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# Electric School Bus Webinar

Local experiences and upcoming funding

# Agenda

## Today's webinar



- Current electric school bus operators
- Working with your utility
- Bus companies
- Upcoming funding opportunities
- Q&A

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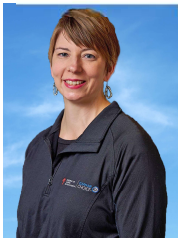
# Clean Cities & American Lung Association



**Clean Cities** is a national program of the U.S. Department of Energy focused on improving the efficiency of transportation and expanding the use of clean vehicle technologies and alternatives to petroleum.

Clean Cities is implemented through more than 80 local coalitions around the country.

Lung Association is the host organization for the Coalitions in Minnesota and North Dakota, and staff in Springfield, IL play a strong role in implementing activities of Chicago Clean Cities Coalition.



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# Complementary Framework

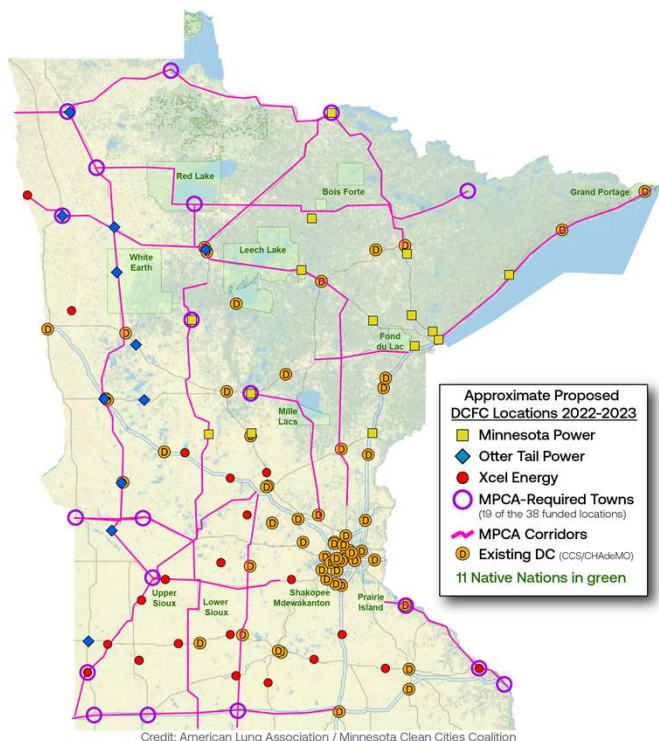
Clean Cities coalitions are locally based with the ability to tap national resources.

## Minnesota & North Dakota Clean Cities Coalitions focus to:

- Provide education to show how fuel and energy choices affect the environment and air quality.
- Help retailers, fleets, and stakeholders promote cleaner fuel options through customized education and outreach programs in collaboration with public and private partners.



# Minnesota



## Current EV Projects

- COOL EVs: 4 medium & heavy-duty vehicles & training
- EV Spot Network: Carshare program, MUDs & EV network
- Heavy Duty EV Demonstrations
- EMPOWER: Workplace Electrification Readiness (MN/ND)
- Upper Midwest Inter-Tribal EV Charging Community Network (MN/ND)

## VW Settlement Funding - \$47 Million

- 8 Electric School Bus Replaced \$2.3 million
  - Next round of school bus grants open Spring 2023
- 22 Fast charge EVSE installation \$1.5 million
- 25 Level 2 EVSE installations \$217,500
- 6 Heavy duty electric vehicles \$653,756

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# North Dakota

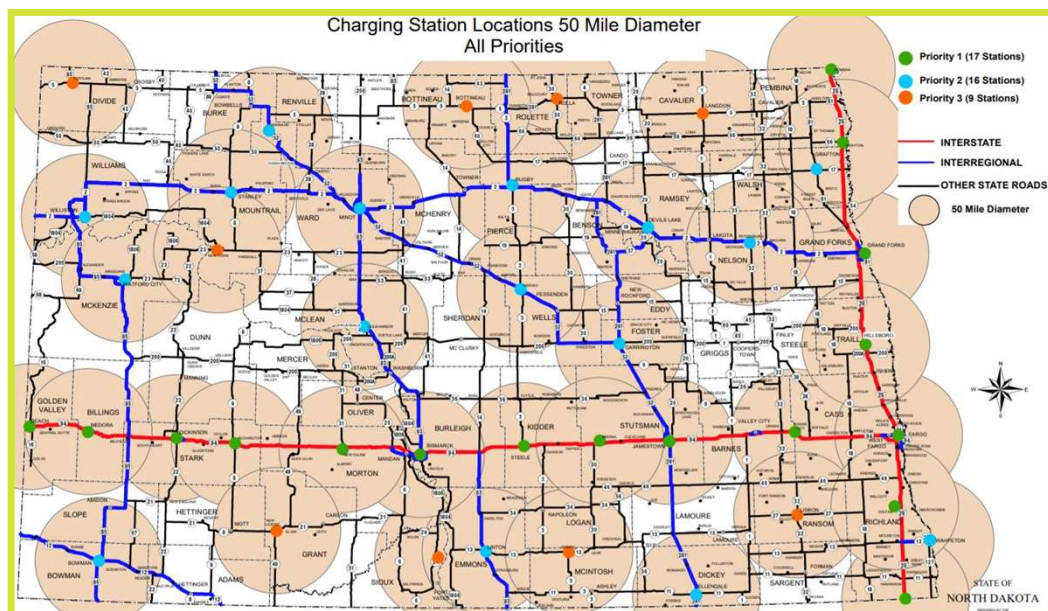


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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- ND receiving \$25.9 million for 5 years
- \$2.5 billion nationwide for interstate corridors and communities

## NDDOT Statewide EV Plan – Due 8/1

- Developing plan for charging infrastructure
- Examining electric transit opportunities

## VW Settlement Funding

- 2019 funded 17 EVSE installations ~\$1.2 million
- Round 3 now open – Applications due May 2
  - School buses, MD/HD trucks and others eligible

**North Dakota Clean Cities  
is here to help you!**

# Funding Opportunities

# EPA Clean School Bus Program

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



\$5 billion over five years (2022 – 2026)

- Half of funding for battery-electric school buses
- Half for clean buses, including electric and cleaner fuels

\$500 million for 2022 Clean School Bus Rebate program

Expected to open in late April. Accepting applications for 3 months



# Eligible Applicants

Including (but not limited to)

- Local Educational Agencies, Public School Districts
- Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or tribally controlled schools
- Nonprofit School Transportation Associations
- Eligible Contractors:
  - For-profit or nonprofit.
  - Sell eligible buses, charging, or fueling infrastructure; or arrange financing for such a sale.
  - May include school bus manufacturers and dealers

## Program notes

The law prioritizes:

- High-need school districts
- Tribal schools
- Rural and low-income area

EPA will publish list of priority school districts

- Do not need to be on priority list to apply
- Priority may influence funding level
- May use lottery of eligible applicants
- Older bus will need to be decommissioned (eligible age limits not yet announced)

# Start Preparing Now

## First steps



Talk with your utility



Inventory your fleet  
(EPA has template)



Register at SAM.gov  
(if not already)



Sign up for  
announcements  
(EPA & Clean Cities)  
[epa.gov/cleanschoolbus](https://epa.gov/cleanschoolbus)



# Questions

# Thank You!

How can we help in your work?

Contact us to discuss your project, with questions, or for any other needs.



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