

# North Carolina School Bus Electrification Announcement



The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is providing outreach for superintendents, fleet managers and other transportation personnel at public schools to increase interest and awareness of the availability of electric school bus replacement funding through the NC Volkswagen (VW) Settlement Program.

## Benefits of electric school buses

- ✓ Protect the health of children
- ✓ Reduce operating costs
- ✓ Improve local air quality
- ✓ Achieve sustainability goals

## Available funding for electric school buses

There are several federal, state, and private funds available for electric school bus replacements, some of which will cover 100% of the cost and some which can be used with other funds. See more information for each below.

### NC VW School Bus Program

Amount Available: ~ \$27.1 million

For more information: <https://deq.nc.gov/VW-School-Bus-RFP>

**NOW OPEN! Closes 6/6/22**

Type of program: Grant, competitive

### Duke Power Electric School Bus Pilot Project

Amount Available: Up to \$215,000 per bus

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3hLBb9s>

**NOW OPEN!**

Type of program: First come first serve

### Bipartisan Infrastructure Funds

Amount Available: TBA

For more information: <https://bit.ly/3HTnnEg>

**(Summer 2022, multi-year)**

Type of program: TBA

## NC Volkswagen School Bus Program

VW school bus funding may cover up to 100% of the cost for electrification of a school bus in North Carolina. Replacement buses must be diesel engine model years 2009 and older.

**Apply.** If you are interested in an electric school bus and would like to be considered in a grant proposal from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) replacement EV school bus, please contact Kevin Harrison [Kevin.Harrison@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Kevin.Harrison@dpi.nc.gov)

**Extra resources.** Applications from counties included in the [Historically Under-Resourced Counties Outreach Program](#) qualify for extra resources to identify eligible vehicles and development proposals, and may earn bonus points during the grant scoring process. Visit <http://deq.nc.gov/VW-HURCOP> to learn more or register for an information session.

**Questions?** For more information about the NC Volkswagen School Bus Program, please contact [Sheila.Blanchard@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Sheila.Blanchard@ncdenr.gov).

**Stay in touch.** To be added to the VW email distribution list to receive future notifications of the VW program events or funding opportunities, please send an email to [daq.NC\\_VWGrants@ncdenr.gov](mailto:daq.NC_VWGrants@ncdenr.gov) with "Subscribe" in the subject line.