



Volkswagen Settlement Phase 2 School Bus Program

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What to Expect Today

- Overview of school bus program
- When/how to submit your application
- Scoring criteria
- Where to find information after this workshop
- Questions and answers

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2022 School Bus Program

Phase 2 School Bus RFP was released on March 7, 2022

Applications opened in DAQ Grant Management System (GMS) on March 7, 2022

Applications due: June 6, 2022, 11:59 PM EST



2022 School Bus Program

This is a reimbursement program.



School Bus Program Timeline

- **Release of RFP** **March 7, 2022**
- **Application opens in NCDAQ GMS** **March 7, 2022**
- **Application due date** **June 6, 2022**
- **Application evaluations** **June - July 2022**
- **Phase 2 project selections** **July - August 2022**
- **Grant awards announced** **July - August 2022**



School Bus Funding Levels

There is \$27.1 million Available for Phase 2

| Organization | Eligible Engine Model Years | Diesel | Alternative Fuel | All-Electric* |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|---------------|
| Government | 2009 or older | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Non-Government | | 25% | 25% | 75% |

Approximately 50% of funds will be prioritized for electrification projects
Electric school bus projects can include costs for associated infrastructure.



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School Bus Eligible Projects

- **Projects submitted by local, state, and tribal government organizations.**
- **Projects submitted by public or private nonprofit organizations.**
- **Projects submitted by public-private partnerships where the lead applicant represents a public sector or public/private nonprofit entity.**

2022 School Bus Program – Eligible Vehicles



School Bus Eligible Projects

- **Eligible school buses transport students to and from school and school-related events. This includes activity buses.**
- **Most replacement buses for daily transportation will be on a NC Department of Public Instruction submitted project, contact Kevin Harrison for more details.**
- **For replacement of activity buses, please submit applications as the local school district.**

School Bus Eligible Projects

- **Eligible buses include 2009 engine model year and older class 4-8 school buses.**
- **May be replaced with a new diesel or alternative fueled or all-electric bus (Must be with the engine model year in which the award occurs or one engine model year prior).**
- **Eligible buses must be scrapped.**

Scrappage Requirements

- **“Scrapped” shall mean to render inoperable and available for recycle, and, at a minimum, to specifically cut a 3-inch hole in the engine block for all engines.**
- **If any eligible vehicle will be replaced as part of an eligible project, scrapped shall also include the disabling of the chassis by cutting the vehicle’s frame rails completely in half.**

School Bus Funding Levels

- **For Government-Owned Eligible Buses:
Replacement**
 - **Up to 100% of the cost of a new diesel or alternative fueled (e.g., CNG, propane, hybrid) school bus.**
 - **Up to 100% of the cost of a new all-electric school bus, including costs of installation and charging infrastructure associated with the new all-electric school bus.**

School Bus Funding Levels

- **For Non-Government-Owned Eligible Buses:
Replacement**
 - **Up to 25% of the cost of a new diesel or alternative fueled (e.g., CNG, propane, hybrid) school bus.**
 - **Up to 75% of the cost of a new all-electric school bus, including costs of installation of charging infrastructure associated with the new all-electric school bus.**

DAQ Grant Management System (GMS)

You must read and follow all the directions on the next slides to request access to the DAQ Grants Management System and then be approved before you can log into the system!

Approved means you received a “Welcome to the DAQ Enterprise Business System Portal” email.



