

# Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

## Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

### All-Electric School Buses

April 3, 2023

	<b>Data Field</b>	
1.	Awarding Agency Name:	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2.	Agency Contact:	Darwin Burkhart at <a href="mailto:epa.vwgrants@illinois.gov">epa.vwgrants@illinois.gov</a>
3.	Announcement Type:	Initial Announcement
4.	Type of Assistance Instrument:	Grant
5.	Funding Opportunity Number:	23-1697-05
6.	Funding Opportunity Title:	Driving a Cleaner Illinois – Volkswagen
7.	CSFA Number:	532-10-1697
8.	CSFA Popular Name:	Driving A Cleaner Illinois - Volkswagen
9.	CFDA Number:	N/A
10.	Anticipated Number of Awards:	Up to 135 school buses
11.	Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$27,023,485 (Round Five Funding for all three priority areas)
12.	Award Range:	Minimum award amount \$200,000
13.	Source of Funding:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal Pass-Through <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private/Other Funding
14.	Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes
15.	Indirect Costs Allowed:	No
16.	Posted Date:	April 3, 2023
17.	Application Range:	April 3, 2023 to September 5, 2023, 5:00PM (CT)
18.	Technical Assistance Session:	No

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**A. Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Information**

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to inform potential applicants of the availability of funds from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement (Trust or Trust Agreement). Under this NOFO, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) will fund a portion of the eligible costs associated with the replacement (not repower) of existing diesel school buses with new all-electric school buses located and operated in any of the three priority areas outlined in the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) and in this NOFO. In addition to providing funding for new all-electric school buses, Illinois EPA will also fund a portion of necessary new electric charging equipment if charging infrastructure is needed.

**Each application under this NOFO must include:**

- One (1) Uniform Grant Application.
- One (1) General Application Form.
- A New All-Electric School Bus Application Form for each proposed new all-electric school bus (e.g., if application is for 3 electric school buses, then 3 forms will need to be included)
- An Infrastructure Form - if funding for charging equipment infrastructure is necessary, provide a separate form for each requested new charging equipment infrastructure location needed to charge the proposed electric school buses (e.g., if charging equipment is needed at 2 separate locations, then 2 forms will need to be included)
- One (1) Project Management Plan Form.
- One (1) Uniform Grant Budget Template.

**A school district can only be addressed by one application.**

- Applications must be complete; applicants must use the above referenced forms.
- Application forms must be signed by an authorized person on behalf of the applicant.

**An application must be submitted electronically to [epa.vwgrants@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.vwgrants@illinois.gov).**

**An application must be received by the Illinois EPA by 5:00 p.m. (CT) on September 5, 2023.**

**No additional materials will be accepted to supplement the initial application.**

**Late or incomplete applications or applications not on the requisite forms will be denied.**

Any questions must be in writing and directed to [epa.vwgrants@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.vwgrants@illinois.gov).

In completing projects under this NOFO, applicants must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances and regulations thereunder.

The State of Illinois is not obligated to make an award as a result of this NOFO.

**B. Funding Information**

Funding is private monies under the Trust for State Beneficiaries established by Volkswagen.

This funding opportunity is consistent with the Trust Agreement and the Agency's existing BMP under the Trust. Illinois is a beneficiary, and the Illinois EPA has been designated the lead agency to administer the funds allocated to Illinois under the Trust Agreement.

Applicants may not use Trust funds to satisfy obligations that are mandated by law or regulation, by any court order or decree, or by other agreement of any kind to acquire electric school buses.

Applicants may not combine funding from this program with other funding such that they receive in excess of 100% funding for any project.

Applicants may use other funding (federal, state, or other) as part or all of their mandatory cost share, provided such other funding source does not place a restriction on this. However, as noted later herein, such funding could affect the priority of this application.

### C. GATA Requirements

The Illinois EPA is required by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) to conduct a risk assessment of the applicant. Additional information may be required at that time from the successful applicant.

