



DRIVING PA FORWARD

With funding for clean transportation



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If you're a business owner, government, nonprofit, or community organization in Pennsylvania and interested in converting to cleaner transportation options, we have news for you! Governor Wolf's Driving PA Forward initiative, launched in May 2018, offers eight funding programs to support clean transportation projects with grants or rebates.

The goal is to make the air cleaner and healthier in communities across the state by permanently reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions by more than 27,700 tons. Over 25 percent of NOx pollution in Pennsylvania comes from diesel engines in trucks, buses, forklifts, and other mobile sources. The emissions contribute to ground-level ozone, or smog, which the EPA has shown can have negative health impacts, including asthma attacks and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Available funding totals \$118.5 million and comes from Pennsylvania's share of a settlement with Volkswagen Group of America for cheating on EPA emissions tests.

Programs support electric vehicle and hydrogen fuel cell equipment; shore-based electric power systems for ocean-going vessels; and replacement or repowering of heavy-duty trucks and transit buses; medium-duty trucks, school buses, shuttle buses, and port drayage trucks; and forklifts, airport ground support equipment, port cargo handling equipment, ferries, tugboats, and freight switcher locomotives.

Read on for the latest award news, application opportunities, and other updates, and watch for further issues of the Driving PA Forward newsletter to fuel your passion to be part of creating a cleaner environment in Pennsylvania. And please share this newsletter with anyone you think would be interested.

For complete grant and rebate program information, visit [Driving PA Forward](#).

First Awards Announced!

[Governor Wolf announced in September the first six projects to receive Driving PA Forward funding.](#) Congratulations to the City of Pittsburgh, Elizabeth Township, and Allegheny Transportation Services in Allegheny County; the City of Scranton in Lackawanna County; Shultz Transportation in Lancaster County; and Lehigh Valley Rail Management in Northampton County.

Combined they were awarded more than \$580,000 in grants from Driving PA Forward and Pennsylvania's State Clean Diesel Grant Program. These projects will remove 27 tons of NOx pollution in their communities by replacing or updating old diesel school buses; locomotives; and municipal trash, construction, and street-sweeping vehicles.

Apply Now

Level 2 EV Charging Rebate Program: \$3 Million Available

This program will fund the purchase and installation of Level 2 electric vehicle charging equipment on publicly accessible, government-owned or non-government-owned property or at workplaces or multi-unit dwellings that are not publicly accessible throughout Pennsylvania.



- **Applications opened:** September 20, 2018
- **Application period/deadline:** Continuous until funds are exhausted. Additional funding may be available in 2019.
- **Funding:** Successful applicants will be issued a rebate voucher for a specific amount to be redeemed once project work is complete. Applicants will have 180 days to complete projects. Vouchers will be issued on a first come, first served basis.
- **Details, instructions, and link to online application:** [Driving PA Forward](#)

DC Fast Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Grant Program: \$3 Million Available

This program will provide funding as reimbursement grants for the purchase and installation of DC fast charging equipment for electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell fueling infrastructure at community charging hubs, transportation corridors, and destination locations throughout Pennsylvania.



- **Applications opened:** September 20, 2018
- **Application period/deadline:** Grant applications submission deadlines are 4:00 PM on January 15, 2019, July 15, 2019, and December 16, 2019.
- **Funding:** Successful applicants will enter into a grant agreement with DEP and receive a reimbursement for the grant amount once project work is complete. The maximum grant award for a project is \$500,000.
- **Details, instructions, and link to online application:** [Driving PA Forward](#)

Programs Opening Soon

Additional grant and rebate programs will be announced in the coming weeks. Look for upcoming issues of this newsletter in your inbox, keep an eye on the [Driving PA Forward website](#), and subscribe to updates from the [DEP Newsroom](#) so you don't miss the news.

- Onroad Rebate Program
- Class 8 Truck and Transit Bus Grant Program
- Ocean Going Vessel Shorepower Grant Program
- Forklifts, Airport Ground Support Equipment, and Port Cargo Handling Equipment Grant Program
- Ferries, Tugs, and Freight Switchers Grant Program
- FY2018 PA State Clean Diesel Grant Program

VW Settlement News

Certification and Beneficiary Mitigation Plan

Pennsylvania was certified as a Beneficiary of the Trust Agreement in January 2018. DEP is designated as the lead agency responsible for disbursing the State Mitigation Trust funds.

After soliciting public comment on a draft, DEP submitted Pennsylvania's final Beneficiary Mitigation Plan to the Trustee on May 14, 2018. The plan provides a broad overview of how Pennsylvania expects to allocate the Trust funds and Pennsylvania's priorities for the funding. [See the final Beneficiary Mitigation Plan here.](#)

Court Actions

The U.S. Department of Justice, California and Volkswagen filed several partial consent decrees with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (Court) in 2016 and 2017. A Trustee, Wilmington Trust, N.A., was approved by the Court on March 15, 2017, to administer the State and Indian Tribe Trust Agreements and disburse the funds from the State and Indian Tribe Mitigation Trusts. On October 2, 2017, the State and Indian Tribe Trust Agreements were finalized and the Trust Effective Date was established as October 2, 2017. [See additional information here.](#)

Visit our website for more information about the VW lawsuit, settlement, court actions, and impact on Pennsylvania.

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