DAQ Grant Management System (GMS)

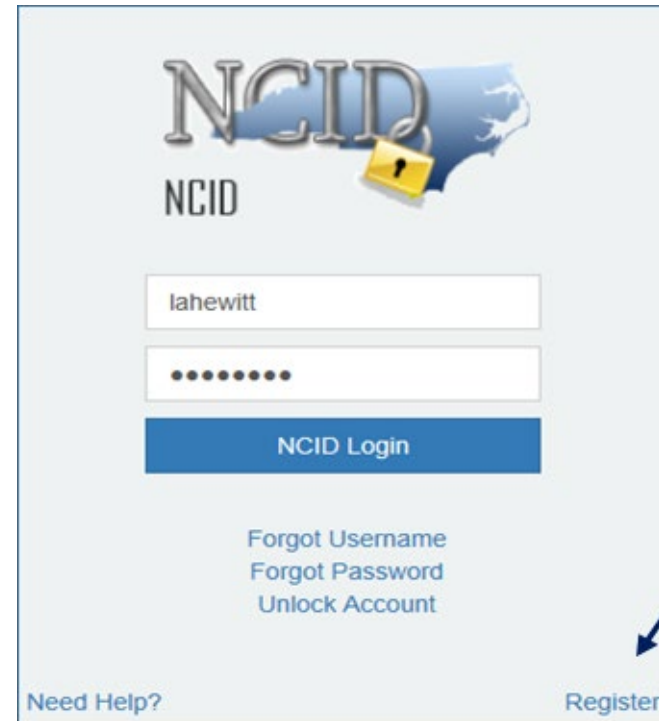
- **Setting up an NCID:**

<https://ncid.nc.gov>.

- **Instructions are found here:**

[How-to-Create-a-NC-ID.pdf](#)

- **Your NCID username and password are your credentials for the GMS System.**



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DAQ Grant Management System (GMS)

- After getting your NCID
- Submit the [Enterprise Business Services External Request Application](#)
- Complete the North Carolina Substitute [W-9](#) Form for your agency and email it to svc.NCVWApplication@ncdenr.gov.

Each organization is allowed up to 3 authorized users.

Once the authorization is processed, you will receive a "Welcome" email from NCDOT IT SAP Support Services.

Enterprise Business Services (EBS) External Access Request Application

User ID Information

*Agency:

If you already log into ebs.nc.gov (Enterprise Business Services), enter your current User ID:

*Last Name:

*First Name:

Middle Name:

*Organization Name (Legal Name of Entity - Registered with the NC Secretary of State):

Organization Name 2 (DBA):

*Organization Address:
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*City:

*State (select from drop down):

*Zip Code:

*Phone:

*Email:

Comments:

Select Role(s) and/or Action(s)

Click the generate button to create a code:

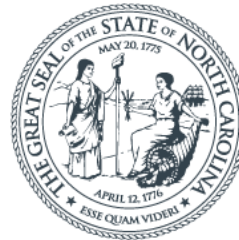
*Copy or type the code in the box :

DAQ Grant Management System (GMS)

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<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/irj/portal>

- GMS Instructions can be found at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/motor-vehicles-and-air-quality/volkswagen-settlement/grants-management>
- [Downloadable GMS External User Manual](#)



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DAQ Training Library

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2022 School Bus Application

- **A completed application must include:**
 - **Submitted School Bus Application Form in DAQ GMS**
 - **Diesel Bus & Vehicle Excel[®] Spreadsheet**
 - **Quote for the vehicle being purchased if not on state contract**
 - **All-electric replacement vehicles requesting funding for charging infrastructure must also include an itemized charger budget (One charger allowed for each vehicle replacement requested)**
 - **Nonprofits only: Copy of Charitable Solicitation License from the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State**
 - **Optional: Supporting Documentation**

- **Due date for completed school bus application and all supporting materials:**

June 6, 2022, by 11:59 PM EST

- **Please submit questions to:**

daq.NC_VWGrants@ncdenr.gov

Subject line should be “School Bus Program Question”



2022 School Bus Program

- Before beginning the application, please make sure you have the following information available.
- The application checklist can be found here: [Checklist](#)

General Application Requirements:

- NCID/W9/Access the DAQ GMS
- Applicant/All Project Affiliates/Organization Contact Information
- Project Information
- Organization Federal Tax ID

Vehicle Information:

Replaced vehicle/engine information

- Model, year, make, mileage, etc.

