

## ARKANSAS ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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## CLEANER AIR

### FOR ARKANSANS IS EASY AS ABC

June 30, 2022, is the deadline for eligible applicants to apply for funding assistance under the Advanced Bus and Clean (ABC) Transportation Program, which helps Arkansas school districts and transit authorities with the costs associated with replacing diesel buses with all-electric or alternative-fuel buses.

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Associate Director David Witherow of the Office of Air Quality said, "The Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment (E&E) is making \$7,671,888 available toward projects designed to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides from Arkansas fleets and to encourage the development of alternative fuel infrastructure within the State."

**Any government or non-government organization that meets the following criteria is eligible to apply for funding assistance under the ABC Program. The applicant:**

- is a public school district or transit authority;
- is based in Arkansas and has been in existence for at least three consecutive years;
- proposes an eligible project; and
- owns the vehicles involved in the proposed project.

Generally speaking, projects eligible for funding under the ABC program include replacement of at least five eligible buses with new, all-electric or alternative-fuel buses.

At the close of the application period, E&E staff will select projects to fund in relation to the ABC Transportation Program criteria, which include specifics regarding the age of and the weight of the buses as well as a commitment to scrap the replaced buses within 30 days of the receipt of the replacement buses.

E&E Associate Director of Energy Mitchell Simpson said, "It's a privilege to be a part of an organization that champions cleaner air for Arkansas through a variety of programs. Sometimes, those programs are managed through the Arkansas Energy Office; at other times our friends in the Office of Air Quality take the lead. In all cases, we work together and make sure we never lose sight of our mutual goal: cleaner air for all of our citizens."

## NEWS & EVENTS

### E&E TO ANNOUNCE DC FAST CHARGE AWARD RECIPIENTS THIS SUMMER

The DC Fast Charge Funding Assistance program received sixty applications by the April 30, 2022 deadline. These applications seek awards to assist in the installation of DC Fast Charging stations in the state of Arkansas. Applications were received from around the state and were submitted by utilities, government agencies, private companies, and independent station owners. Application sites included existing fuel stations, motels, city properties, corporate campuses, restaurants, and independent charging complexes. Many applications included innovative technologies including solar power and battery to grid buffering to mitigate costs and reduce stress on existing electrical grids. Following its internal review process, E&E plans to announce award recipients later this summer.



### GREEN TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT & EXPO TACOMA, WA | AUGUST 16-18, 2022

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