As you look at your budget for the next few fiscal years, the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) Office of Energy Policy and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Office of Finance and Operation are sharing a new funding opportunity to help you achieve your energy efficiency and renewable energy goals. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), $5,000,000,000 will be available through grants for the Clean School Bus Program (SEC.71101).

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

State or local governments, eligible contractors, and nonprofit school transportation associations are authorized to receive grant funds. Fifty percent of the funds are authorized for zero-emission school buses, and 50 percent of the funds are authorized for alternative fuels and zero-emission school buses. Funds may be prioritized for rural or low-income communities and entities that have matching funds available. The EPA Administrator is authorized to provide funds to cover up to 100 percent of the costs for the replacement of the bus.

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**NEXT PROGRAM MILESTONES**

Applications for entities to apply for this funding will be made available later this spring. The EPA Administrator will disburse the grant funds.

**RESOURCES**

- *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – SEC. 71101*, page 893
  

- *Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (The White House, Jan. 31, 2022)
  
  https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/

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