



2024 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal and Territory Grants



Application period:
12/6/2025



Total funding for 2025: **\$9M**
Tribal funding for 2025: **\$8M**

DERA Tribal and Territory Grants supports initiatives to reduce emissions from diesel engines by upgrades, retrofits, or replacement of existing diesel engines



Goals and merit criteria for DERA Tribal and Territory grants:

The EPA may prioritize various criteria in selecting grants for the DERA Tribal and Territory competitive funding program:

- **Alignment to DERA Programmatic Priorities** – priorities include a project's contribution to public health benefits, cost-efficacy, and service to areas with highest population density or poor air quality areas
- **Focus on Diesel Vehicles, Engines, and Equipment** – projects may target in-use medium and heavy-duty diesel-powered highway vehicles (e.g., trucks, school buses) and diesel powered nonroad vehicles and equipment (e.g., cargo handling vehicles)
- **Integration of Diesel Emissions Reduction Solutions** – projects integrate diesel emissions reduction solutions defined in the NOFO (e.g., certified vehicle and equipment replacements, certified engine replacement, certified remanufacture systems)

Note the EPA did not offer a DERA Tribal and Territory funding opportunity in 2023. The FY24 opportunity represents the next tranche of funding after FY22.

DERA Tribal and Territory grant details

Match funding
requirement: 0%

Project funding targets		Reduce emissions from diesel vehicles and equipment
		Prioritize projects in disadvantaged communities or with poor air quality due to diesel emissions
		Execute projects supported by existing planning documents to increase climate resiliency
		Provide funding for personnel to plan and implement relocation, managed retreat, and protect-in-place actions
Eligible grant functions		Planning (\$250K maximum). All federally recognized Tribes and consortia are eligible.
		Implementation (\$4M maximum). All federally recognized Tribes and consortia are eligible.
		RMP Staff (\$150K/year for 3 years). Tribal consortia and recipients of RMP Coordinator funds are ineligible.
Award amounts	Award size	12-18 grants to tribal governments (each grant capped at \$800K for a total of \$8M)
	Additional considerations	Applicants can submit two applications under the solicitation, but each application must be for a different project
Previous awards (national)	2022 awards	10 awards to tribes (~\$4.5M)
Previous awards (MI)	2022 awards	0 awards

High level requirements for DERA Tribal and Territory grants



Eligible Entities

- Federally recognized Tribes (including intertribal consortia)
- Alaska Native Villages
- Territory government agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality



Key Grant Application Components¹

- Each application may include:
 - Project description
 - Applicant fleet description (e.g., specific vehicles and engines targeted for emissions reductions and the intended solutions)
 - Emissions reduction calculations
 - Cost-share commitment letters (if applicable)
 - Partnership letters

1. Not inclusive of all documents required to apply; please refer to NOFO for the full requirements and details