

Private Fleet Diesel Electrification and Low Nox (PFDEAL)

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RFA Key Details

- Application Deadline = February 9, 2026
at 11:59 p.m.
- Amount Available = \$2,396,457
- Project Period = start on the date the grant is signed and continue through
September 30, 2026

PFDEAL Goal

Improve public health by reducing diesel emissions in the District through replacing class 4+ medium- or heavy-duty diesel-powered vehicles with zero emissions vehicle equivalents.

Background

Where does the money come from?

- Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) and the Volkswagen Settlement Fund
 - They have requirements (weight class, scrappage, etc.)

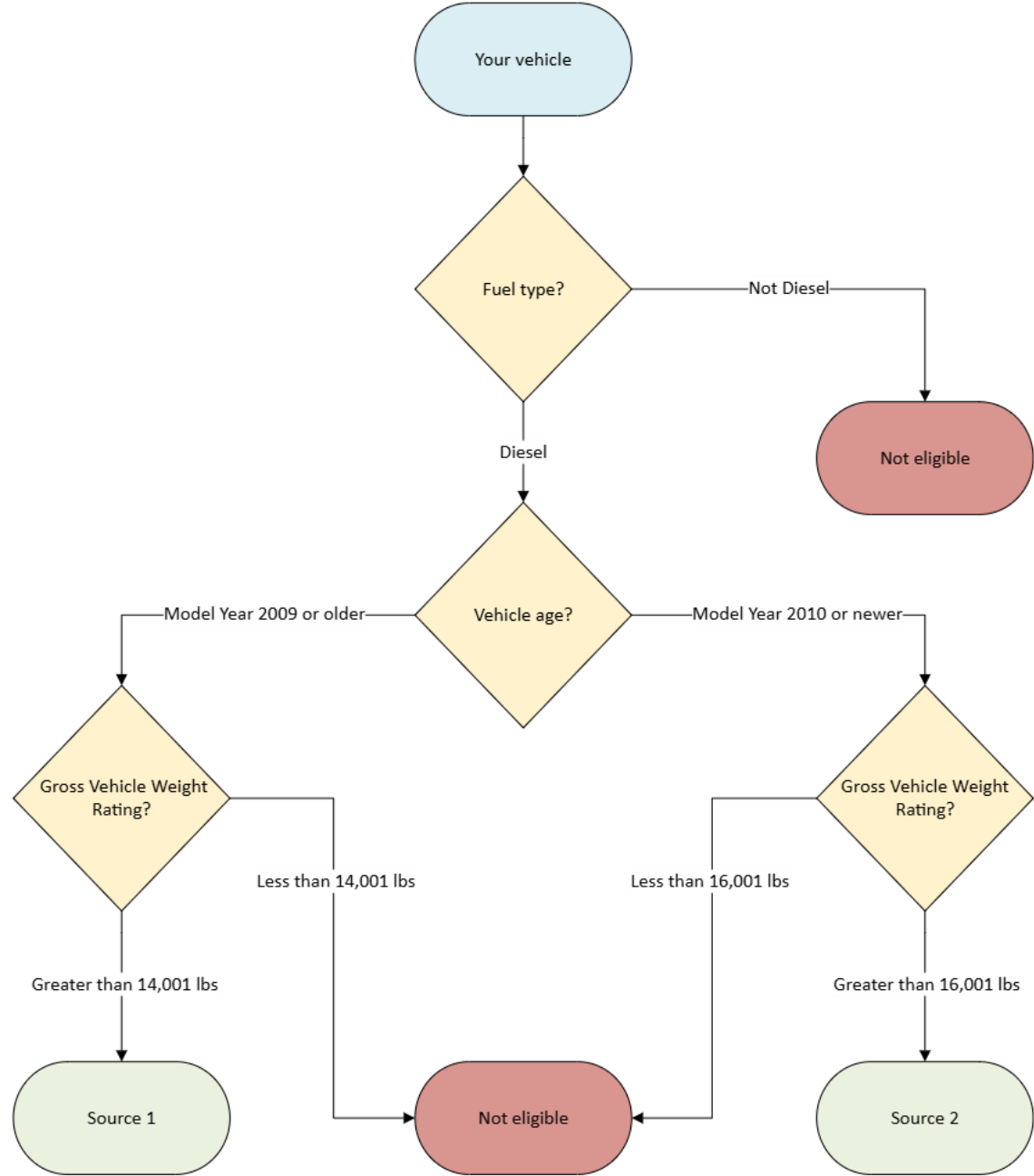
Project Description

- Who is eligible?
 - Non-governmental organizations, faith-based organizations, universities, or private enterprises
- **Vehicles must be registered in the District or operate in the District at least 60% of the time**
- **Not for fleet additions or repairs**