Replacement vehicle/engine information

- Model, year, make, quote if applicable, replacement cost

Infrastructure information and cost estimates (if applicable)

Any other additional documentation to support application



Inputs: Old vehicle to be REPLACED

| Fleet Information | Unit 1 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| What is the vehicle's intended use? | |
| If selected other please describe | |
| County of Primary use | |
| Vehicle License Plate Number | |
| Vehicle Make | |
| Vehicle Model | |
| Vehicle Model Year | |
| Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) | |
| Engine Make | |
| Engine Model | |
| Engine Model Year | |
| Engine Horsepower | |
| Engine Serial Number | |
| Class of Equipment by GVWR | |
| Fuel Type | Diesel |
| Annual Fuel Used | |
| Idling Hours | |
| Annual Vehicle Mileage | |
| Vehicle Odometer Reading | |
| Total Engine Mileage | |
| Remaining Vehicle Life | |
| Normal Attrition Year | |

NCDEQ Vehicle Equipment Spreadsheet

Inputs: New replacement vehicle

| Fleet Information | Unit 1 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| New Vehicle Make | |
| New Vehicle Model | |
| New Vehicle Model Year | |
| Engine Make | |
| Engine Model | |
| Engine Model Year | |
| Engine Horsepower/Capacity | |
| Class of Equipment by GVWR | |
| Fuel Type | |
| Unit Replacement/Repower Cost | |
| Funds Requested | |
| EV Infrastructure Costs Requested | |
| Annual Diesel Reduced | |
| New Fuel Usage Amount | |
| Cost Share Amount Per Unit | |



2022 School Bus Application

Home

Alerts

No result found

Workflow Tasks

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Web Links

DAQ Training Library

Search

- Download Form Data Programs
- Create New Application
- Edit Application Form
- View Application
- View Agreements
- Create New Claim
- Edit Claim Form
- View Claim
- Create/Edit Recipient Account

Favorites

My Favorites

Filter: All Items

My Favorites



2022 School Bus Application

Search: Application Form Back

Search Criteria Hide Search Fields

Program ID is

Maximum Number of Results:

Save Search As: Include View

Result List Filter:

| Program ID | Description | Application Form |
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| No result found | | |



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Search Criteria

Hide Search Fields

Program ID is

Program Type is NCDEQ DAQ Grants

Maximum Number of Results:

Save Search As: Include View

Result List

Filter:

| Program ID | Description | Application Form |
|--------------|--|--|
| NCDEQDAQ0005 | FY2021 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act | DAQ Grant Application - DERA |
| NCDEQDAQ0006 | Phase 2 Transit and Shuttle Bus Program | DAQ Grant Application - Diesel |
| NCDEQDAQ0007 | Phase 2 DCFast Priority Corridor Program | DAQ Grant Application - Fast Charge |
| NCDEQDAQ0008 | Phase 2 School Bus Program ← | DAQ Grant Application - Diesel |
| NCDEQDAQ0009 | Phase 2 Level 2 Public Access Program | DAQ Grant Application - Level 2 Charge |

2022 School Bus Application

Application Form

Version: 0000000007

Last Changed By: BCPHILLIPS

View: DEQ DAQ Application Form

Change Date: 02/11/2021 16:22:11

Project Contact Budget Project Details Certification

Organization

Organization Name Department of Public Instruction

Tax Identification Number (TIN)

Project Title North Carolina Clean School Bus

Project Details

Program Type School Bus Replacement (EMA-2a)

Eligible Applicant Type Government

Vehicle/Equipment Type Class 4-8 School Bus Replacement (EMA-2a)

Project Type Vehicle Replacement - Diesel or Alternative Fuel

Number of Vehicles 113

Project Location

Street Address 6319 Mail Service Center

City Raleigh

County WAKE

Zip Code 27699

Latitude (°N): (decimal degrees) 35.789846

Longitude (-°W): (decimal degrees) -78.650624

Check

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2022 School Bus Application

| | | | | |
|---------|---------|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| Project | Contact | Budget | Project Details | Certification |
|---------|---------|--------|-----------------|---------------|