### D. Eligibility Requirements

The Illinois EPA will accept applications:

- For new all-electric school buses and any necessary charging infrastructure.
- From a school district that owns its buses or a commercial school bus provider that serves a school district and operate buses in the following priority areas:
  - Priority Area 1:** Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, Oswego Township in Kendall County and Aux Sable and Goose Lake townships in Grundy County
  - Priority Area 2:** Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties
  - Priority Area 3:** Champaign, DeKalb, LaSalle, McLean, Peoria, Sangamon, and Winnebago counties
- From entities that own diesel school buses and will own the new all-electric school buses and new charging infrastructure (applicants with leased buses are ineligible).
- Where each existing bus has been in operation in the school district for at least 80% of its annual operational hours in 2019, 2021, and 2022 (2020 is not included due to COVID).
- Where each existing bus is operational and in-service at the time the application is submitted.
  - Each existing diesel bus must be engine Model Year (MY) 2009 or older and be a diesel-powered Class 4-8 school bus.
  - Each existing bus must be scrapped within 90 days of the new bus being placed into service
- Where each replacement bus will operate within the school district at least 80% of its annual operating hours for at least five years from its in-service date.
- Where each replacement bus must be from the engine Model Year in which the project occurs (or later) or one engine model year prior.
- That satisfies qualification requirements through the GATA Grantee Portal at [www.grants.illinois.gov](http://www.grants.illinois.gov) prior to being offered an award.
- GATA qualification requirements prior to receiving a Notice of State Award include:
  - Possession of a valid Unique Entity ID (UEI) from the System for Award Management ([www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)).
  - Current and valid registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) ([www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)).
  - Approved FY 2024 Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment (ICQ).

- In good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State.
- Not currently debarred by the State of Illinois and/or federal government.
- Not on the Federal Excluded Parties List.
- Not on the Illinois Stop Payment List.
- Not on the sanctioned party list of the Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services.
- Not on the SAM.gov exclusion list.

## **E. Eligible and Ineligible Costs for Reimbursement**

### Eligible Costs

- The base price of the new all-electric school bus.
- Electric charging infrastructure if necessary to support the project.

### Ineligible Costs

- Options, add-ons, upgrades, taxes, title, license, and unrelated items related to the purchase of the new bus.
- Infrastructure if it is already available and adequate to support the new all-electric school bus.
- Options, other equipment, labor, taxes, other fees, or make-ready improvements related to the purchase and installation of the charging infrastructure.
- Cost to scrap the existing diesel school bus.
- Applicant's administrative costs.
- Incurred costs prior to the execution date of the grant agreement.
- Indirect costs.

## **F. Award Amount**

- The potential grant award for a "government applicant\*\*" that owns and operates its school buses is a maximum of 75% of eligible cost per electric school bus and necessary charging equipment infrastructure, limited by the per bus and infrastructure caps noted below.
- The potential grant award for a "non-government applicant" that owns and operates its school buses is a maximum of 50% of eligible cost per electric school bus and necessary charging equipment infrastructure, limited by the per bus and infrastructure caps noted below.
- Non-government applicants that are under contract with a public school district will be considered a "government applicant" and afforded treatment as a government applicant.
- Grant award caps for all applicants:
  - Class 4-6: \$190,000 per school bus.
  - Class 7-8: \$250,000 per school bus.
  - Infrastructure: \$20,000 per location.
- In-kind contributions are not acceptable for meeting the required cost share.
- The cost share for applicants is the differential between the eligible bus and infrastructure costs and the lesser of the above percentage or cap-based award amounts.

*“Government applicant” means a State or local government agency (including a school district, municipality, city, county, special district, transit district, joint powers authority, or port authority, owning fleets purchased with government funds), and a tribal government or native village.*

## **G. Application Review and Selection**

All applications will be reviewed by Illinois EPA for administrative completeness and against criteria identified in this NOFO, in compliance with GATA and 2 CFR 200 Uniform Requirements.

