

NorCal School Bus Consortium – List of Funding Opportunities and Upcoming Events, 2/5/26

○ Grant Funding Opportunities, Tax Credits, Events and Resources

Local

- Placer County Air Pollution Control District, Clean Air Grant Program will open April 1 – May 31. Sign up to receive notifications at placerair.org.
- SMUD Incentives, <https://www.smud.org/en/Going-Green/Electric-Vehicles/Business>
- PG& E EV Fleet Program, approaching maximum enrollment. Applications for the waitlist will be accepted until 6/30/26, https://www.pge.com/en_US/large-business/solar-and-vehicles/clean-vehicles/ev-fleet-program/ev-fleet-program.page. \$4,000 per vehicle for school buses and charger rebates ranging from \$15,000 to \$42,000 depending on power output for sites in disadvantaged communities. EV Advisory Services, offering no cost guidance, are available, <https://www.pge.com/en/clean-energy/electric-vehicles/ev-fleet-program/advisory-services-program.html>.

State

- ZESBI (Zero-Emission School Bus and Infrastructure) – Closed
- HVIP, <https://californiahvip.org/>, makes zero-emission trucks, buses and vans more affordable with point-of-sale discounts. Standard HVIP reopened on 12/16/25 and includes incentives for electric school buses and white fleet vehicles. Incentives for school buses range from \$85,000 to \$216,000. \$71.8 million available for standard HVIP, \$5 million reserved for public fleets, \$108.2 million for drayage truck set-aside open. \$26.1 million for Innovative Small E-Fleet (ISEF) and \$6 million transit set-aside. Public School Bus Set-Aside and ZESBI are currently closed.
- EnergiIZE, <https://www.energiize.org/>, infrastructure funding. Megawatt Charging System funding lane opened 10/28/25 with \$10 million in funding. Fast track, drayage and transit set-asides currently closed. Check website for updates.
- Cal Fleet Advisor, provides guidance to California fleets, independent owner-operators and electric school buses at no cost as you transition to zero-emission vehicles, no matter your starting point. Visit their website and sign up for free to get connected with an advisor, <https://calfleetadvisor.org/>.

Federal

- EPA Clean School Bus Program Rebates, <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-rebates>. Closed 1-14-25.
- Clean Bus Planning Awards (CBPA), technical assistance program, <https://driveelectric.gov/clean-bus-planning-awards>. Not currently accepting applications.
- Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit, credit is up to \$100,000, <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/alternative-fuel-vehicle-refueling-property-credit>, applicable to property placed in service prior to 6/30/26.

○ Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Cal Fleet Advisor Zero-Emission School Bus Forum (previously known as the Electric School Bus Network California Forum), meets via Zoom semi-annually from 11 am to 12 pm Pacific Time. Next meeting is 3/4/26. Register or view meeting archive at, <https://calstart-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfuCspzltGdJc2P9a6fVwvorycz0c3AuV#/registration>.
- Electric School Bus Network Forum, meets via Zoom on the second Wednesday of every other month at 10 am. Next meeting is 2/11/26, Charger Maintenance Best Practices. Register at, <https://calstart-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlucuiopjguG9HQQu6irzLU-GRr28BLfzm2o#/registration>
- CASTO Annual State Conference, Burbank, CA, 2/28 – 3/2/26, <https://www.castoways.org/Annual-State-Conference>.
- STN Expo/Green Bus Summit, July 12, 2026, <https://stnexpo.com/green-bus-summit/>.

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