Authorized Representative

First Name

Last Name

E-mail

Phone Number

Project Manager

First Name

Last Name

E-mail

Phone Number

Financial Contact

First Name

Last Name

E-mail

Phone Number

2022 School Bus Application

| Project | Contact | Budget | Project Details | Certification | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Budget Item | Project Total | Requested Funds | Matching Funds (Your Org) | Other Funding | Other Funding (Specify) |
| D001 New equipment/vehicle/engine | \$750,000 | \$650,000 | \$100,000 | | |
| D002 Infrastructure costs | \$75,000 | \$50,000 | | \$25,000 | federal infrastructure grant |
| D003 Other | \$75,000 | \$25,000 | \$50,000 | | |
| Total Project Budget | \$900,000 | \$725,000 | \$150,000 | \$25,000 | |

[\(Link to Vehicle Spreadsheet\)](#)

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2022 School Bus Application

Project

Contact

Budget

Project Details

Certification

1. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project.

14 out of 3317

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2. Explain how this request fits into North Carolina's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan.

14 out of 1562

test test test

3. What is the likelihood that the project will incentivize future indirect NOx and other emission reductions? That is, will this be the beginning or continuation of a transition of the fleet to an alternative fuel or electricity? If so, please provide details.

14 out of 1562

test test test

2022 School Bus Application

4. Are there any societal co-benefits of the project? Are there any "sensitive" populations including, but not limited to asthmatics, children, or the elderly that are likely to be directly benefited by the project?

14 out of 791

test test test

5. Project Feasibility: Provide a description of how you as the applicant have the necessary technical, managerial, procurement, and financial capability and experience to execute on your proposed project.

14 out of 791

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6. Use this space for any additional information that you believe will be helpful in evaluating the project. (Optional)

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2022 School Bus Application

Project Contact Budget Project Details **Certification**

By checking this box, I certify that all proposed activities will be carried out; that all money received will be utilized solely for the purposes for which it is intended; that records documenting the planning process and implementation will be maintained and submitted when requested, and DEQ is hereby granted access to inspect project sites and/or records. It is understood that if this project is selected a contract with DEQ will be executed.

Authorized Representative

Name: Title: Date:

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Check

Save & Close

Submit



2022 School Bus Application

Confirmation

Your Application has been **Saved** successfully. - **Application ID** - 1000010853

Your application is not complete until all required documents have been submitted.

To download the Required Attachments Checklist, please click link: [\(Link to Checklist\)](#)

Click browse to select file (100 MB maximum) No file chosen



Editing an Existing Application

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| Pre-Agreement Request ID | Description | Created By | Status | Created On |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1000010853 | New Electric Bus | BCPHILLIPS | In Process by Applicant | 02/02/2022 10:38:42 |



Submitting an Application

Project Contact Budget Project Details **Certification**

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Authorized Representative

Name: Title: Date:



Submitted Application and Attachments

Confirmation

Your Application has been **Submitted** successfully. - **Application ID** - 1000010853

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Finding an Application in GMS

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| Grantee ID | ▼ | is | ▼ | <input type="text"/> | + | - |
| Application ID | ▼ | is | ▼ | 1000010853 | + | - |
| Description | ▼ | is | ▼ | <input type="text"/> | + | - |
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Adding Attachments to a Submitted Application

Application: 1000010853, New Electric Bus

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Save | Cancel | Refresh

Application Form

Version: 0000000002

Last Changed By: BCPHILLIPS

View: DEQ DAQ Application Form

Change Date: 02/02/2022 10:46:38

Project Contact Budget Project Details Certification

Organization

Organization Name: Town of Cary DAQ test

Tax Identification Number (TIN): 56-6001196

Project Title: New Electric Bus

Project Details

Program Type: Transit Bus Replacement (EMA-2b)

Eligible Applicant Type: Government

Vehicle/Equipment Type: Class 4-8 Transit Bus Replacement (EMA-2b)