The administrative completeness review assesses whether the requirements in this NOFO, as further addressed in the application forms, have been met. The application will be denied if any requirements are not met as required in this NOFO or the related forms. No points will be assigned for the administrative completeness. **Failure to satisfy eligibility requirements, to use or to fully and appropriately complete the forms or to timely submit the application will result in a denial of application.**

In the event the number of eligible applications exceed the amount of available funding, the Agency will prioritize administratively complete applications from applicants that have not received any federal, state, or other grant or rebate funding for school buses since calendar year 2019. Commercial school bus providers that have been awarded funding for new, all-electric school buses in previous federal and state grant and rebate opportunities will be afforded this priority if the school district being served in an application under this NOFO was not the subject of a previous award.

To accommodate this priority review status, the applicant must provide the information required in the application form.

Applications (prioritized and separately non-prioritized) that meet the administrative completeness will be evaluated for cost-effectiveness. Proposed projects must result in the reduction of nitrogen oxides (NOx). Applications will be ranked by the project’s overall cost-effectiveness in terms of dollar per ton of NOx reduced. In addition, applications will be subsequently evaluated and ranked by an environmental justice component.

The cost-effectiveness evaluation will be performed as follows:

- a. The project’s overall cost-effectiveness will be calculated by dividing the total overall eligible project cost by the annual tons of NOx estimated to be reduced by the project. Only the cost of the electric school buses will be used in this calculation. Infrastructure costs will not be included.
- b. The tons of NOx reduced by the project will be calculated by the Agency using AFLEET, DEQ, or other appropriate tool/methodology.
- c. Applications will be ranked in order of cost-effectiveness.

To accommodate the cost-effectiveness component of review, the applicant must provide the information requested in the application form.

In the event the number of eligible applications from prioritized applicants that have not received any federal, state, or other grant or rebate funding for school buses since calendar year 2019 exceed the amount of available funding, these applications will first be ranked by cost-effectiveness and then by an environmental justice component. The environmental justice component evaluation will be based on the percentage of minority and low-income students in the identified school to be served by the all-electric school bus. The school that has the highest percentage of minority and low-income students will be awarded first, the second highest next and so on until all the funds have been awarded.

**Each New All-Electric School Bus Application Form must identify a school within the school district to be served by the proposed new all-electric school bus.** Only one school may be listed. Each New All-Electric School Bus Application Form must identify the percentage of minority and low-income students from the previous academic school year for the identified school that meet Illinois State Board of Education criteria for minority and low-income status. Applicants must provide a single percentage that encompasses both minority and low-income students. Applicants should not provide separate percentages. Students should not be counted twice. The State Board of Education considers low-income students to be students ages 3 to 17 that receive or live in households that receive public aid from SNAP or TANF; are classified as homeless, migrant runaway, Head Start, or foster children; or live in

a household where the household income meets USDA guidelines to receive free or reduced-priced meals. A minority student is a student considered to be non-white.

To accommodate this environmental justice component of review the applicant must provide the information requested in the application form.

Date and timestamp of an application will be the final determination of award if needed.

### **Treatment of Cost Sharing**

Cost-sharing is mandatory under this program but will not be considered in any other way in the application evaluation.

### **Agency Review and Error Correction**

If the Agency determines that an applicant incorrectly calculated or indicated the project cost, applicant cost-share, and/or total funding request based on the applicable cost estimate, required cost shares, or eligible costs, and the Agency can correct the error, the application will not adversely affect completeness. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Agency will contact the applicant and request a decision from the applicant as to whether it will accept the award based on the Agency's determination of the project cost, applicant cost-share, and/or total funding requested.

### **Appeal Process**

A merit-based evaluation appeal process is available to applicants, but appeals are limited to the evaluation process. Evaluation scores may not be protested. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Attn: Driving a Cleaner Illinois Program  
1021 N. Grand Avenue East, # 40  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Appeals must be received within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published by the Illinois EPA to [grants.Illinois.gov](http://grants.Illinois.gov). The written appeal should include at a minimum the following: the name and address of the appealing party, identification of the grant, and a statement of reasons for the appeal. The Agency will acknowledge receipt of an appeal within 14 calendar days from the date the appeal was received. When an appeal is received, the execution of all grant agreements that the Illinois EPA intends to make under this NOFO shall be stayed until the appeal is resolved, unless the Illinois EPA determines the needs of the State require moving forward with execution of the grant agreements. The State need determination and rationale shall be documented in writing.

