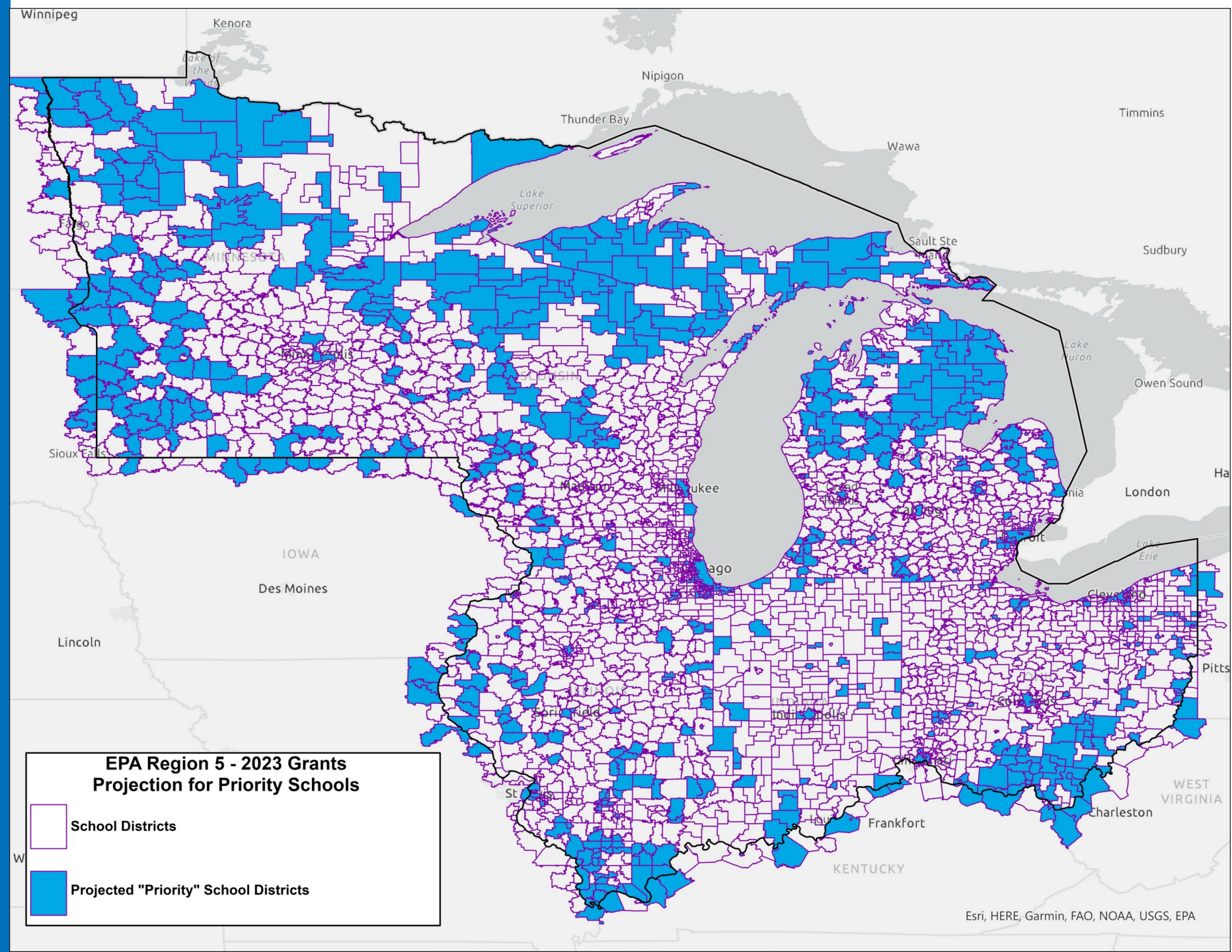
Applications due Tuesday, August 22
www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus

Prioritization Criteria

2023 CSB Grants

Priority School Districts PDF and
Excel files available at:

[https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/
clean-school-bus-program-grants](https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-grants)



What You Need To Do NOW

For EPA CSB Grants OR
Rebates (coming this fall)

School districts and/or potential applicants interested in applying for CSB Grant OR Rebate funding:

Need an ACTIVE [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registration

School Districts interested in applying directly, or eligible 3rd party applicants interested in applying for CSB Grant funding:

Need to be registered with [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) in order to be able to submit application



Got Questions?

Great! But we can't answer them...

All questions about the EPA 2023 BIL CSB Grant NOFO must be emailed to cleanschoolbus@epa.gov (please type "Clean School Bus NOFO Question" in the subject line of your email)

Q&A document, updated regularly, will be posted at [EPA's 2023 Clean School Bus Grants web page](https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-grants) (<https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-grants>)

Last day to submit questions: Wed. August 9, 2023 at 11:59pm ET



Assistance from Drive Clean Indiana for Grant Applications

- Drive Clean Indiana's role in assisting schools with grant applications
- Successful projects



Timeline

- Schedule a meeting with Drive Clean Indiana
- Inventory buses and determine replacement needs
- Drive Clean Indiana's role in conducting the inventory
- Schools' responsibility in providing data for the inventory



Deadline for meeting with Drive Clean Indiana: **July 15**

Grant application deadline: **August 22**

**To schedule a meeting,
please contact:**



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What Our Clients Say



Being a member of Drive Clean Indiana has been increasingly beneficial thanks to their efforts to promote and educate its members and the public about federal, state and even local incentives for investing in alternative fuel systems. Drive Clean Indiana also helps connect businesses and government entities to the CNG & alternative fuel marketplace, providing support for challenges faced along the way.

Tim Ozinga, Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete




Scan the QR Code with your phone or visit
www.drivecleanindiana.org/apply-online/

QUESTIONS?


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NEXT INDIANA CLEAN SCHOOL BUS CONSORTIUM WEBINAR

August 8, 2023
10 a.m. CST / 11 a.m. EST





UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Transportation Association of Indiana

June 26th – 29th in Westfield, IN

Drive Clean Indiana's 11th Annual Clean Air Golf Outing

September 19, 2023 @ White Hawk Country Club,
Crown Point, IN

Indiana Clean School Bus Consortium Webinar

August 8, 2023

EV Boot Camp

October 5, 2023 @ NIRPC, Portage, IN

Drive Clean Indiana's Annual Conference & Expo

August 23, 2023 @ Blue Chip Casino,
Michigan City, IN



Register at www.DriveCleanIndiana.org