

**EPA Region 9**  
**West Coast Collaborative Innovations in Clean Diesel**  
**Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R9-AIR8-08-002**  
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**Question 1:** Where do I get an RFP and where do I send the proposal?

**ANSWER:** The West Coast Collaborative Innovations in Clean Diesel Request for Proposals is at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/cleandiesel.html>. The RFP contains information on how to submit a proposal.

**Question 2:** Can an individual apply for the West Coast Collaborative Innovations in Clean Diesel Grant?

**ANSWER:** No. Only the eligible entities listed in Section III A. in the RFP can apply for a grant.

**Question 3:** How do I demonstrate that an area is economically disadvantaged demonstrating environmental justice?

**ANSWER:** One way to demonstrate that an area is economically disadvantaged is to cite data from the U.S. Census Bureau Web site ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)) concerning the percent of area residents living in poverty. The Area Profile tool on this Web site can provide this statistic, as can using the Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Web site (<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saie/saie.html>)

**Question 4:** I am having trouble with the application process. When I try to register at Grants.gov, the Credential provider does not accept the funding number (posted in the subject line). Please tell me what steps I should take to apply for this opportunity.

**ANSWER:** If you have followed the Grants.gov Proposal Instructions in the RFP, Attachment C, and are having trouble with the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) site, please call the special hotline for assistance with the grants.gov Web site and application process. The

Grants.gov Contact Center is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Eastern Time: support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4726.

**Question 5:** Does the project have to be accomplished within the EPA Region 9 states?

**ANSWER:** Yes. See Section III, C, (1) of the RFP.

**Question 6:** Can a private company or entity apply?

**ANSWER:** No. See Section III A for a list of eligible entities. Also see Section IV G for information regarding contracts and subawards.

**Question 7:** Where do I find the actual form to submit the grant?

**ANSWER:** Applicants may download individual grant application forms from EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment website at:

[http://www.epa.gov/ogd/grants/how\\_to\\_apply.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ogd/grants/how_to_apply.htm)

**Question 8:** The RFP mentions that the funds can be used for idle reduction strategies. Can funds be used for a project to reduce idling through outreach programs (driver training, signs, etc.) and policy development?

**ANSWER:** Projects that include efforts reduce idling through outreach programs are eligible, but please refer to Section V of the RFP for the criteria that we will use to judge all proposals.

**Question 9:** What are the match requirements for this RFP?

**ANSWER:** Matching funds are not required under this program. (See Section III B of the RFP) However, please note that leveraged resources will be considered as an evaluation criterion during the selection process (See Section V, #6 of the RFP).

**Question 10:** What is an example budget for the SF-424?

**ANSWER:** An Example Detailed EPA Budget can be found in Attachment B of the RFP