The Agency will respond to the appeal within 60 days or supply a written explanation to the appealing party as to why additional time is required. The appealing party must supply any additional information requested by the Illinois EPA within the time period set in the request. The Illinois EPA will resolve the appeal by means of written determination, which shall include, but not be limited to, review of the appeal, appeal determination, and rationale for the determination.

## **H. Award Administration Information**

### **Notice of State Award**

Each successful applicant will receive a Notice of State Award ("NOSA"), which specifies the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from pre-award risk assessments. The NOSA will be distributed through the Grantee Portal; it must be accepted through the Portal before a Grant Agreement can be sent to the applicant.

**A NOSA is NOT an authorization to begin project activities and incur costs.**

**No costs can be incurred by the applicant until the Grant Agreement is signed by both the Grantor and Grantee. Also, a request for reimbursement cannot be submitted until after the full project is completed.**

## Grant Agreement

Once all the final requirements have been completed, the Grant Agreement between the Illinois EPA and the applicant will be sent to the applicant for signature. The signed Grant Agreement must be returned to the Illinois EPA within two weeks of receipt. Once the agreement is fully executed by the Illinois EPA, a copy of the fully executed agreement will be returned to the Grantee.

Anticipated announcement and state award dates:

<b>Anticipated Date</b>	<b>Illinois EPA Action</b>
January 2024	Notice of State Award to selected applicants for acceptance
February 2024	Grant agreement to selected applicants for signature
March 2024	Fully executed grant agreement to the grant recipient

## Reporting Pre-Project Completion and Annual Certifications

All grantees will be required to submit quarterly reports to the Illinois EPA describing the progress of the projects and costs incurred. Specific reporting requirements will be identified within the Grant Agreement. Grantees will also be required to submit a close-out report including task completion with dates and costs incurred and supporting information.

In addition, grantees will be required to provide an annual certification to the Agency regarding school bus and infrastructure operation and maintenance.

Templates of reports and annual certifications will be provided to the grantees.

<b>Uniform Grant Application</b>		
<b>State Agency Completed Section</b>		
1.	Type of Submission	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed / Corrected Application
2.	Type of Application	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation (i.e. multiple year grant) <input type="checkbox"/> Revision (modification to initial application)
3.	Date / Time Received by State	
4.	Name of the Awarding State Agency Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	
5.	Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) Number 532-10-1697	
6.	CSFA Title Driving A Cleaner Illinois - Volkswagen	
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) X Not applicable (No federal funding)		
7.	CFDA Number	
8.	CFDA Title	
9.	CFDA Number	
10.	CFDA Title	
Funding Opportunity Information		
11.	Funding Opportunity Number Funding Round Five	
12.	Funding Opportunity Title Funding Round Five	
Competition Identification X Not Applicable		
13.	Competition Identification Number	
14.	Competition Identification Title	



<b>Applicant Completed Section</b>		
<b>Applicant Information</b>		
15.	Legal Name	Name used for DUNS registration and grantee pre-qualification
16.	Common Name (DBA)	
17.	Employer / Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN, TIN)	
18.	Organizational DUNS number	
19.	GATA ID	Assigned through the Grantee Portal
20.	SAM Cage Code	
21.	Business Address	Street address, City, County, State, County, Zip + 4
<b>Applicant's Organizational Unit</b>		
22.	Department Name	
23.	Division Name	
<b>Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for <i>Program</i> Matters involving this Application</b>		
24.	First Name	
25.	Last Name	
26.	Suffix	
27.	Title	

28.	Organizational Affiliation	
29.	Telephone Number	
30.	Fax Number	
31.	Email address	
Applicant's Name and Contact Information for Person to be Contacted for <i>Business/Administrative Office</i> Matters involving this Application		
32.	First Name	
33.	Last Name	
34.	Suffix	
35.	Title	
36.	Organizational Affiliation	
37.	Telephone Number	
38.	Fax Number	
39.	Email address	
Areas Affected		
40.	Areas Affected by the Project (cities, counties, state-wide)	
41.	Legislative and Congressional Districts of Applicant	
42.	Legislative and Congressional Districts of Project	

