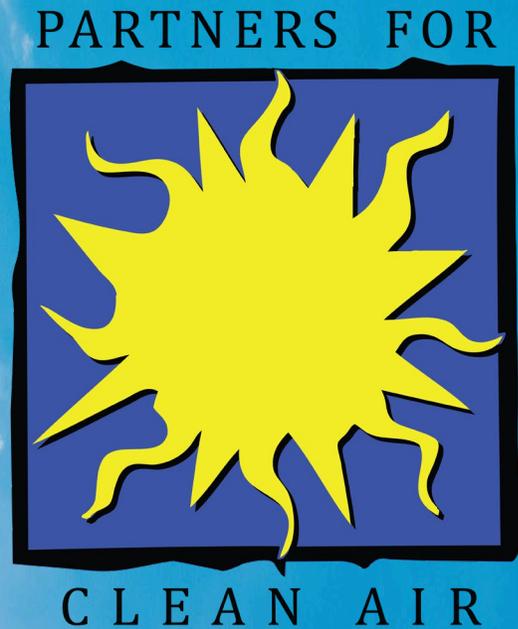




Michiana Area Council of Governments

**Partners for Clean Air Annual
Awards Luncheon**

April 20, 2022





About us

- ❑ DCI -- headquartered in St. John, Indiana -- is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization managed by Legacy Environmental Services, Inc., an Indiana Certified Women's Business Enterprise.
- ❑ Designated as the 71st Clean Cities coalition on June 15, 1999, DCI is one of the U.S. DOE's nearly 100 Clean Cities coalitions across the country.





We are now statewide



DRIVE CLEAN INDIANA

In 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy, which operates the national Clean Cities initiative, selected Indiana to participate in a statewide Clean Cities coalition pilot program focused on expanding Clean Cities outreach activities and technical assistance in a way that provides enhanced, coordinated and efficient support to stakeholders and participants on a statewide basis. As a U.S. Department of Energy-designated Clean Cities coalition, South Shore Clean Cities was invited to submit an operating plan for designation as a statewide coalition. **The U.S. Department of Energy selected South Shore Clean Cities to manage the new statewide Clean Cities program effective Feb. 1, 2021.**



Our Mission



“Drive Clean Indiana is a member-based coalition dedicated to promoting fuel- & technology-neutral sustainable transportation and clean energy options in Indiana. We guide our diverse membership base in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to increase the use and implementation of sustainable transportation methods and infrastructure. Our programs improve air quality, promote domestic fuels, strengthen the nation’s energy security, reduce dependence on imported oil and support local jobs and the local economy.”



Indiana Green Fleet Program

- DCI manages the Indiana Green Fleet Program for MPOs, including MACOG.
- Goal: To improve the environmental performance of public, private and nonprofit vehicle fleets in Indiana.
- DCI guides the **58 local government, school & university member fleets** to help mitigate barriers to preventing the adoption of sustainable transportation options while creating policies supporting vehicle emission & petroleum use reductions.





Indiana Green Fleet Program

- Educational opportunities including fuel and technology workshops, trainings and seminars
- Recognition and certification for fleet leaders who have taken steps to improve environmental performance and efficiency
- Branding and promotional tools to help fleets leverage their earned certification status
- Informational resources including current technology options, market conditions, laws and incentives
- Connections with vendors offering alternative fuel vehicles, equipment, conversion systems and more
- Funding assistance with grant opportunities and other state and federal incentive programs
- **Professional consultation including fleet assessment and emissions quantification to get you grant ready!**





What opportunities are available?



Clean Transportation Funding Overview

- **Diesel Emission Reduction Act Grants (DERA) - U.S. EPA**
- **Indiana Volkswagen Round 4 - IDEM**
- **Clean School Bus Grants - U.S. EPA**
- **Low or No Grants - FTA**
- **Indiana Michigan Power Electric Bus Program (Transit and School)**
- **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program - U.S. DOT / U.S. DOE**
- **Energy Technology & Innovation Grant Program - IN OED**



U.S. EPA DERA Grants

- Diesel Emission Reduction Act Grants administered by U.S. EPA
- Non-road applications: Marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles such as those used in construction, handling of cargo, agriculture, mining or energy production
- Regional, state and local governments and nonprofits in the pollution reduction or air quality education sector to diesel fleets may apply.
- **The RFPs for the next round of DERA grants are expected to be released in late summer/early fall 2022.**





Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund

Governor Holcomb in October 2017 signed an executive order outlining steps to distribute **Indiana's \$40.9 million portion of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund**, which was formed as a result of a settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Volkswagen Corporation for its violation of the federal Clean Air Act.

The executive order established the 11-member Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund Committee and named the Indiana Department of Environmental Management as the beneficiary of and the administrative agency for the trust fund.

Projects eligible for grant funds under the program must reduce NOx emissions from diesel-powered vehicles and equipment and include the replacement and repowering of existing diesel vehicles or equipment with cleaner alternatives serving the same purpose





Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund

August 2022 - Targeted Round 4 RFP for remaining funds recommendation (Committee review & approval)

TBD: Combining remaining funds with U.S. EPA funds for non-road projects or keeping them separate.

September 2022 - RFP Posted (90 days)

December 2022 - Awards Announced





U.S. EPA Clean School Bus Grants

Program Goals

- \$5 billion over 5 years. Half of the funds are for electric buses, half for other clean buses
- Prioritizes school bus replacements in areas that have been historically underserved
- Certain contractors & nonprofits are also eligible.
- Offers multiple funding opportunities and programs (rebates) throughout the five year timeline
- Expected to be released late this month. Guidelines for getting ready, including Webinar links are available at epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.





FTA Bus Grant Opportunities

- \$1.1 billion in competitive grants under the 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program
- \$372 million in funds under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program.
- Low or No Emission Grant Program funds will be awarded competitively for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for transit revenue operations, including related equipment or facilities.
- Buses and Bus Facilities Program funds will be awarded competitively to assist in the financing of capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment, and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities.



Due May 31, 2022



Indiana Michigan Power Electric Bus Program

- Electric school & transit bus replacement program
- Covers the price difference between an electric bus and a conventional replacement bus, up to \$250,000 per bus.
- Helps cover the cost of charging equipment and installation, up to \$4,175 each for school buses and up to \$60,600 each for transit buses.
- Online application process at aep.com/ElectricBusFunding
- **Open now - Rolling fund until October 31, 2022**





National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

- **Established by Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help states create a network of EV charging stations along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors**
- **New joint Office of Energy and Transportation**
- **\$5 billion over 5 years nationally, \$78.6 million for Indiana**
- **States must submit an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan before they can access these funds.**
- **A second, competitive grant program designed to further increase EV charging access in locations throughout the country, including in rural and underserved communities, will be announced later this year.**





National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

- **INDOT issued a request for information to inform state electric vehicle charging infrastructure deployment plan on April 4.**
- **INDOT is allocated approximately \$14.7 million this year and expects to invest approximately \$100 million for EV charging infrastructure over the next five years.**
- **INDOT posted questions and answers to RFI.**
- **RFI responses are due by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, April 29.**





Funding opportunities are coming quickly





Prepare for funding opportunities early

BECOME A GREEN FLEET MEMBER & GET GRANT READY!

- Professional consultation including fleet assessment and emissions quantification helps you to be ready when funding opportunities become available!
- Learn more at drivecleanindiana.org or stop at our table for more details.





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