

## To: Ohio Public Transit Systems in DERG-Eligible Counties

The Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERG) program is supported with federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) dollars awarded by the Federal Highway Administration to the Ohio Department of Transportation. **It is not certain that the federal funds that support the program will be available for 2017 projects.** The majority of DERG grant projects announced in 2016 are currently awaiting actions at the federal level. Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) are offering a limited DERG grant application opportunity for 2017, **for public transit vehicle replacement projects, in keeping with the recommendations and needs identified by ODOT in the Ohio Statewide Transit Study of 2015.** Ohio EPA and ODOT reserve the right to rescind or revise the [2017 Request for Proposals](#), depending upon the availability of the federal funds. We hope to have a total of \$10 million available, and have updated the DERG Request for Proposals to allow for requests of between \$50,000 and \$2 million. **Applications will be due on September 15<sup>th</sup>**, with two conference calls for prospective applicants scheduled for August 30 and September 12. More information is available on the [DERG program website](#).



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