





# EPA CLEAN SCHOOL BUS

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	Rebates 	Grants 
<b>Application Process</b>	Quick and simple; applications submitted through EPA portal	Longer, more detailed; applications submitted through grants.gov
<b>Selection Process</b>	Random number generated lottery process	Evaluation of application materials and scoring criteria
<b>Selectee support and flexibility</b>	EPA provides less support and flexibility in funding to selectees	EPA may offer more support for selectees during the project, as well as flexibility in funding – e.g. covering project implementation costs - and timing of the project, such as extending project periods to complete the project.
<b>Number of Replacement Buses</b>	Funds the transition of smaller fleets (lower bus replacement minimum and maximum)	Funds the transition of larger fleets (higher bus replacement minimum and maximum)

## 2023 CSB Rebate Program Overview

- EPA anticipates awarding at least \$500 million in this round of CSB funding
- This rebate program has a few differences from last year's rebate:
  - 60% of funds to prioritized applicants and 40% to all others**
  - Updated lottery process; more flexibility towards different fuel types**
  - Eligible applicants can request up to \$20,000 per bus for ADA-compliant wheelchair lifts and/or high bus delivery costs (non-lower 48 states and territories)**
  - Prioritized applicants can receive up to \$345,000 per electric school bus and non-prioritized applicants can receive up to \$200,000; funding for alternative fueled buses is up to \$45,000 for compressed natural gas (CNG) and up to \$35,000 for propane buses**
- Eligible activities include the replacement of existing internal-combustion engine (ICE) school buses with electric, propane, or compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses, as well as the purchase and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure
- Eligible applicants under this solicitation are:
  - Public School Districts, Tribal Applicants, and Third Parties**

2023 CSB Rebate Important Dates	
September 28, 2023	<a href="#">2023 CSB Rebates Open</a> . Applications must be submitted via <a href="#">CSB Rebate Online Application Form</a>
September 2023 – January 2024	Various <a href="#">Webinars</a> on CSB Program
4 PM ET on January 10, 2024	Final Date to Submit Questions to <a href="mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov">cleanschoolbus@epa.gov</a> for inclusion in the QA document
<b>4 PM ET on January 31, 2024</b>	<b><a href="#">2023 CSB Rebates Application Deadline</a></b>

## Utility Engagement and Technical Assistance

[Electric Sector Pledge to Support School Bus Electrification](#)

Technical assistance can be found at:

<https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-technical-assistance>

[IRS Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit](#)

## How To Successfully Deploy Clean School Buses and Infrastructure

EPA and the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation have partnered to provide:

- Coordination with utilities
- Identifying available funding and incentives
- Analyzing charging infrastructure needs
- Conducting route analyses
- Providing training and workforce development

### Please Go To

[EPA.gov/cleanschoolbus](https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus) for more information on the program, available resources, and information about electric school buses!

All program related questions can be sent to:

[cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov)

All infrastructure related questions can be sent to:

[cleanschoolbusTA@nrel.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbusTA@nrel.gov)

	Factor	Draft NJ School Bus Grant Program Design	EPA 2023 Clean School Bus Rebates
Vehicle Eligibility	Eligible vehicles	School bus Class C and D	School bus Class 3-8
	Eligible fuels	Electric	Electric, CNG, propane
	Repowers	No	No
	Leasing	Yes	No
Costs	Base Funding Amount (A,B / 3-6)	N/A	\$145,000
	Priority Funding Amount (A,B / 3-6)	N/A	\$265,000
	Base Funding Amount (C,D / 7-8)	\$270,000	\$200,000
	Priority Funding Amount (C,D / 7-8)	\$300,000	\$345,000
	Increase for priority communities	Approximately 1.1 x base amount	Approximately 1.7 x base amount
	Infrastructure costs	Included in total funding amount	Included in total funding amount
Technical Details	Number of buses	1 to 16	1 to 25
	Number of Priority districts	• 358 (at least 1 OBC)	• 54 (pre-defined)
		• 280 (at least 20% OBC census blocks)	• 145 (self-certification eligible)
	Service Length Requirement	5 years	5 years

Preliminary interpretation