

State of South Carolina: Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust

Round 2 Funding Awards Overview

Round 2 Funding Requests Timeline

The South Carolina Department of Insurance (SCDOI) serves as the lead agency for the State of South Carolina for the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust (VWEMT).

In December 2020, the SCDOI issued a Request for Applications (Round 2) seeking to award up to \$24,622,804 in funding. This represents the remainder balance under the state's \$34 million allocation following awards issued under Round 1.

Similar to the initial round of funding, Round 2 is limited to replacement of Class 4-8 School, Shuttle and Transit Buses (Eligible Buses). Applications were only accepted from Government entities; however, Non-Government entities were eligible to apply in partnership with one or more Government entities. Further, the Request for Applications noted that priority may be given to funding replacement buses that are fueled by sources other than diesel. The application window closed on Friday, February 26, 2021.

3 Applications Selected, \$24.54 Million Awarded

1. SC Department of Education

- ✓ \$23,635,830 for 235 propane school buses (view award letter [here](#))
- ✓ The SC Department of Education has committed \$87,400 to build two new propane fueling stations to expand the propane school bus fleet throughout the state
- ✓ School districts expected to receive buses include: Aiken, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester County School District Two, Greenville, Horry, Lexington School District One, Richland School District One, Richland School District Two, York School District Four

2. Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments

- ✓ \$608,000 for 1 electric transit bus for CARTA (view award letter [here](#))
- ✓ Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments has committed 20% of the funds as a local match
- ✓ Will purchase an electric bus manufactured in SC from Proterra
- ✓ Leveraging existing charging infrastructure for charging the bus

3. Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority

- ✓ \$295,500 for 2 electric transit buses + charging infrastructure (view award letter [here](#))
- ✓ Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority will apply for federal funds to cover 85% of the costs of the buses and charging infrastructure
- ✓ These will be the first electric transit buses for the PDRTA

The total project costs for the above projects, including external funding sources, is \$26,768,330.

These projects are expected to reduce harmful emissions in South Carolina as follows:

-87.9k lbs

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-2k lbs

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All projects must be completed by May 2023, unless an extension is granted by the SCDOI.

11 Applications Received

The SCDOI received 11 applications requesting a total of \$49.76 million in funding through the VWEMT. Below is a list of the applicants along with the amount requested (rounded). Each applicant's name links to a copy of their application.

1. [Beaufort County School District](#) (\$590k)
2. [Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments](#) (\$4.26M)
3. [Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority](#) (\$6.03M)
4. [Charleston School District](#) (\$3.1M)
5. [Coastal Bus Line](#) (\$1.46M)
6. [Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority](#) (\$4.64M)
7. [Orangeburg County School District](#) (\$2.34M)
8. [Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority](#) (\$451k)
9. [SC Department of Education](#) (\$23.96M)
10. [Waccamaw Regional Transportation Authority](#) (\$2.11M)
11. [York County School District](#) (\$812k)

The total project costs for all applications, including external funding sources, was \$53.84 million.

Application and Funding Details Are Available Online

South Carolina is committed to an implementation process that is open and transparent.

All applications for funding are publicly available on the VW website at vwsettlement.sc.gov using the links on the first page of this overview.

Further, all documentation and records submitted by South Carolina in support of the above funding awards, including documentation and records supporting expenditures, will be posted on this website. For more information on public access to documents related to the EMT, please refer to Section VII of the state's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan.