

Connecticut VW Diesel Emissions Reduction Program

Round 3 Proposal Ranking Methodology

For Round 3, 75% of the \$10 million offered was set aside for proposals to replace diesel vehicles and equipment with electric equivalents and 35% of the total was dedicated to projects benefitting Environmental Justice (EJ) communities. DEEP received enough proposals of each type to utilize all of the available funds for EV and EJ projects.

The benefits of the proposals were calculated and ranked. Every project was assigned ranking points for each criteria category, with the highest ranking project in each category being assigned 34 points and the lowest ranking project receiving 1 point. For categories with a binary “yes/no” answer, a “yes” received 34 points and a “no” received zero points. Weighting factors were then applied to advance criteria of greater significance to the program as follows:

Criteria	Units	Weighting Factor Formula
Annual NOx Reductions	tons/year	Ranking Points * 6
Lifetime NOx Cost Effectiveness VW Share	\$/ton NOx reduced	Ranking Points * 5
Lifetime NOx Reductions	tons	Ranking Points * 4
EJ Community	Yes/No	Ranking Points * 3
Lifetime GHG Reductions	tons	Ranking Points * 2
Transformative	Yes/No	Ranking Points * 2
Leveraged Funding Exceeding Minimum Cost Share	Yes/No	Ranking Points * (1 + decrease in % over required minimum)
NY/NJ/CT Nonattainment	Yes/No	Ranking Points * 1
Anti-Idling Program	Yes/No	Ranking Points * 1

Total ranking points for each project were then calculated by totaling the weighted ranking points for each criteria category.

Other Notes:

- For large proposals that included several towns, calculations were also made for individual towns and other reasonable smaller groupings.
- For proposals where complete vehicle usage data was not provided, calculations were also made for the eligible vehicles for which data were provided.
- One application received was not ranked because the proposed project did not meet the eligibility requirements for funding.
- The Department has exercised discretion, in this round, to give additional considerations to projects that promote long-term, sustainable transformation of our transportation sector.