



Opportunities For Transit in the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust

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In response to Volkswagen's [settlement for violating the Clean Air Act](#), the company has established a \$2.7 billion Environmental Mitigation Trust that will distribute funds to states for offsetting excess nitrogen oxide and diesel-related emissions caused by the company's actions.

States can only use the funds for very specific purposes, one of which provides a significant opportunity for CTAA members by replacing "Class 4-8 School Bus, Shuttle Bus, or Transit Bus (Buses)."

Through this measure, "eligible trucks and buses may be repowered with any new diesel or alternate fueled engine or all-electric engine," and replaced vehicles must be scrapped.

In many cases, repowering or replacing buses with fueled versions receive less monetary support (generally 40 percent of the cost) than all-electric buses (up to 75 percent of the cost). This rate of 75 percent coverage includes the cost of installing the infrastructure associated with an electric engine, such as charging stations.

In addition, members who utilize light-duty vehicles may be able to cover most or all of the cost of purchasing new equipment for zero emission vehicles, depending on the entity's government affiliation. Even if funds do not cover new vehicles themselves, the infrastructure to support them will. **Note: this allocation can only account for 15 percent of funds distributed through the trust.**

Below is a table of the funds available to each state based on states' [most recently published numbers](#):

State	Settlement Amount	
Alabama	\$23 million	
Arizona	\$57 million	
Arkansas	\$14.6 million	
California	\$381 million	
Colorado	\$68.7 million	
Connecticut	\$51.6 million	
Delaware	\$9 million	
Georgia	\$58.1 million	
Hawaii	\$8.1 million	
Idaho	\$17.3 million	
Iowa	\$21 million	
Kansas	\$15.6 million	
Kentucky	\$19 million	
Maine	\$21 million	
Maryland	\$75.7 million	
Massachusetts	\$75 million	
Minnesota	\$47 million	
Missouri	\$41 million	
Montana	\$12.6 million	
Nebraska	\$12.3 million	
Nevada	\$24.9 million	
New Hampshire	\$29.5 million	
New Jersey	\$72.2 million	
New Mexico	\$18 million	
New York	\$127 million	
Ohio	\$75 million	
Oklahoma	\$21 million	
Oregon	\$72.9 million	
Pennsylvania	\$118.5 million	
Rhode Island	\$14 million	
South Carolina	\$33.9 million	
South Dakota	\$8.1 million	
Tennessee	\$45.7 million	
Utah	\$35.2 million	
Vermont	\$18.7 million	
Virginia	\$93.6 million	
Washington	\$28 million	
District of Columbia	\$8.1 million	
Total	\$1,797,900,000	

Part of the settlement requires states to open their disbursement plans for public comment before finalizing distribution. Many states plan to hold workshops in order to collect feedback for this phase. **CTAA members should involve themselves throughout the comment period to ensure buses remain a high priority as Beneficiaries divide the state's settlement funds.**

For more information, the [National Association of State Energy Officials provides details](#) on the different types of vehicles that are eligible for the settlement.