

Notice of Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Application Deadline Extension

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) previously announced the availability of up to \$968,805.00 in new funds for the reduction of diesel emissions in our state. This funding presents an opportunity to replace older diesel engines and equipment. 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.

This year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) allocated to Connecticut a minimum of \$425,846, authorized under the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA), for projects to reduce diesel pollution in the state. In addition, DEEP has reserved the opportunity to nearly triple its DERA allocation using funds available through the “DERA Option” under Connecticut’s Volkswagen Mitigation Program (VW Program); this could increase the total to as much as \$968,805.

More information about the program, as well as the form required for interested parties to apply, can 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; **the deadline to submit proposals has been extended to no later than 4pm on January 24, 2024.**

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. A complete list of eligible projects can be found in the [2023-State-Clean-Diesel-Project-Guidance-Document.pdf](#). Projects must be completed by August 31, 2025.

DEEP recommends interested parties review the 2023 DERA Guidance Document, to find out more details about DERA eligibility as well as some VW and DERA program differences. Note that many diesel emission reduction projects that are eligible for the DERA program are not eligible for the VW Program. Therefore, DEEP also recommends that you familiarize yourselves with the State of Connecticut Mitigation Plan under Volkswagen 2.0L and 3.0L Vehicle Partial Consent Decrees, Appendix D, on DEEP’s [VW Settlement](#) page as you consider options under both the existing DERA and future VW opportunities.

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