Sources

- Source 1
 - Model years 2009 and older class 4-8 diesel-powered local freight trucks and buses
 - Up to a 75 percent rebate on the purchase of an all-electric vehicle.
- Source 2
 - Any model year class 5-8 diesel-powered trucks and buses
 - Rebate for the cost of a zero-emissions vehicle minus the cost of a new diesel vehicle, up to 45 percent of the cost of a zero-emissions vehicle.
 - Source 2 vehicles must also meet USEPA's eligibility criteria in the [DERA State Grants Program Guide under Section X.A Project Eligibility Criteria: Table 4 and Section X.C Ownership, Usage, and Remaining Life Requirements of the DERA State Grants Program Guide.](#)

Note: District-registered vehicles will be eligible for both Source 1 and 2 amounts; non-District-registered vehicles with at least 80 percent operation in the District will be eligible for 80 percent of these amounts; and non-District-registered vehicles with at least 60 percent operation in the District will be eligible for 60 percent of these amounts.



Scrappage

‘Scrapped’ means to render inoperable and available for recycle, and, at a minimum, to specifically cut a 3-inch hole in the engine block for all engines. If any Eligible Vehicle will be replaced as part of an Eligible project, scrapped also includes disabling the chassis by cutting the vehicle’s frame rails completely in half.

Charging

The cost of purchasing and installing one charging unit per vehicle, including the unit and charging cable, mount, and/or pedestal, will also be eligible for a rebate up to 45 percent. Ineligible costs related to charging can be found under Section X.D.3 Battery Electric Powered Replacement Projects of EPA's [DERA program guide](#).

Vehicle Replacement Plans

A thorough vehicle replacement plan would include:

- Which funding option is being used
- How many vehicles will be replaced
- Details of vehicles to be replaced
 - Engine model year
 - Vehicle weight class
 - Years of remaining life
 - Number of vehicle miles traveled annually
 - Where the vehicle primarily operates (e.g., routes, maps, timetables)
- Details of proposed vehicles for purchase (e.g., manufacturer quote)
 - If using Option 2, please include manufacturer quotes for a new diesel and new zero emission equivalents
- Expected emissions reduction (please use USEPA Diesel Emissions Quantifier <https://cfpub.epa.gov/quantifier/>).

Required Documents

- Certificate of Good Standing
- Certificate of Clean Hands
- Signed Promises, Certifications, Assertions, and Assurances
- IRS W-9 Tax Form
- Tax Exemption Affirmation Letter, if applicable
- Current Fiscal Year Budget
- Financial Statements
- Separation of Duties Policy
- System for Award Management (SAM) Active registration
- Indirect Cost Rate Documentation, if applicable

Appendices to the RFA

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An Applicant must agree in writing, by signature below, to comply with the following promises, certifications, assertions, and assurances, made in support of the grant application.

I. MEANING OF SIGNATURE ON THE PCA

1. This Appendix 2 – DC Grant Promises, Certifications, Assertions, and Assurances (PCA) contains terms that apply to the undersigned Applicant (Applicant) and its application (Application) and, upon award of the grant applied for (Grant), to the successful applicant (Grantee). This PCA is incorporated into the Request for Applications (RFA) and each Grant Award Notice. The Applicant signifies its agreement to the PCA terms by signing below in the Signature and Certification of the Applicant section.

Scoring Criteria

Scoring Criteria	Points
Vehicle replacement plan or manufacturer's quote ensures vehicle delivery within project period.	15
Clearly documents the number of people served and service area or route.	15
Replacements would produce significant community benefit.	25
Clearly documents vehicle eligibility under chosen funding source.	15
Presents a clear plan to scrap the replaced vehicles.	10
Provides a detailed budget that is cost-effective.	10
Provides a budget narrative that supports the budget line items.	10

How to Apply

- 1 Contents of the Application are in Section 3 of the RFA
- 2 Submit all required documents in the designated upload locations in the GMS
- 3 All new applicants must request access to the GMS through the grant's portal at <https://doee.dc.gov/page/active-grants-application-portal>
- 4 Organizations are only allowed one email address that all team members are expected to use
- 5 Register your entity early and allow for up to 2 business days to receive an invitation to the GMS

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Attachment(s):

[Applicant and Grantee User Guide](#) - 1.2 MB (pdf)

Questions?

- All Questions and Answers will be posted on the RFA Webpage.
- Questions should be sent to 2025pfdeal.grant@dc.gov with the subject line “Re: RFA-FY26-AQD-887”.
- The cutoff date for receipt of any questions is 5:00pm on February 2, 2026.

Thank You and Good Luck!

- 2025pfdeal.grant@dc.gov
- To apply
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- To get the slides and updated QA
<https://doee.dc.gov/node/1810736>