

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM AIR DISTRICTS

\$122 million is available for eligible applicants in small and medium-air districts in California for zero-emission school buses!

Eligible applicants in small or medium air districts can apply for the Public School Bus Set-Aside for Small and Medium Air Districts (Public School Bus Set-Aside) when HVIP opens on March 30th. For the first 90 days, funding will be prioritized for applicants that are in a small air district AND are also in a Disadvantaged Community, however all who are eligible are encouraged to apply!

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants in California that own their own school buses are eligible to participate in the Public School Bus Set-Aside. This includes applicants that contract with a County Office of Education or private contractor for maintenance and operations. All applicants must serve students at the K-12th grade level.

Eligible applicants include*:

- California Public School Districts and Public Charter Schools, as listed at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/cs/>
- California Joint Power Authorities (JPAs)
- California County Offices of Education (COEs)
- Division of State Special Schools of the California Department of Education

**The physical address of the applicant's main office / headquarters must be located within the boundaries of a small or medium air district. Full details are available at www.CaliforniaHVIP.org/Purchasers*

Voucher Amounts

Voucher amounts in the Public School Bus Set-Aside intend to cover nearly, if not all, the full cost of a new zero-emission school bus. These vouchers may cover taxes and fees related to the purchase of the eligible vehicle.

| School Bus Type | Voucher Amount* |
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| Type A (with or without a wheelchair lift) | \$350,000 |
| Type C & D (without a wheelchair lift) | \$375,000 |
| Type C & D (with a wheelchair lift) | \$400,000 |

Two-Step Application Process

Application Part A contains questions about the applicants' qualifications to participate in the Public School Bus Set-Aside and requires the applicant submit a Letter of Intent *.

After review of Application Part A, the HVIP Team will determine eligibility and, if eligible, advance the applicant to Application Part B. Application Part B will require the applicant identify which eligible vehicle(s)** they would like to purchase and communicate with an HVIP approved dealer who will complete Application Part B on their behalf in the form of an HVIP voucher request.

A purchase order (PO) is not required to submit Application Part B/voucher request. POs are not required until the Voucher Request Form Terms & Conditions have been signed.

***Vouchers may not exceed the full vehicle cost inclusive of taxes and fees**

****In order to receive funds from the Public School Bus Set-Aside, applicants will select an HVIP eligible vehicle with Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) functionality*. Recipients of the new bus(es) are not required to utilize V2G.**

Scrappage Requirements*

In order to receive funds for an eligible new school bus, an existing bus from the applicant's fleet must be scrapped. The old school bus can be any internal combustion engine using any fuel type, and does not need to be the same bus type or vehicle weight class as the new bus. The following are eligibility requirements for the old bus:

- The bus chassis must be a 2007 model year or older per the DMV Registration Form.
- The bus must be applicant owned. The bus cannot have a lienholder listed.
- The bus must have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 pounds
- The bus must have a current California Highway Patrol Safety Certification
- The bus must be compliant with the California Truck and Bus Regulation in order to receive a full voucher amount

Application Prioritization**

For the first 90 days, priority will be given to applicants that are in a small air district AND are also in a Disadvantaged Community. This priority group will automatically be reviewed for eligibility and, if approved, can start Application Part B. After the first 90-days, remaining requests that were received **during** the 90-day window will be reviewed for eligibility in the order described below:

1. Applicants located in small air districts but not located in DACs, then
2. If additional funds remain, requests from applicants located in medium-sized air districts and in DACs will be funded, then
3. If additional funds remain, requests from applicants located in medium-sized air districts that are not in DACs will be funded.

**Scrappage of the old bus can occur any time after Terms and Conditions have been executed and within 365 calendar days of new bus delivery. Proof of scrappage is required*

***Following the initial 90-day window, requests are first come first served for all eligible applicants in small and medium-sized air districts, pending funding availability.*



WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY

On March 30th at 10 a.m., a link to the Public School Bus Set-Aside Application Part A will be available at www.CaliforniaHVIP.org/Purchasers. Search Public School Bus Set-Aside for Small and Medium Air Districts on the 'Search for Funding' drop-down tool. All resources related to this set-aside can also be found at www.CaliforniaHVIP.org/Purchasers.

Please reach out to SchoolBusTeam@CALSTART.org if you need any assistance or to subscribe to the Public School Bus Set-Aside updates.

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