Applicant's Project		
43.	Description Title of Applicant's Project	New All-Electric School Bus
44.	Proposed Project Term	Start Date: End Date:
45.	Estimated Funding (include all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount Requested from the State: <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Contribution (e.g., in kind, matching): <input type="checkbox"/> Local Contribution: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Source of Contribution: <input type="checkbox"/> Program Income: <div style="text-align: right;">Total Amount \$</div>
<p>Applicant Certification:</p> <p>This certification must be signed by a responsible official. Applications without a signed certification will be deemed incomplete. I certify under penalty of law that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information contained in this Application are true, accurate, and complete. Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA may be subject to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/44(h) or 18 USC § 1001, as applicable.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> I agree</p>		
Authorized Representative		
46.	First Name	
47.	Last Name	
48.	Suffix	
49.	Title	
50.	Telephone Number	
51.	Fax Number	
52.	Email Address	
53.	Signature of Authorized Representative	
54.	Date Signed	



**ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funding

General Application Form

<b>SECTION ONE</b>		<b>Contact Information</b>	
<b>Applicant/Owner</b>			
1) Applicant Name:		2) Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):	
3) Street Address:			
4) City:	5) County:	6) Zip Code:	
7) Contact Name:	8) Contact Title:	9) Contact Phone Number:	
10) Contact Email Address:			
11) Applicant is:		<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Government
12) Applicant is the Owner of all Existing Diesel School Buses in this Application		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
13) Applicant will be the Owner of all Proposed Electric School Buses in this Application		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Operator (if different from owner)</b>			
14) Operator Name:		15) Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):	
16) Street Address:			
17) City:	18) County:	19) Zip Code:	
20) Contact Name:	21) Contact Title:	22) Contact Phone Number:	
23) Contact Email Address:			
<b>SECTION TWO</b>		<b>Project Information</b>	
		Yes	No
1)	Are you mandated by law or regulation, by any court order or decree, or by other agreement of any kind to acquire electric school buses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2)	The existing diesel school buses to be replaced are operational and in-service and engine MY 2009 and older.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3)	Have you received prior funding for this project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4)	Where the applicant is a commercial bus provider, the applicant has fully informed the affected school or school district of this application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>SECTION THREE</b>			<b>Overview of Proposed Project</b>		
1) Number of New All-Electric School Buses in the Application:  <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		2) A separate New All-Electric School Bus Application Form is included for each proposed all-electric school bus  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
3) There is adequate existing charging infrastructure for this proposed project. If "No," include Infrastructure Form <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>					
4) Have you purchased any of the proposed school buses or charging infrastructure in this Application?  <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>					
5) Total Eligible Project Cost: \$ _____	6) Applicant's Cost Share: \$ _____	7) Total Eligible Funding Request: \$ _____			

<b>Signature Block</b>	
<p>This certification must be signed by a responsible official. Applications without a signed certification will be deemed incomplete. I certify under penalty of law that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information contained in this Application are true, accurate, and complete. Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after conviction is a Class 3 felony (415 ILCS 5/44(h)).</p>	
BY: _____  <div style="text-align: center;">AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</div>	_____  <div style="text-align: center;">TITLE OF SIGNATORY</div>
_____  <div style="text-align: center;">TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF SIGNATORY</div>	_____ / _____ / _____  <div style="text-align: center;">DATE</div>



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Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funding

