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Class 8 Emergency Service Truck Project
Application Worksheet

Project Description

Consistent with the terms and conditions of Florida's State Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen (VW) Settlement and VW Environmental Mitigation Trust,[1] this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Application Worksheet is for potential project partners to propose eligible Class 8 diesel trucks (engine model year 2009 or older) for replacement with new **Class 8 emergency service trucks (e.g., trucks used for emergency response services including fire engines, ladder trucks, ambulances, mobile command centers, or other specialized rescue units)**. New units may be powered by diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), or propane. Eligible program participants include Florida county governments, Florida municipalities, and non-governmental private commercial entities that provide emergency response services for a Florida county or municipality under contract.

For **Emergency Service Truck** projects, each governmental entity or non-governmental private commercial entity may be awarded funding for up to two (2) eligible replacement units. Qualifying governmental entities may be awarded up to $800,000 per eligible new emergency service truck unit, subject to the limits of available funds and the goal of awarding funds to as many qualifying governmental entities as possible. Qualifying private municipal services entities may be awarded up to $200,000 per eligible new emergency service truck (not to exceed 25% of the new unit price), subject to the limits of available funds. The maximum potential grant award for any individual qualifying entity operating within a specified county or municipality will be $1,600,000 for governmental entities (for two replacement units at $800,000 per unit) and $400,000 for non-governmental entities (for two replacement units at $200,000 per unit). Reimbursements to non-governmental entities cannot exceed 25% of the new unit price. Non-governmental entities that provide emergency response services to governmental entities under contract, and which operate in more than one county or municipality, may apply for funding for up to two (2) eligible replacement units in total.

To be eligible, a qualifying entity must purchase one new truck (diesel, CNG, or propane) for each eligible existing diesel unit scrapped. Scrappage requirements will apply as

[1] Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (dated October 2019) and Mitigation Plan Updates & Amendments (dated October 2025) are available for download at: https://floridadep.gov/air/air-director/content/demp-volkswagen-settlement-and-dera.

specified in Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen (VW) Settlement. Eligible existing units do not have to be utilized for the same purpose as the replacement unit. Eligible existing units may be any Class 8 truck of model year 2009 or older.

Grant funds will be paid to the grantee in the form of a reimbursement following the completion of all grant requirements.

The State of Florida intends for all projects funded under this NOFA to be completed no later than March 31, 2028. Funding priority will be based, in part, upon the date by which the applicant proposes to complete the project. All interested parties must complete and submit this application worksheet to VWMitigation@FloridaDEP.gov by **December 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

Once the application period has closed and the Department has completed its review of all applications, the Department will prepare award letters for potential project partners followed by draft grant agreements for review prior to execution by the Department and the grantee. Each grant agreement will include specific deliverables (i.e., make, model, unit specifications, and total unit cost for each new unit) and information pertaining to the process by which the grantee must scrap each eligible existing unit. Each grant agreement will include a detailed scope of work, timeline, and payment schedule.

The total amount of funding available for potential distribution to qualifying entities under this NOFA is $12,000,000. [2] The Department reserves the right to prioritize the distribution of project funding to governmental entities ahead of non-governmental entities. The Department reserves the right to distribute project funding to as many qualifying entities as possible.

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[2] The Department reserves the right to make additional VW Settlement funds available for the purchase of new Class 8 emergency service trucks if there is sufficient interest in this NOFA.

Contact Information for Entity Completing this Application	
Name	
Title	
Entity	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	
Primary Phone Number	
Primary Email Address	
Secondary Contact Name	
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General Information
The applicant is a governmental entity _____ / non-governmental private commercial entity _____.
County or municipality where the applicant operates its fleet:
Is the proposed project located in a rural area of opportunity as defined under s. 288.0656, Fla. Stat.?
Total number of diesel trucks in the applicant's fleet operating within that county or municipality:
Are the existing units that the applicant is proposing to scrap Class 8 trucks that are model year 2009 or older?
Is the applicant aware that in order to receive reimbursement for costs associated with purchasing each new unit, a 3" hole must be bored through the engine block of an eligible existing unit, and the frame rails of the eligible existing unit must be cut completely in half?
Please identify the fuel type that the applicant is proposing for the replacement unit(s): _____ Diesel _____ Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) _____ Propane
Number of eligible existing units to be replaced:
Estimated cost per new unit:
Total project funding requested:
Proposed date by which the applicant will complete all project activities:

Eligible Existing Class 8 Truck Details (model year 2009 or older)				
Engine Model-Year	**Unit Description**	**Annual Miles Traveled (est.)**	**Annual Gallons of Fuel Used (est.)**	**Annual Idling Hours (est.)**
NOTE: The applicant may elect to submit this information as a spreadsheet attachment to the Application Worksheet.				