



Maryland Volkswagen Mitigation Plan Project Proposal

Maryland is accepting project proposals for inclusion in Maryland's Volkswagen Mitigation Plan. Proposals for projects submitted by close of business on January 22, 2027 will be considered for inclusion and funding in Maryland's Mitigation Plan. This will be MDE's final round of funding for projects under Maryland's Volkswagen Mitigation Plan.

Electronic submissions are required and should be sent to mde.vw@maryland.gov with VW Project Submission in the subject line.

Project submitters should fill out the following form. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Please send questions to mde.vw@maryland.gov

Contact Information:

Contact Name:

Company Name:

Company Address 1

Company Address 2

Company City:

Company State:

Company Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Type of Entity:

Government

Other

Date of Submission:

Eligible Mitigation Project: Which eligible mitigation action from Appendix D-2 of the Volkswagen Partial Consent Decree does your project fall under? (Please select one.) All replacement vehicles must be zero emission vehicles, except those under categories 3, 4, and 5.

1. Class 8 Local Freight Trucks and Port Drayage Trucks (Eligible Large Trucks)
2. Class 4-8 School Bus, Shuttle Bus or Transit Bus (Eligible Buses)
3. Freight Switchers
4. Ferries / Tugs
5. Ocean Going Vessels (OGV) Shorepower
6. Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks (Medium Trucks)
7. Airport Ground Support Equipment
8. Forklifts and Port Cargo Handling Equipment
9. Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Option

Project Budget:

 Total Project Cost:

 Total Mitigation Funds Requested:

 Source of Cost Share Funds:

Project Description:

Project Address 1:

Project Address 2:

Project City:

Project State:

Project Zip:

Estimated life of Project:

Number of vehicles/engines/equipment being replaced/re-powered:

The year, make, and model of each vehicle(s) being replaced:

Please include a brief description of the project in the following box using 280 characters or fewer.

Estimated Emission Reduction: Please provide emission reductions as calculated using EPA's [Diesel Emissions Quantifier \(DEQ\)](#).

NO_x Tons Per Year:

Cost per Ton (NO_x):

Total Tons Reduced (NO_x):

Environmental Justice: Please use [MDE's MDEnviroScreen Tool](#) to see if this project will be primarily used in an underserved or overburdened area. Please insert and describe these findings in your project proposal.

Will this project have an impact on underserved and/or overburdened communities?

Yes

No

Project Implementation Timeframe:

Start Date:

End Date:

Key Project Deadlines:

Please attach the following detailed project description in your submittal. Check the items submitted as part of this application.

1. Detailed description of the project proposal
2. Description of the vehicles being replaced along with information necessary to determine eligibility
3. Inputs and estimates of emission reductions
4. Other emissions benefits resulting from the project – PM_{2.5}, CO₂, etc.
5. Description of prior experience implementing similar projects
6. Additional information on other grants or opportunities that will be used to implement this project

Please include any additional information that could assist the Maryland Department of the Environment decide on funding.

Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be evaluated and scored from 0 - 100 based on the following criteria:

1. Estimated Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) reduction and cost effectiveness. **(up to 50 points)**
2. Other pollutant reductions. (CO₂, PM_{2.5}, etc.) **(up to 10 points)**
3. Project sustainability. **(up to 10 points)**
4. Benefits to underserved communities that bear a disproportionate share of the air pollution burden. **(up to 15 points)**
5. Project Cost Share. A cost share over the required amount as outlined in [Appendix D-2](#) and excluding any other grants being used to fund this project will receive a higher score. **(up to 15 points)**