

If you have questions about the Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program, please review the following FAQ. If your questions still have not been answered, please send your questions or concerns by email to [NDEE.AirQuality@Nebraska.gov](mailto:NDEE.AirQuality@Nebraska.gov).

**1. Are we eligible for a rebate if we have already purchased new equipment?**

No, you would not be eligible for a rebate. This rebate program is not retroactive and is for qualifying applicants that have not yet purchased new equipment. No reimbursements will be provided for equipment purchased or contract work done before you have signed a project agreement with the Department.

**2. We purchased the diesel irrigation engine last year. Is replacement of this engine eligible for the rebate?**

No, you must have owned the engine to be replaced for at least two years prior to the application period.

**3. Can we apply for a rebate for more than one diesel irrigation engine?**

No. The program allows for only one engine replacement per applicant.

**4. Can I replace the diesel irrigation engine with a used electric motor or does it have to be new?**

Yes. The replacement electric motor can be either new or used.

**5. Can a parent company with several wholly-owned subsidiaries submit applications for more than one of the wholly-owned subsidiaries?**

No. The applicant in this case is the parent company and may submit only one application for one rebate.

**6. I am a farmer who rents farm ground with a diesel irrigation engine that I'd like to replace. Can I apply for an irrigation engine rebate?**

The owner of the irrigation engine must sign and submit the application and would receive the reimbursement. If you own the engine, you may apply. But if the landowner also owns the engine, that person must apply and would receive the reimbursement. However, you can act as the project manager in this case.

**7. Are we guaranteed to receive a rebate if the application is complete and submitted on-time?**

No. Funding is not guaranteed as there may be more applicants than available funding. Irrigation engine rebate recipients will be selected based on scoring of applications for public health benefit, emissions reductions, and cost-effectiveness.

**8. Can we submit our purchase order before the project agreement is signed?**

No. Purchase orders cannot pre-date the project agreement's signature. However, you may solicit additional quotes prior to signing the project agreement.

**9. If funding is offered in future years, will awards be made from the current wait list?**

No. If funding is available in future years, NDEE will issue a new announcement and applicants will need to reapply.

**10. How many rebates will be available?**

The NDEE anticipates awarding rebates for replacement of 35 to 40 diesel irrigation engines. These numbers may change depending on the number of applications received and the rebate amounts requested.

**11. How will I get my rebate payment?**

Before a rebate payment will be processed, the *Request for Reimbursement Form* must be completed and proof of payment and scrapage documentation must be submitted. Refer to the rebate announcement page on the NDEE website for a detailed list of required documentation. Payments will be made by check.

**12. How long do I have to purchase the new equipment?**

All grant requirements must be completed by September 16, 2024. The new equipment must be purchased and received, the old engine must be scrapped, and the *Request for Reimbursement Form* with all supporting documentation must be submitted by this date.

**13. What is the deadline to submit applications?**

Applications will be accepted until Thursday December 7, 2023.

**14. Are applicants allowed to accept grant program money from other state or local programs to pay for vehicles in this program?**

Yes. The applicant portion of funding (mandatory cost-share) may consist of funds from state and local grant programs, or other third-party funding and financing. However, other federal funds grant funds may **not** be used to cover any portion of the mandatory cost-share. Therefore, if you are receiving state or local funds for the purchases, you should ensure that the state or local program is not federally funded (e.g. EPA's State Clean Diesel Grant Program, EPA's National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program, DOT's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, USDA Rural Energy for America Program, etc.).

**15.4 What is the EPA Engine Family Identifier and how do I find it?**

The EPA Engine Family identifier is an 11 or 12-character number/letter designation that is assigned when a diesel engine is certified to comply with EPA emissions standards. In general, both the engine family and model year can be found on a nameplate that is permanently affixed to the engine. The exact location and appearance of the nameplate varies by engine manufacturer.

If the engine label does not list the EPA-issued engine family name or it is difficult to read, the manufacturer of your engine may be able to assist you in determining the engine family name if you are able to supply information on the model year and make of the engine, or the engine serial number. Some manufacturers also have online tools to enter engine serial numbers and determine the engine family name.

Examples of engine labels with the engine family name:

