

PGE Electric School Bus Fund

PGE is excited to once again partner with public school districts in our service area to help bring more electric school buses to Oregon. The ESB is made possible through the Department of Environmental Quality's [Oregon Clean Fuels Program](#).

Please review the eligibility guidelines, project requirements, and evaluation criteria below. Applications will be reviewed by a third-party evaluator and selected by a committee of PGE represented based on these considerations and subject to availability of funds. Funding available for the 2024 round is at least \$1.5 million.

How it works

If your application is selected, PGE will provide:

- The **incremental cost** of electric school buses (the difference in cost between the traditional bus and the electric bus).
 - School districts can apply for up to three electric school buses. Final number of buses awarded depends on selection criteria and funds available.
- Optional funding for the electric bus **charger** of your choosing from the list of [qualified chargers](#) and associated **infrastructure costs**.
 - First time awardees that are not participating in PGE's [Fleet Partner](#) program, will be eligible to receive up to \$150,000 in infrastructure funding.
 - Repeat awardees and participants in PGE's [Fleet Partner](#) program will be eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in infrastructure funding.
 - Applicants are encouraged to explore PGE's [Fleet Partner](#) program as an infrastructure planning option.
 - Charger's **network software fees and maintenance** for up to three years are eligible.

Eligibility

- Public school districts that are wholly or partially located in PGE's service area.
- Transportation contractors can apply in partnership with the school district they serve (may apply with more than one district).
- Previous grant recipients may apply again if they are 2020-2022 awardees and their electric bus has been ordered or if they are 2023 awardees and their award agreement has been signed. A school district may be awarded a maximum of ten buses over five years. While applications will be evaluated holistically, preference will be given to new applicants over repeat awardees.

How to apply

- Go to PGE's Electric School Bus Fund [website](#) for materials and best practices.
- Submit an application online with all required information and attachments.
- The 2024 round opens on **September 22nd 2023** and closes on **December 1st 2023 at 5pm PST**.
- This is an open and competitive application process - applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a third party in accordance with established evaluation criteria.





Selection Criteria

In selecting project participants, PGE will look for:

- Interest in and commitment to exploring school bus fleet electrification.
- Strong demonstration of feasibility of timeline, budget, and project team.
- Commitment to engaging community, school, and/or other stakeholders in the project.
- Interest in using the electric bus in curriculum development around STEM, climate science and/or sustainability.
- District commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion with the electric bus directly serving that purpose by impacting underserved communities.
- School districts that leverage other funding mechanisms such as SB1149 funds.

If you have questions, contact us at electricschoolbus@pge.com.

