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Diesel Emission Reduction: Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment - Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Announces Funding Availability

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The Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment – Division of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) issued a November 28th news release stating it is making \$1.47 million available for eligible diesel emission reduction projects under its Go RED! Program.

The program provides funding assistance to Arkansas-based organizations for projects that reduce diesel emissions from:

- Heavy-duty highway trucks
- Buses
- Marine engines
- Locomotives
- Nonroad engines

Funding is provided by the Diesel Emission Reduction Act.

Eligible project types include:

- Vehicle and equipment replacement,
- Engine replacement,
- Certified remanufacture systems,
- Idle reduction technology,
- Retrofits,
- Clean alternative fuel conversions, and
- Aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires.

DEQ notes that Go RED! award participants last year included:

- Clinton School District – Replaced Two School Buses
- Two Rivers School District – Replaced One School Bus
- Ozark School District – In Process of Replacing One School Bus
- Shirley School District – In Process of Replacing One School Bus
- Mountainburg School District – In Process of Replacing One School Bus

Note that DEQ will begin accepting applications on December 1st and there are rolling deadlines. The Applicant Guide, which contains information regarding the rolling deadlines, along with eligibility criteria, funding limits, and detailed instructions on how to apply, can be found at <https://www.adeg.state.ar.us/air/planning/gored/>.

For questions, email GoRED@adeq.state.ar.us.