**Fiscal Year 2018 Funding**

**State Clean Diesel Grant Program**

 **Notice of Intent to Participate**

To: EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality
From: [State or Territory Name][[1]](#footnote-1),[[2]](#footnote-2) [State or Territory Environmental Commissioner or Authorized official]

Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in the Fiscal Year 2018 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act State Clean Diesel Grant Program

Date: [Date]

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The State or Territory of [State or Territory Name] submits this Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 *Notice of Intent to* ***Participate*** (NOIP) that is due on or before **Monday, April 30, 2018** to **CleanDiesel@epa.gov**. This Notice identifies plans for submitting an application to receive FY 2018 funding through the DERA State Clean Diesel Grant Program. **Please note**: This NOIP is only to be used by states and territories without open FY 2017 State DERA Grants. States with open FY 2017 State DERA Grants must instead submit a Notice of Intent to Continue (NOIC), which can be found at the following website: www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-state-allocations

Allowable activities are described in the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2010 (DERA), 42 USC 16131 *et seq.* and the FY 2017-2018 State Clean Diesel Grant Program Information Guide*.* All projects funded with FY 2018 State Clean Diesel Program funds, mandatory cost-share funds, and voluntary state matching funds (as applicable) must meet all funding eligibility requirements described in the Program Information Guide.[[3]](#footnote-3) Additionally, states and territories must select projects in accordance with the same statutory priorities as defined in DERA.

States and territories without open FY 2017 State DERA Grants will receive FY 2018 State Clean Diesel Program funds as a new award. In general, any state or territory with an open Program award from FY 2014 - 2016 must ensure that the project period of the FY 2014 - 2016 award ends by September 30, 2018 to receive FY 2018 funding. Requests to extend previous awards and also receive a new award will be evaluated and approved by the EPA Regional program office on a case-by-case basis. Approval is dependent on the status of the project and unexpended funds, the ability to complete the project in 3-6 months, and assurances that completion of the project will not negatively affect the grantee’s ability to implement its FY 2018 workplan. States and territories interested in extending prior year awards should inform their regional Project Officer and program contact as soon as possible.

**CONTACT INFORMATION – Please fill in the following table:**

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|  | **Programmatic Contact** | **Financial Contact** |
| **Name:** |  |  |
| **Title:** |  |  |
| **Department/Office** |  |  |
| **Email:** |  |  |
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**FUNDING ALLOCATION**

The State or Territory understands that State Clean Diesel Program funds for FY 2018 will be allocated based on the formula outlined at 42 USC 16133(c). Specifically, if all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and all eligible territories participate in the State Clean Diesel Program, each state, D.C. and Puerto Rico will receive a base allocation of 1.887 percent of 2/3 of FY 2018 funds appropriated to the DERA State Clean Diesel Program (approximately $280,189). Each eligible territory, except for Puerto Rico, will receive a base allocation of 0.472 percent of 2/3 of FY 2018 funds appropriated to the DERA State Clean Diesel Program (approximately $70,047). These estimated base amounts may be higher or lower, depending on the number of states, D.C. and territories participating. Further, estimated base amounts may be higher or lower depending on the final amount of FY2018 funds appropriated to the DERA State Clean Diesel Program.

EPA anticipates notifying states and territories of their final funding amounts by Monday, May 7, 2018. States (and D.C. and Puerto Rico) that elect to match the entire EPA State Clean Diesel Program funds base amount will be awarded an additional amount (bonus) of approximately $140,094. Eligible territories (except for Puerto Rico) that elect to match the entire EPA State Clean Diesel program funds base amount will be awarded an additional amount (bonus) of approximately $35,024. If fewer than the 50 states, or D.C. or fewer than the five eligible territories participate in the State Clean Diesel Program, then participating states and territories will receive more than the estimated funding as dictated by the formula detailed at 42 U.S.C. 16133(c)(2)(B). Please note that, in such a circumstance, an increased match amount will be required to receive the bonus funds. Because of this variability we encourage states and territories to, where feasible, develop flexible work plans that can accommodate a small increase or decrease in funding over the base and bonus amounts listed above. Final workplans and budgets will be negotiated once EPA notifies the states and territories of their final funding amount.

**APPLICATION AND WORK PLAN**

The State or Territory of [State or Territory Name] understands that an approvable one-year work plan and budget must be submitted to the EPA Regional Office on or before **Monday, June 4, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.** The State or Territory understands that this is a noncompetitive grant program, but that work plans must be approved by EPA for states or territories to receive any potential future funding.

Instructions to create the work plan, budget and any other required forms will be emailed. However, these forms will also be posted on EPA’s website at: [www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-state-allocations](http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-state-allocations).

**Status of currently open State clean diesel Program Grant**

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| 1. | Yes | No | Does the State or Territory currently have an open FY 2017 DERA State Clean Diesel Program grant? If “Yes”, please instead fill out the Notice of Intent to Continue form, found at the site above. |
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| 2. | Yes | No | Does the State or Territory currently have an open FY 2016 or earlier year DERA State Clean Diesel Program grant? If “No”, skip to question 6. |
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| 3. | Yes | No | Will the State or Territory complete all work and incur all eligible costs for its currently open FY 2016 or earlier year State Clean Diesel Program grant by September 30, 2018? |
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| 4. | Yes | No | Will the State or Territory request a no-cost time extension for the currently open FY 2016 or earlier year DERA State Clean Diesel Program grant? |
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| 5. | Yes | No | If yes to #4, and the State or Territory wishes to participate in the FY 2018 funding, has the State or Territory received approval from the EPA Regional Project Officer to do so? |
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**FY 2018 PARTICIPATION**

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| 6. | Yes | No | Will the State or Territory **accept** the State Clean Diesel Program Fiscal Year 2018 funding? |
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| 7. | Yes | No | Does the State or Territory tentatively plan to match the base funding awarded in its entirety dollar for dollar for the Fiscal Year 2018 State Clean Diesel Grant Program allocation? (Estimate for states, DC, and PR: Base = **$280,189**, Territories: Base = **$70,047**) |
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| 8. | Yes | No | Does the State or Territory tentatively plan to contribute voluntary funds in excess of an amount equal to the base allocation? |
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**Summary of Project**

Please write a summary of the work that will be funded with FY 2018 funds

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**Source of Matching Funds**

If your state or territory is providing non-federal funds to voluntarily match or exceed the EPA Base amount, then please write a summary which explains the source of these matching funds (e.g., VW Mitigation Trust Funds)

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State Officer authorized to accept or decline funds.

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**Please email your signed form to** **CleanDiesel@epa.gov****.**

1. *“States” include all 50 U.S. States and the District of Columbia.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *“Territories” include the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *EPA will consider, on a case-by-case basis, waiver requests from programmatic terms and conditions. Waivers will only be considered for specific non-threshold or non-statute requirements. States or territories must obtain EPA approval for any waiver request before conducting any work on a project involving a waiver request.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)