



**VW Phase 1 Awardee Webinar
DC Fast Infrastructure Program**

August 19, 2020

**NC Division of Air Quality
*Department of Environmental Quality***



VW Phase 1 Awards Overview

- **\$12.2 million for school bus replacements**
- **\$6.1 million for transit bus replacements**
- **\$4.2 million for on-road heavy duty equipment, including refuse haulers, dump trucks and debris trucks**
- **\$1.8 million for off-road equipment (ferry repower projects)**
- **\$3.4 million for ZEV DC Fast Charge stations**



Total Estimated Phase 1 NOx Emission Reductions



VW Phase 1 projects have an estimated 31.8 tons annually of NOx reduced which is the equivalent of that produced by 51,000 passenger vehicles in one year.



How Were Sites Selected for Funding

Projects were ranked by overall score

- The Selection Committee chose to award the top scoring projects from each county .
 - Additionally, in urban/suburban counties where multiple applications were received, the Selection Committee selected the next highest scoring project.
- The Selection Committee also recommended to partially fund one project due to the cost of the application.

The highest score was 89 including the REC Bonus.



Important Dates and Information

- **Award acceptance responses are due on August 20, 2020.**
 - **If you need more time, please contact your program manager.**

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- **DAQ Grant Management System Access Authorizations Forms must be completed and returned to DEQ for access to the system**



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DAQ Grant Management System

- **Access Authorization Forms**
 - **Must be legible for staff to put you in the system. Recommend using Adobe Reader to complete forms.**
 - **The NCID on the form must match the username on the form.**
 - **All three allowable users must have the same organization on the Access Authorization Form**
 - **All fields must be completed on the forms.**
 - **Contact your program manager if you have questions.**



DAQ Grant Management System

- Phase 1 required forms, invoices and claim requests will all be processed through the DAQ Grant Management System (GMS).
- Phase 2 applications will be entered in GMS.
- GMS Portal URL (must use Internet Explorer for now)
 - <https://www.ebs.nc.gov/irj/portal>



DAQ Grant Management System

- **Step by step training modules are available in the system for users.**
- **Make sure your email system does not block emails from the following address (sapacct@ncdot.gov).**
 - **All GMS application communications we be sent from this email address.**
- **SAP Support Services Team**
 - **919-707-2208**
 - **EBSSupport@ncdot.gov**
Monday - Friday, 7am - 5pm



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Required Post Award Forms

- **The following forms must be completed and returned to DEQ for contract processing:**
 - **Acknowledgement of Drug Free Workplace Statement**
 - **Federal Certification Regarding Lobbying (EPA Form 6600-06)**
 - **Federal Certification Regarding Debarment (EPA Form 5700-49)**
 - **No Overdue Taxes Form**
 - **State Grant Certification Conflict of Interest Form**



Post Award Timeline

- **Users added to GMS – August/September**
- **Grantees submit required contract forms – September/October**
- **DEQ begin contract processing – October/December**
- **Grantee completes work – 2021 –2022**
- **Final report and photos submitted to DEQ for reimbursement – 2021 – 2022**



Post Award Site Visits

- **COVID-19 safety protocols during site visits**
 - Program manager will contact the project manager to schedule a site visit after a claim is submitted in GMS.
 - DEQ staff will follow established COVID-19 safety protocols
 - Wear mask
 - Practice social distancing



Reporting Requirements

- **Quarterly charger usage reports**
- **Semiannual Reporting Requirement**
- **Final Report Requirements**
- **Reports will be submitted in GMS**



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Questions



Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can you have more than one person complete an access authorization form?**
 - Yes. Up to three people can be assigned to your organization in GMS. Each person will need to complete a separate Access Authorization Form.
- **When does the two-years start to complete a project?**
 - Once you have a signed and fully executed contract, the contract clocks starts.
 - **Contract extensions may be requested at the appropriate time with a written, verifiable justification.**
- **Do I have to complete all the work (purchase equipment and install any charging infrastructure) during the two-year contract period?**
 - Yes, all work must be completed in the two-year contract timeframe.
 - **Contract extensions may be requested at the appropriate time with a written, verifiable justification.**
- **When can I be reimbursed for my project?**
 - Grantees must submit copies of paid invoices and required photos to request reimbursement.



Frequently Asked Questions

- **How long does it take to get reimbursed once I submit the required information?**
 - Once DEQ staff have verified and approved the required paperwork and photos, it will take approximately 30 days for reimbursement processing.
- **Are we allowed to choose a different vendor for our charging equipment that is different from what we submitted in our application and quote.**
 - Yes, but you are limited to the dollar amount you were awarded.
 - If you change the vendor or equipment, contact your program manager prior to purchase to verify it is equivalent to the original charging equipment in your application.
- **If the authorized representative on our application has changed, what should we do?**
 - You will need to resubmit a revised application with the new authorized representative information. This person will also need to complete an Access Authorization Form for access to the GMS.