Project Type: Vehicle Replacement -All Electric

Number of Vehicles: 1

Project Location

Street Address: 123 Main Street

City: Cary

County: WAKE

Zip Code: 27511

Latitude (°N): (decimal degrees): 35.74420

Longitude (°W): (decimal degrees): -78.79577

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Tips and Things to Know

- Engine model year of the old diesel school bus must be 2009 or earlier
- Increases in fleet size are not allowed
- Replacement vehicle must be “like for like” with the original school bus
- Budget information should be as accurate as possible
- Partial funding will be used as appropriate in awarding projects
- Essays will be used to assist in evaluating projects that score similarly to determine awardees
- Applications must be submitted via the NCDAQ Grants Management System. Applications will not be accepted after 11:59PM EDT on June 6, 2022.
- Do not sign any agreements with vendors or start work until your contract is fully executed

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School Bus Application Scoring



Department of Environmental Quality



Project Selection Criteria

The NCDEQ will consider factors such as, but not limited to:

- **Lifetime Cost Effectiveness (VW\$ funded per Lifetime NOx tons reduced)**
- **Lifetime NOx Emissions Reductions**
- **Location of project**
- **Environmental Justice areas**
- **Vehicle Electrification**
- **Historically Under-Resourced County Bonus**

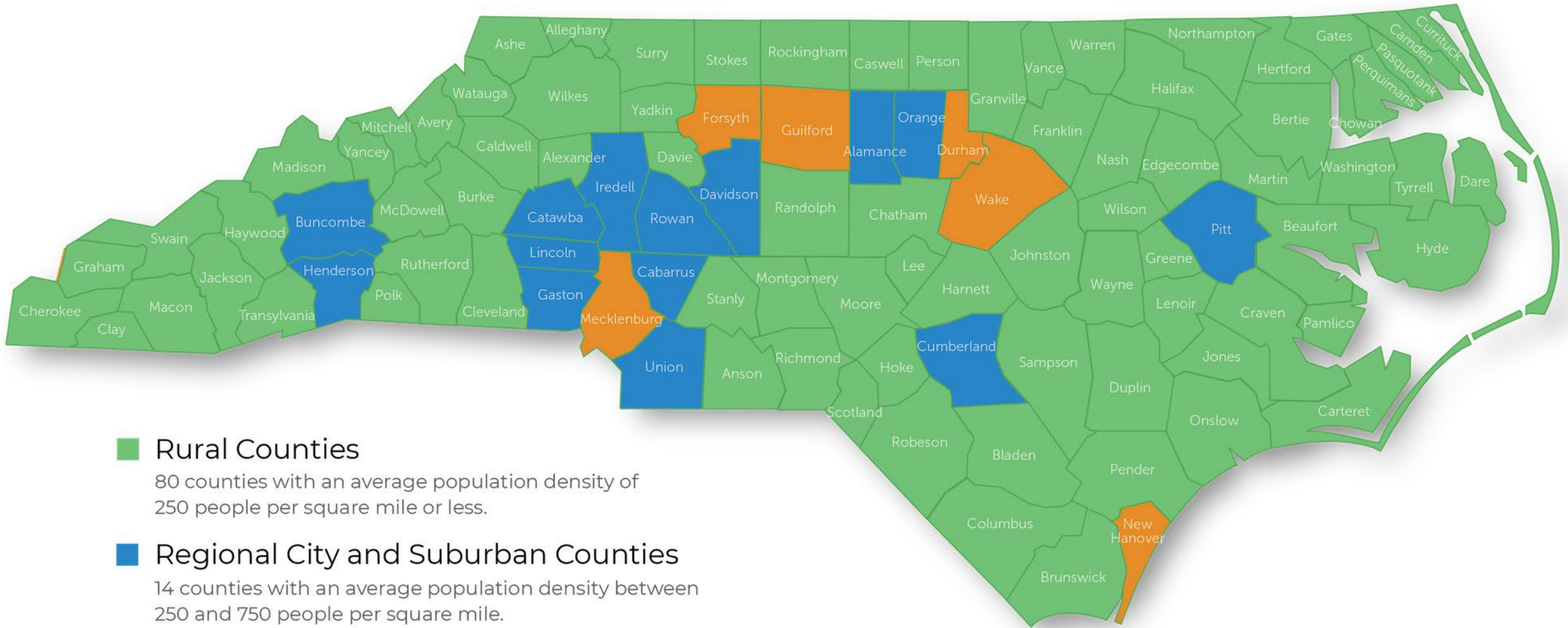


Project Scoring Criteria

| | |
|--|------------|
| Lifetime Cost Effectiveness | 30 |
| Lifetime NOx Emissions Reductions | 30 |
| Location of Project | 15 |
| Environmental Justice | 15 |
| Vehicle Electrification Project | 10 |
| Bonus: Historically Under-Resourced County | 10 |
| Total Points Possible | 110 |



NC Rural Center County Classifications



■ Rural Counties

80 counties with an average population density of 250 people per square mile or less.

■ Regional City and Suburban Counties

14 counties with an average population density between 250 and 750 people per square mile.

■ Urban Counties

6 counties with an average population density that exceeds 750 people per square mile.

Lifetime Cost Effectiveness: VW\$ funded per Lifetime NOx tons reduced (30 points)

