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DEQ Makes Funding Available for New School and Transit Buses

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has updated its ABC Program and is accepting applications from public school districts and transit authorities for the Advanced Bus and Clean (ABC) Transportation program. The goal of the ABC program, which is funded by the Volkswagen Settlement fund, is to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) from school and transit buses in Arkansas communities and to encourage the development of alternative fuels infrastructure within the state.

DEQ intends to award up to \$7,671,688 for eligible projects completed by the selected applicants. Eligible projects will include the replacement school or transit buses with alternative-fueled or all-electric equivalent vehicles. Replacement of multiple buses is encouraged.

The ABC Program Guide can be found online at <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/grants.aspx>. The guide provides eligibility criteria, funding limits, and detailed instructions on how to apply. Applications will be received via ePortal at https://eportal.adeq.state.ar.us/?FormTag=ABC_App and must be received no later than October 31, 2022.

For more information about the ABC program, visit <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/grants.aspx>. If you would like to speak with someone about the program, please email Mikayla Shaddon at Mikayla.Shaddon@adeq.state.ar.us or Deiona McKnight at McKnight@adeq.state.ar.us.

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