

Clean-Bus Funding: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Announces Grant to Arkansas School District



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) announced in a March 8th news release that it was awarding an \$8.7 million grant for the replacement and retrofitting of 452 older diesel school buses.

The grants are provided through EPA’s Diesel Emissions Reduction Act funding.

An Arkansas school district was among the grantees. Ozark Public Schools will be receiving funds.

EPA notes:

Applicants replacing buses with engine model years of 2006 and older will receive rebates between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per bus, depending on the size of the bus. Applicants also had the option of retrofitting school buses with engine model years between 1994 to 2006 with a Diesel Oxidation Catalyst, Closed Crankcase ventilation system, and Fuel Operated Heater to reduce toxic emissions. EPA will fully fund the cost of these devices up to \$6,000.

[A copy of the news release can be downloaded here.](#)