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FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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SUBJECT: EPA FY 2018 Clean Diesel Program (DERA)

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Transportation and Air Quality has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Clean Diesel Program** funded under the *Diesel Emissions Reduction Act* (DERA). The agency will award approximately \$40 million in total program funding through an estimated 2 to 8 cooperative agreements per EPA Regional Office. The application deadline is **Tuesday, June 12, 2018**.

The purpose of the program is to support projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in tons of pollution produced and exposure, particularly from fleets operating at goods movement facilities in designated areas of poor air quality. The goal is to protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions. EPA will prioritize proposals that engage with affected communities regarding project design and performance, deliver anticipated benefits to those communities, and demonstrate capacity to continue those efforts to reduce emissions following the project period.

The maximum federal grant request will range from \$900,000 to \$3 million per award, depending on the EPA Regional Office of jurisdiction. EPA may choose to partially fund portions of proposals. The maximum federal cost share depends on the type of eligible activities and solutions proposed by the applicant.

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies, exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine replacements, and certified vehicle or equipment replacement. Eligible diesel vehicles, engines, and equipment include buses, Class 5-8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives, and any non-road engines, equipment, or vehicles used in construction, cargo handling, agriculture, mining, or energy production.

Eligible applicants include State, regional, local, or tribal agencies, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), school districts, or port authorities that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, as well as nonprofit organizations that either 1.) principally promote transportation or air quality or 2.) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets.

For more information, see the [EPA DERA Program Website](#), [Full RFP](#), or [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). Please reach out to Faye Swift, DERA Grants and Policy Team Leader within the EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality, by phone at (202)343-9147 or via email to swift.faye@epa.gov if you have any questions. We would be glad to obtain that information directly for you.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance. We look forward to talking with you soon.