Lifetime Vehicle Cost effectiveness is based on applicant provided information using the USEPA Diesel Emission Quantifier and if applicable, matching funds. Under this criterion, projects are ranked, and points calculated from a maximum of 30 points for most cost effective to least cost effective (i.e. \$/amount of Lifetime NOx reduced). Urban/Suburban projects and Rural Projects will be ranked separately.



Lifetime NOx Emissions Reductions (30 points)

Ranked highest to lowest: Lifetime NOx emission reduction calculation based on applicant-provided information using the USEPA Diesel Emission Quantifier tool. Under this criterion, projects are ranked, and points calculated from a maximum of 30 points for highest emissions reductions to lowest emissions reductions. Urban/Suburban projects and rural projects will be ranked separately.



Location of Project (15 points)

Location scores have been determined for each county using NOx scores and VW concentration scores.

- To determine the NOx scores, 2017 Mobile NOx estimates from the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) were imported and then ranked from highest to lowest. Using natural breaks, 5 bins were created for NOx concentration levels and points were assigned accordingly.
- To determine VW concentration scores, registered VWs from each county at the time of the consent decree were assessed for each county and ranked. Using natural breaks, 10 bins were created for VW concentration and points were assigned accordingly.
- The points for “NOx” and “VW concentration” were then added to get a composite score for each county for a total of 15 possible points. See Table B-1 of the [RFP](#).



Environmental Justice (15 points)

The Environmental Protection Agency defines environmental justice (EJ) as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.” (US EPA). Historically, people of color and people of low-income, along with other vulnerable populations, have been disproportionately exposed to harmful pollutants.

To determine environmental justice (EJ) scores for the purpose of ranking and rating vehicles and projects, the following analysis was done at the block group level using the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates. The ACS is a demographic survey conducted each year by the U.S Census Bureau to collect detailed demographic information. For this analysis, aggregated five-year data from the 2017 and 2019 surveys was used to increase reliability.

See Table B-1 of the [RFP](#).



