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Class 4-7 Garbage 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 4-7 diesel trucks (engine model year 2009 or older) for replacement with new garbage trucks (diesel, compressed natural gas [CNG], propane, or electric). Eligible program participants include Florida county governments, Florida municipalities, and non-governmental private commercial entities that provide waste collection services for a Florida county or municipality under contract.

Each entity may request funding for up to a maximum of three (3) new garbage trucks per Application. As stated in the Updates and Amendments to Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen Settlement, dated October 31, 2025,² the Department will prioritize funding awards to projects in areas of the state engaged in disaster recovery and resiliency planning (i.e., fleet management and upgrades to legacy vehicles and equipment to address present and projected needs relating to hurricane and natural disaster preparedness and response), and in communities that have suffered disproportionate economic, environmental, and operational impacts from severe weather events in recent years, which would also benefit from reductions in diesel-related emissions. The Department will also prioritize funding for projects located in rural areas of opportunity as defined under Section 288.0656, Fla. Stat.

Qualifying governmental entities may be awarded up to \$400,000 per eligible new unit, subject to the limits of available funds and the goal of awarding funds to as many qualifying governmental entities as possible. Qualifying non-governmental private commercial entities may be awarded up to \$100,000 per eligible new unit, subject to the limits of available funds. To be eligible, a qualifying entity must purchase one new garbage truck (diesel, compressed natural gas [CNG], propane, or electric) for each eligible existing unit

¹ Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (dated October 2019) is available for download at: <https://floridadep.gov/air/air/documents/floridas-beneficiary-mitigation-plan>.

² Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan Updates and Amendments (dated October 31, 2025) is available for download at: <https://floridadep.gov/air/air-business-planning/documents/florida%E2%80%99s-beneficiary-mitigation-plan-updates-amendments-under>.

scrapped. Eligible existing units do not have to be garbage trucks. Eligible existing units may be any Class 4-7 medium 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. Scrappage requirements will apply as specified in Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan.

The State of Florida intends for all projects funded under this NOFA to be completed no later than December 31, 2027. Funding priority will be based, in part, upon the date by which the grantee proposes to complete the project. All interested parties must complete and submit this application worksheet to VWMitigation@FloridaDEP.gov by **Tuesday, December 23, 2025, 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 (e.g., permanently disable) 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 \$10,000,000.³ The maximum potential grant award for any individual qualifying entity operating within a specified county or municipality will be \$1,200,000 for governmental entities (for three replacement units at \$400,000 per unit) and \$300,000 for non-governmental / private commercial entities (for three [3] replacement units at \$100,000 per unit). Non-governmental private commercial entities that provide waste collection services to governmental entities under contract, and which operate in more than one county or municipality, may apply separately for funding for unit replacement projects within each separate county or municipality in which that entity provides services.

The Department reserves the right to prioritize the distribution of project funding to governmental entities ahead of non-governmental private commercial entities. The Department reserves the right to distribute project funding to as many qualifying entities as possible.

³ The Department reserves the right to make additional VW Settlement funds available for the purchase of new Class 4-7 garbage 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	
Secondary Email Address	

General Information
The applicant a governmental entity ____ / non-governmental private commercial entity ____.
County or municipality in which 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 garbage trucks in the applicant's fleet operating within that county or municipality:
Are the existing units that the applicant is proposing to scrap Class 4-7 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 ____ Electric
Number of eligible existing units to be replaced (up to three [3]):
Estimated cost per new unit:
Total project funding requested:
Proposed date by which the applicant will complete all project activities:

Individual Class 4-7 Truck Details (for up to three [3] eligible existing units)				
Engine Model-Year	Class (4-7)	Annual Miles Traveled (estimated)	Annual Gallons of Fuel Used (estimated)	Annual Idling Hours (estimated)

NOTE: The applicant may elect to submit this information as a spreadsheet attachment to the Application Worksheet.