

EPA DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT (DERA) NATIONAL GRANT

HOW TO APPLY

SUMMARY

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues competitive grant funding under the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act (DERA) National Grants Program. The program is created to fund projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions and exposure, particularly from fleets operating in areas designated as poor air quality areas.

All application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through <http://www.grants.gov>. For more information, click here: <https://www.epa.gov/dera/national>.

TIMELINE

Activity	Date
Request for Applications	January 14, 2021
Information Session Webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 26, 2021; 1:00 p.m. (ET) • February 3, 2021; 3:00 p.m. (ET) • February 11, 2021; 2:00 p.m. (ET) <p>See EPA's DERA National Grants information.</p>
Question Submittal Deadline	March 5, 2021 at 4 p.m. (ET)
Application Deadline	March 16, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (ET)
Notification of Selected Applicants	April – May, 2021
Funding of Awards	June – October, 2021

Application and Supporting Documents

- Project Narrative (no more than 11 pages)
- [Standard Form SF 424](#) – Application for Federal Assistance
- [Standard Form SF 424A](#) – Budget Information
- [Standard Form 424B](#) - Non-Construction Programs
- [EPA Form 4700-4](#) - Pre-Award Compliance Review
- [EPA Key Contacts Form](#) - Key Contacts Form
- Applicant Fleet Description information (not included in the page limit)
- Emissions Reduction Calculations (not included in the page limit)
- Cost-Share Commitment Letters, if applicable (not included in the page limit)
- Partnership Letters, if applicable (not included in the page limit)
- Mandated Measures Justification Supporting Information, if applicable (not included in the page limit)

ELIGIBILITY

ENTITIES

- Regional, state, local or tribal agencies or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.
- Nonprofit organizations or institutions that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or have the promotion of transportation or air quality as their principal purpose.
- School districts, municipalities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), cities and counties are all eligible entities to the extent that they fall within the definitions above.

USES OF FUNDING

- School buses
- Class 5 – Class 8 heavy duty highway vehicles
- Non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at ports or airports), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps)

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1. **Gather Your Documents**
2. **Attend Informational EPA Webinar**
 - Three webinar opportunities: <https://www.epa.gov/dera/national>
3. **Submit Application**
 - Create account on <http://www.grants.gov>
 - Deadline March 16, 2021