

2018 Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Clean Vehicle (Purchase or Lease) Rebate Grant Opportunity
NYS Grants Gateway Application ID No. DEC01-ZEVCV-2018
Questions & Answers – May 9, 2019

Q1: Are hybrid vehicles eligible for the rebate?

A1: Yes, eligible clean vehicles (as defined in ECL § 54-1521(1)(c) and 6 NYCRR § 492-1.1(g)) include all-electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles that adhere to the following:

- have four wheels
- are manufactured for use primarily on public streets, roads, and highways
- contain a powertrain that has not been modified from the original manufacturer's specifications
- are rated at not more than eight thousand five hundred pounds' gross vehicle weight
- have a maximum speed capability of at least fifty-five miles per hour
- are propelled, at least in part, by electric motor and associated power electronics that provide acceleration torque to the drive wheels sometime during normal vehicle operation
- draw electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell, or from a battery that
 - has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt-hours; and
 - is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity
- get a minimum of 10 miles in electric range

Q2: What are the rebate amounts?

A2: \$2,500 for an eligible clean vehicle with an electric range of 10-50 miles and \$5,000 for an eligible clean vehicle with an electric range of over 50 miles.

Q3: Do vehicles need to be purchased before application?

A3: Yes, vehicles must be purchased prior to application for the rebate.

Q4: Is lease or lease to own eligible?

A4: Lease is eligible if it is for a minimum of 36 months or if leased to own.

Q5: Are renewable natural gas vehicles eligible for the rebate?

A5: No, See answer to Question Q1.

Q6: My school district is interested in purchasing vehicles, are we an eligible municipality?

A6: No, school districts are not eligible municipalities. For the purposes of this rebate program, the following entities are considered eligible applicants: municipalities, defined as counties, cities, towns, and villages of the State of New York or boroughs of the City of New York, pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 492- 1.1(j).

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Q7. I cannot get the Apply for Grant link to show up even though I have logged into the Gateway and selected the proper opportunity.

A7. Only those designated as Grantee, Grantee System Administrator, or Signatory may complete and submit applications.

Q8. Are electric low speed vehicles (with a max speed of under 55 mph) eligible for this program?

A8. No, the vehicles must have a maximum speed capability of at least fifty-five miles per hour.

Q9. Are vehicles that run-on biofuels eligible for this rebate program?

A9. No, only vehicles that are propelled, at least in part, by electric motor and associated power electronics that provide acceleration torque to the drive wheels sometime during normal vehicle operation, draw electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell, or from a battery that 1) has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt-hours and 2) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity are eligible.

Q10: In completing the application, I received the following error message which is not allowing me to submit the application:

Page Error(s)

- Please select a Performance Measure Data Capture Type for Performance Measure number 1.1.1.

A10: Performance Measures are required to be added by Applicants pursuant to the RFP. See below:

Performance Measure Required as per RFP:

2. Proposed Project Timeframes

Clean Vehicle Rebates are available to municipalities that purchased or leased an eligible vehicle at a dealer located within New York, on or after May 1, 2018. The vehicle must be placed into municipal service before the application deadline. If the vehicle is leased, the minimum lease term is 36 months. All projects over \$10,000 must complete the grant contracting process and have defined objectives, tasks, and deliverables accounted for in performance measures that can be completed and invoiced within a 2-year contract period/term. Time extensions beyond the

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The Performance Measure is where the provided deliverables data is entered, i.e. No. of Clean Vehicle(s) that have been leased or purchased within specified project timeframe and their details. Select **Performance Measure Data Capture Type** as 'Text (250 Character limit) and Integer' from the dropdown which will allow input of further details to report both - Details (*Performance Measure Narrative*) and No. of vehicle (*Performance Measure Integer*). Please see second screenshot as how it may look once it is set as mentioned above. See below sample:

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Sample Performance Measure Data Capture Type entry in an application

