



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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ADEQ Makes Funding Available for Reducing Emissions from Diesels

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) announced today that it is accepting proposal submissions for its Reduce Emissions from Diesels Program (Go RED!).

In 2005, Congress passed the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA). DERA stipulates that 70 percent of the funds it appropriates annually be used for national competitive grants. The remaining 30 percent of funds are allocated to the states to reduce diesel emissions.

ADEQ distributes DERA funds in Arkansas through the Go RED! Program. Funding from this program reimburses agencies, businesses, cities, counties, and schools for a percentage of expenses for projects that reduce or eliminate diesel emissions on medium and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment or for replacements of those vehicles and equipment.

Recipients of DERA funds in Arkansas through the Go Red! Program in 2017 included the:

- Clinton School District (Replaced Two School Buses)
- County Line School District (Replaced One School Bus)
- Danville School District (Replaced One School Bus)
- Dover School District (Replaced Two School Buses)
- Heber Springs School District (Replaced One School Bus)
- Horatio School District (Replaced One School Bus)
- Viola School District (Replaced One School Bus)

For the 2018 program year, ADEQ was awarded \$649,494 in DERA funds to distribute to governmental, private, and nonprofit entities. Eligible projects will reduce diesel emissions in Arkansas through exhaust controls, engine upgrades, idling reduction technology, engine replacements, or vehicle/equipment replacements.

The first of this round's rolling deadlines is December 31, 2018. The next deadline will be January 31, 2019, with subsequent deadlines on the last day of each following month until all funds are awarded, or until April 30, 2019, whichever comes first.