New All-Electric School Bus Application Form

<b>SECTION ONE</b>			<b>General Project Information</b>		
1) Eligible School Bus Cost: \$		2) Eligible Applicant Cost Share: A) \$                      B) %		3) Eligible Funding Request: A) \$                      B) %	
<b>Information on the School to be Served by the Proposed Electric School Bus</b>					
4) Name of School:					
5) Address of School:					
6) City:		7) County:		8) Zip Code:	
9) Name of School District:				10) Percentage of Minority/Low Income Enrollment at the School: _____%	
11) This proposed school bus is or will be under contract with a school district.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
12) This proposed school bus will serve the school identified in this Section.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
13) Itemized cost estimate for the new electric school bus is attached to this form.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SECTION TWO</b>			<b>Existing School Bus Information</b>		
<b>General Information</b>					
1) Vehicle Class: <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8					
2) Manufacturer:			3) Model:		
4) Engine Model Year:			5) Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):		
6) Bus is fueled with diesel fuel: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
<b>Engine Information</b>					
7) Engine Serial Number:					
<b>Operational History</b>					
8) Annual Mileage: <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 _____ miles <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 _____ miles <input type="checkbox"/> 2022 _____ miles					
9) Annual Fuel Usage: <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 _____ gallons <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 _____ gallons <input type="checkbox"/> 2022 _____ gallons					

**Location of Operation-Existing School Bus**

Existing School Bus has operated in the identified school district and in the indicated county/counties at least 80% of its annual operational hours in 2019, 2021, and 2022:

**Priority Area 1 (Chicago Area):**

Cook County     DuPage County     Kane County     Lake County     McHenry County

Will County     Aux Sable Township-Grundy County     Goose Lake Township-Grundy County

Oswego Township-Kendall County

10) **Priority Area 2 (Metro-East Area):**

Madison County                       Monroe County                       St. Clair County

**Priority Area 3:**

Champaign County     DeKalb County     LaSalle County     McLean County

Peoria County     Sangamon County     Winnebago County

**SECTION THREE                      Proposed Electric School Bus Information**

**General Information**

1) Vehicle Class:     4                       5                       6                       7                       8

2) Manufacturer:	3) Model:	4) Engine Model Year:
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**Engine Information**

5) Fuel Type:     All-Electric

**Location of Operation-Proposed School Bus**

Proposed School Bus will operate in the identified school district and in the indicated county/counties at least 80% of its annual operational hours for 5 years from its in-service date:

**Priority Area 1 (Chicago Area):**

Cook County     DuPage County     Kane County     Lake County     McHenry County

Will County     Aux Sable Township-Grundy County     Goose Lake Township-Grundy County

Oswego Township-Kendall County

6) **Priority Area 2 (Metro-East Area):**

Madison County                       Monroe County                       St. Clair County

**Priority Area 3:**

Champaign County     DeKalb County     LaSalle County     McLean County

Peoria County     Sangamon County     Winnebago County



# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funding

### Infrastructure Form

Complete a separate form for each location for the requested infrastructure

<b>SECTION ONE</b>			<b>Proposed Location</b>		
1) Street Address:					
2) City:		3) County:		4) Zip Code:	
5) Applicant will be the owner of this proposed new electric charging equipment. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
<b>Infrastructure Costs</b>					
6) Eligible Charging Equipment Cost:		7) Eligible Applicant Cost Share:		8) Eligible Funding Request:	
\$		A) \$      B) %		A) \$      B) %	
9) Itemized cost estimate for the charging equipment is attached to this form. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

<b>SECTION TWO</b>	<b>Adequacy of Infrastructure</b>
There will there be adequate infrastructure with the addition of the proposed infrastructure detailed on this form.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



## PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN FORM

Applicants must provide responses to the following and submit this form with the application. No other information or attachments are necessary. See the NOFO for the Anticipated Date of when Illinois EPA plans to provide the grant recipient with a fully executed grant agreement, which will be the start of the project, and provide estimated timeframes below based on that date.

1. Anticipated date for ordering each electric school bus, and the charging equipment if applicable:

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2. Anticipated date for receiving each electric school bus, and charging equipment if applicable:

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3. Anticipated date for placing into service each electric school bus, and charging equipment if applicable:

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4. Anticipated date for completing the scrapping of each designated existing diesel school bus:

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5. Anticipated date for requesting the reimbursement of the total eligible project costs after completion of the full project:

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6. Has the applicant received any federal, state, or other grant or rebate funding prior to this application to offset the costs of acquiring school buses since calendar year 2019?

Yes       No

If "Yes," identify the source(s), amount, and dedicated purpose of the funding:

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