

PGE Electric School Bus Fund

PGE is excited to once again partner with public school districts in our service area to bring more electric school buses to Oregon. The Electric School Bus Fund (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 representatives based on these considerations and subject to availability of funds.

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. The 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 charging sites that are not in PGE's [Fleet Partner](#) program, will be eligible to receive up to \$150,000 in infrastructure funding.
 - Repeat sites 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 2020-2024 awardees, and their electric bus has been ordered.
- 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.
- Apply online with all required information and attachments.
- The 2025 round opens on **September 23, 2024**, and closes on **November 29, 2024, 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.
- District commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion
- Demonstrated direct impact of the electric school bus on underserved communities.
- Commitment to outreach and engagement with community, school, and/or other stakeholders around school bus electrification.
- Interest in using the electric bus in curriculum development around STEM, climate science and/or sustainability.
- School districts that leverage other funding mechanisms such as SB1149 funds.

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

