



Dear West Coast Collaborative Partners,

1) 2017 RFP for Tribal DERA Grants is Now Open!

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for Tribal projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. EPA anticipates \$1.5 million will be awarded to eligible Tribal applicants.

Proposals must be received by Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) in order to be considered for funding. Proposal packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through www.grants.gov.

For additional details, click on the [RFP](#), or go to the [EPA web page](#) for additional information on the two webinars.
EPA anticipates notifying applicants in the Spring of 2018.

2) Reminder: National School Bus Rebate Application Period is Still Open!

On September 28th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of approximately \$7 million in Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funding to assist in retrofitting or replacing old diesel school buses. This national rebate program was designed to reduce children's exposure to harmful diesel emissions by providing cleaner school buses or retrofits for their rides. Up to \$1 million of this funding is available for retrofit projects.

EPA will accept applications from September 28 to November 14, 2017 and an informational webinar will take place October 5, 2017 from 2-3 p.m. EST.

To learn more about the rebate program, applicant eligibility and selection process, and webinar dates, please view this associated [flyer](#) or visit the program [website](#).

You can also view past DERA Clean Diesel Projects funded by the West Coast Collaborative on our [projects fact sheets page here](#), and if you have questions please contact CleanDiesel@epa.gov.

Have a great day,

West Coast Collaborative Team

About the [West Coast Collaborative \(WCC\)](http://www.westcoastcollaborative.org/)

The WCC, staffed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Pacific Southwest Region 9 and Pacific Northwest Region 10 Offices, protects public health by reducing diesel emissions and promoting clean air technologies and practices through public-private partnerships in Western North America. The Collaborative is an ambitious partnership between leaders from federal, state, local and tribal government, the private sector, and environmental groups committed to reducing diesel emissions along the West Coast. Our partners come from all over Western North America, including: California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Asian Pacific regions, and Pacific Islands that include the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territory of American Samoa. The Collaborative is focused on creating, supporting and implementing diesel emissions reductions projects by providing technical assistance and funding opportunities. Visit us at <http://www.westcoastcollaborative.org/>