



Public Notice Volkswagen Settlement: Diesel Emissions Mitigation Program Solicitation

Opens: April 7, 2026
Proposals Due: Jun 11, 2026

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is pleased to announce that \$15 million is now available under Connecticut's Diesel Emissions Mitigation Program for use by non-government and government entities towards projects to reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from a wide array of mobile sources. This round of funding is intended to support projects replacing diesel vehicles and equipment with electric equivalents and for ports and marine projects.

The funding is from a prior environmental settlement with Volkswagen (VW) after VW publicly admitted to secretly and deliberately installing defeat devices - software designed to cheat emissions tests and deceive federal and state regulators - in nearly 590,000 VW, Audi and Porsche model year 2009 to 2016 diesel vehicles sold to American consumers. As a result of a federal civil enforcement case against VW for violating the Clean Air Act, Connecticut is expected to receive over \$55.7 million, to be distributed over a ten year period, for use towards offsetting the excess NOx pollution emitted in Connecticut by these VW vehicles.

Funds for this phase of the Diesel Emissions Mitigation Program are limited to projects replacing eligible diesel vehicles and equipment with electric equivalents and for ports and marine projects. Eligible source categories under those limits and funding allocations are specified in the State of Connecticut [Beneficiary Mitigation Plan \(the Plan\)](#) and limited by the [Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries](#). Both non-government and government entities are eligible to apply. DEEP will ensure that projects ultimately funded by this program support the goals of the Plan. Submitted proposals will be evaluated based on the funding criteria outlined in the Plan. After evaluation, applicants will be notified of the status of their proposals; and, following notification, awarded projects should be implemented. Upon successful completion of awarded projects, awardees will be reimbursed.

Note: At this time DEEP will not be accepting funding applications solely for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE). Connecticut has committed in the Plan to use 15% of the overall allocated funds on EVSE projects and a second round of EVSE funding will be announced at a later date.

Reducing diesel-related air pollution, especially from the transportation sector, is critical for Connecticut to meet its clean air goals. As the transportation sector is responsible for approximately 70% of NOx emissions and 40% of greenhouse gas emissions in Connecticut, continued emission reductions from this sector remains critical in light of federal backsliding of new vehicle emission standards. This funding, while reducing NOx emissions needed to meet health-based air quality standards, will also create economic development opportunities in the state as Connecticut moves forward towards meeting its long term climate goals.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 PM EST on June 11, 2026. If you are interested in applying for funding under this program, please review important program information and download forms at portal.ct.gov/deep/air/mobile-sources/vw/vw-settlement---home.