

# Clean School Bus Grant Program Accepting Applications

## Propane school buses are eligible



At the end of January 2018, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) announced \$6.2M funding under their newly expanded Texas Clean School Bus Program (TCSB). The TCSB now open will provide grants to public and charter schools as well as school transportation companies statewide to replace older diesel school buses with new school buses. One of those options includes replacement of older buses with cleaner-burning propane autogas school buses.

**Who is eligible?** Public and charter schools as well as school transportation companies located STATEWIDE. At this time,

private schools are not eligible for this grant.

### How much can a school transportation entity get per replacement propane bus?

Category	Passenger Capacity (PSX)	Grant Award
Type A (Microbus)	PSX 30 or fewer	\$36,500
Type B, C, D or Other	PSX up to 49	\$49,500
	PSX 50-67	\$50,500
	PSX 68-77	\$52,500
	PSX 78 or greater	

Applicants are limited to applying for a maximum of five (5) bus replacements.

### How it works?

- Replace pre-2007 diesel bus with new cleaner bus e.g. MY 2017 or 2018 propane school bus.
- School transportation applicant gets signed contract from TCEQ that the money is reserved.
- School transportation applicant has 18 months to make purchase.
- School transportation applicant makes purchase and gets reimbursed from TCEQ.
- School transportation applicant destroys old engine within 90 days of receiving the check (hole in engine block) or removes from North America
- Short report due once a year for 5 years.

**Deadline.** Applications must be received at the front desk, Rm. 1301, 1st floor of Building F on the premises of the TCEQ by no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time, **April 26, 2019**. Funding is available, first come, first serve is likely to run out prior to the deadline.

**Assistance.** The propane industry has partnered with a professional grant writer. TPGA can you put school districts interested in applying in touch with this grant writer if the district, bus dealer or fuel provider wishes to procure their services.

If school districts have questions, please contact the Propane Council of Texas at (800)325-7427 or contact Kelsey Hopkinson at TCEQ at 800-919-TERP (8377) or [CleanBus@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:CleanBus@tceq.texas.gov).