



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES

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January 29, 2021

VW Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries, PR and DC
Mr. Russell Crane, 5th Floor
c/o Wilmington Trust, N.A. as Trustee
Rodney Square North
110 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890

Re: State of Rhode Island VW Settlement- 4th Semiannual Report
Reporting Period: June, 2020 to December, 2020

Dear Mr. Crane,

On January 29, 2018, Wilmington Trust (the "Trustee") filed a Notice of Beneficiary Designation with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the "Court"), designating Rhode Island as a Beneficiary of the State Trust. Rhode Island's [funding requests](#) were approved by the Trustee prior to this submission.

On December 6, 2018, Rhode Island's first disbursement of Trust Assets occurred, beginning Rhode Island's Reporting Obligations to the Trustee. As required by paragraph 5.3 the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries (VW State Trust) we provide this report on the status of each Eligible Mitigation Action approved for funding through Rhode Island's allotment of VW State Trust funds. Specifically, Rhode Island's Reporting Obligations include:

1. A description on progress implementing each Eligible Mitigation Action during the period leading up to the reporting date;
2. A complete description of the status (including actual or projected termination date), development, implementation, and any modifications of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action.

Rhode Island is grouping all updates on our approved Eligible Mitigation Actions into this submittal.

This information is true and correct and the submission is made under penalty of perjury. Please feel free to contact me at 401-222-2808 ext. 7143 or by email at laurie.grandchamp@dem.ri.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources

Payee Recipient:	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM)
Action Title:	Administrative Costs
Reporting Period Covered:	June 21, 2020 – December 19, 2020

Workplan Budget	RIDEM
Running Total of VW Settlement Funds Received:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Obligated:	\$215,532.87
Total VW Funds Expended:	\$134,623.61
Total VW Funds On Hand:	\$80,909.26

Summary of Total VW Funds Expended		
*Administrative costs include all personnel and fringe benefits.		
Covering RIDEM Payroll: February 9, 2018 – December 19, 2020		
	Total Funds Expended	
	RIDEM Payroll 2/9/18 – 6/20/20	RIDEM Payroll 6/21/20 – 12/19/20
Chief, Office of Air Resources	\$40,820.44	\$7,816.86
Supervising Air Quality Specialist	\$55,236.26	\$12,108.49
Senior Air Quality Specialist	\$18,641.56	\$0
TOTALS:	\$114,698.26	\$19,925.35

Projected Future Administrative Expenses			
Total VW Funds On Hand	FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)	FY22 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	FY23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)
\$80,909.26	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000

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Laurie Grandchamp, P.E. Chief
 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources

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VW Settlement Decree - Semi-Annual report document

Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
 Action Title: Electrify RI
 Reporting Period: July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 1,867,952
 Interest Earned \$ -
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 720,074
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 1,147,878

Summary of Costs							
Eligible Mitigation Actions	Totals		EVSE Funds		Administrative Costs		Notes
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
Electrify RI	\$ 1,867,952	\$ 720,074	\$ 870,018	\$ 566,868	\$ 277,860	\$ 153,206	
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Project Narrative	
Electrify RI	
<p>Electrify RI is an electric vehicle (EV) charging station incentive program, administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), that seeks to make more charging stations accessible to Rhode Island drivers. The increased availability of charging stations will encourage state residents and business to make the switch to electric vehicles in order to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions and pollutants.</p> <p>This \$1.4 million incentive program is funding the installation of new EV charging stations – including Level II and Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) – at Rhode Island workplaces, multi-unit dwellings, and publicly-accessible locations. Incentives are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>As of December 31, 2020:</p> <p>Level II EVSE:</p> <p>Publicly- Accessible Program</p> <p>24 Charging Stations (10 applications): projects completed</p> <p>14 Charging Stations (5 applications): currently in process</p> <p>Workplace Program</p> <p>8 Charging Stations (4 applications): projects completed</p> <p>Multi-Unit Dwellings Program</p> <p>14 Charging Stations (8 applications): projects completed</p> <p>DCFC:</p> <p>3 Charging Stations (2 applications): projects completed</p> <p>4 Charging Stations (2 applications): in process</p>	

Terri L. Brooks 01/07/2021
 Terri Brooks, Administrator Financial Management
 Office of Energy Resources

 Nicholas Ucci, Acting Commissioner
 Office of Energy Resources

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Payee Recipient: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
 Action Title: Public Transit Bus Replacement Project
 Reporting Period: July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Workplan Budget

Total VW Funds Received \$ 5,695,338
 Interest Earned \$ 52,513
 Total VW Funds Expended \$ 2,595,084
 Total VW Funds On Hand \$ 3,152,767

Summary of Costs							
Eligible Mitigation Actions	Totals		Vehicle Replacement Funds		Administrative Costs		Notes
	Total Funds Received	Total Funds Expended	Obligated	Expended	Obligated	Expended	
RIPTA Electric Bus Program	\$ 5,695,338	\$ 2,595,084	\$ 5,486,115	\$ 2,565,448	\$ 209,223	\$ 29,636	
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Project Narrative	
Eligible Mitigation Actions	Public Transit Bus Replacement Project
Three vehicle pilot electric bus program and purchase of up to 20 electric buses	Phase II of RIPTA's electric bus program is underway with the three pilot electric buses running revenue service on RIPTA's highest performing routes carrying 20% of all passengers. Data collection and analysis activities are ongoing. RIPTA is finalizing details for the purchase of 17 new electric buses. Specifications for the design and installation of electric bus infrastructure is in development and is expected to be released this spring.

Christopher Durand

Christopher Durand, Acting Executive Director of Finance and Budget
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

01 / 22 / 2021

Date

Greg Nordin

Greg Nordin, Chief of Strategic Advancement
 Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

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