Number	Performance Measure
1.1.1	<div>Performance Measure Name Purchased and/or leased vehicle</div> <div>Performance Measure Data Capture Type Text (250 character limit) and Integer</div> <div> <div>Performance Measure Narrative Brief information about Clean Vehicle(s) Leased and/or Purchased or can be completed within contract period. NOTE: MENTION NO. OF VEHICLE BELOW 145 of 250 </div> <div>Performance Measure Integer e.g. 4</div> <div> Upload <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> </div> </div>
	<div>Grantee Updates Allowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>

Q11: Can the DEC's clean vehicle rebate be combined with the NYSEERDA Drive Clean Rebate?

A11. Yes. The NYSEERDA Drive Clean rebate will be credited at the dealership. The DEC ZEV Clean Vehicle rebate must be applied for after the car is purchased.

Q12: Can the Central Hudson Gas & Electric \$5,000 rebate (only for a Leaf) can be combined with the DEC rebate?

A12. Yes, rebates for clean vehicles may be combined as long as the total value of all rebates does not exceed the cost of the vehicle.

Q13. Can my non-profit organization apply for a rebate?

A13. No, the only eligible applicants are municipalities, defined as village, town, city, or county of the State of New York or a borough of the City of New York.

Q 14. My village just took delivery of a hybrid bucket and we have three more hybrids on order, do these qualify for the rebate?

A14. No, vehicles over 8,500 pounds do not qualify for this program. However, NYSEERDA does have an electric truck program. See their website for details and announcement of the next round at <https://truck-vip.ny.gov/>

Q 15. Looking for how to apply for this rebate and not finding where to submit information.

A15. Log into the Grants Gateway at https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/

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[nysgg/goportal.aspx](https://nysgg.goportal.aspx) . Use the search function to search for “Zero-emission”. Once the list of opportunities comes up, click on “2018 Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Clean Vehicle (Purchase or Lease) Rebate Grant Opportunity” to access the application.

Q 16. How do I answer this question in the application: Is project statewide?

A16. No, the project is not statewide

Q 17. How do I answer this question in the application: Name/Description?

A17. Enter the name of the municipality in this field.

Q 18. Several municipalities that are interested in purchasing EVs have found that the combined DEC and NYSERDA rebates are not substantial enough to justify the purchase. Is the amount of the DEC's Municipal ZEV CV Rebate established by law?

A18. Yes, the maximum award of \$5,000 is set in legislation.

Q 19. Our treasurer's office has asked us to confirm that the source of this rebate is state and not federal per their reporting requirements.

A19. The ZEC CV program is funded by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund.

Q 20. We are trying to start the application for the grant opportunity and I am unable to get the application on the portal. I am only allowed “View Grant Opportunity” when I found the grant during a search.

A20. The applicant must be logged into the Grants Gateway as Grantee, Grantee System Administrator, or Grantee Contract Signatory in order to create and submit applications.

Q 21. Does the clean vehicle rebate cover electric utility task vehicles (UTV's) for emergency services along trails inaccessible to standard rescue vehicles?

A21. No, eligible clean vehicles as defined in ECL § 54-1521(1)(c) and 6 NYCRR § 492-1.1(g) must be manufactured for use primarily on public streets, roads, and highways.

Q 22. Our municipality received a Clean Energy Community award from NYSEDA toward the purchase of two clean energy vehicles. The balance not covered by the NYSEDA award is \$6,900. Can we apply to this program to receive the \$5,000 rebate for a Chevy Volt, and if so what information must be provided?

A22. Yes, the municipality may apply to the DEC's Clean Vehicle program. On the document with the make, model, year, and electric range include the total cost of the vehicles, the amount of NYSEDA funds applied, and the

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balance to which the Clean Vehicle award will be applied.

Q23. What should be entered as the start date and end date?

A23. The start date is the date the car was purchased; the end date is two years later. Two years is the minimum contract term.