



**Re: Funds Available for Diesel Emissions Reduction Projects**

Dear Stakeholders:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is announcing the availability of up to \$1,028,684.04 in funds for the reduction of diesel emissions in our state. DEEP is seeking grant proposals from municipalities, organizations, and businesses for diesel emissions reduction projects that are environmentally and economically beneficial, can be initiated promptly, and will be completed quickly. DEEP is again emphasizing the importance of marine projects and projects that include the replacement of diesel equipment with electric equipment.

This year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is allocating to Connecticut a minimum of \$398,782.00 authorized under the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA), for projects to reduce diesel pollution in the state. In addition, DEEP has leftover funding available from previous 2021 and 2023 DERA rounds, including funds available through the “DERA Option” under Connecticut’s Volkswagen Mitigation Program (VW Program); this could increase the total to as much as \$1,028,684.04. This year, DEEP will not be accepting diesel-to-diesel applications for ground equipment. DEEP is seeking applications replacing diesel equipment with electric vehicle equivalents, or marine projects regardless of the replacement technology (i.e. diesel-to-diesel replacements are acceptable).

All interested parties are encouraged to apply by submitting their proposal on the attached form, which can also be found on DEEP’s [Diesel Grants & Funding](#) page. Completed forms and inquiries should be directed to the attention of DERA Grants Administration at [DEEP.MobileSources@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.MobileSources@ct.gov); proposals must be submitted no later than February 13, 2025.

DERA funding presents an excellent opportunity to leverage federal funds to replace older diesel vehicles and equipment with newer, cleaner equipment, including electric alternatives to diesel, which will benefit you while also helping to improve air quality and protect public health in Connecticut. See the attached [2024 State Clean Diesel Project Guidance Document](#) for project eligibility details. Projects must be completed by August 31, 2026.

Sincerely,

*Emma Cimino*

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Deputy Commissioner

Jan. 9, 2025

Date

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## Attachment A

### 2024 State DERA Funding Fact Sheet

DERA funds can be used to replace diesel-powered vehicles and equipment with electric equivalents. For marine projects, diesel, electric, CNG or propane-powered replacements are eligible. **There are a number of requirements related to project eligibility; please be sure to review all materials to determine project eligibility and make sure forms are complete upon submittal.** A complete list of eligible projects is provided in the attached Guidance for State DERA Project Proposals (DERA Guidance).

For eligible vehicles, DERA will cover up to 45% cost reimbursement for electric vehicles that replace certain diesel vehicles. The purchase and installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure can be included in an EV replacement project.

Proposed projects will be evaluated based on diesel emission reductions and cost effectiveness. This is a reimbursement program; award recipients will be required to demonstrate payment for the project before receiving awarded funds. Projects must be completed by August 31, 2026; funding cannot be guaranteed for projects completed and invoiced after that date.