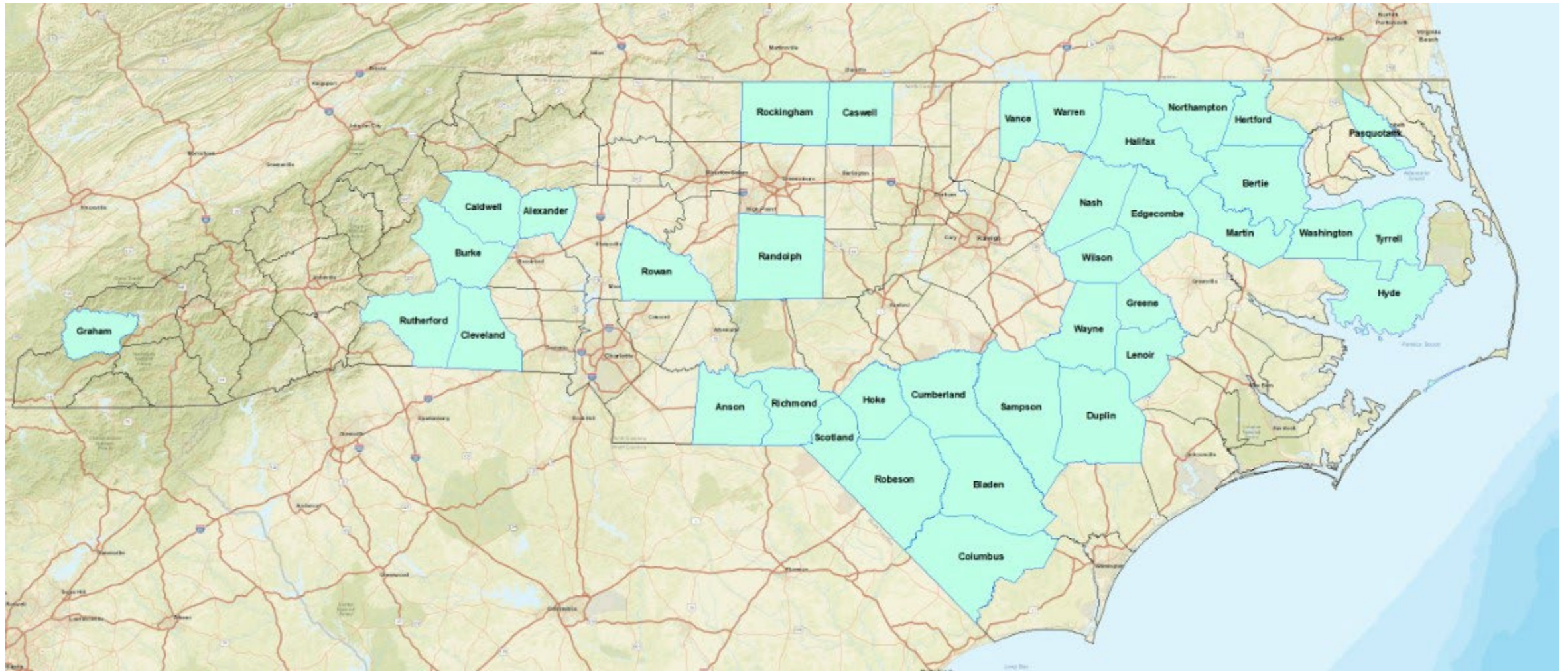
Bonus Points: Historically Under-Resourced County Outreach Program (10 points)

The Historically Under-Resourced Counties Outreach Program includes counties that have an underserved population greater than 15% and are designated as Tier 1 by the NC Department of Commerce.

For projects located in one of these counties, a bonus of 10 points will be awarded.



Historically Under-Resourced County Outreach Program Map



DAQ Project Eligibility Tool

We've developed a tool to help determine if your project is eligible for funding.

DAQ Eligibility Tool



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Where to get more information after today?

School Bus Program
NC VW School Bus RFP

E-mail questions to: daq.NC_VWGrants@ncdenr.gov



Additional Resources

- **Additional resource contact information is available on our webpage for:**
 - **Centralina Clean Cities Coalition**
 - **Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance & Protection**
 - **Land of Sky Regional Council**
 - **Mecklenburg County Air Quality Agency**
 - **NCSU Clean Energy Technology Center**
 - **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**
 - **Plug-in NC**
 - **Sustainable Sandhills**
 - **Triangle J Council of Governments (TJ COG)**
 - **Western NC Regional Air Quality Agency**



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