

**APPENDIX D-4**  
**Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification**

**BENEFICIARY ELIGIBLE MITIGATION ACTION CERTIFICATION**

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Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency Authorized to Act on Behalf of the Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Any authorized person with delegation of such authority to direct the Trustee delivered to the Trustee pursuant to a Delegation of Authority and Certificate of Incumbency)*

<b>Action Title:</b>	
<b>Beneficiary's Project ID:</b>	
<b>Funding Request No.</b>	<i>(sequential)</i>
<b>Request Type: (select one or more)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Advance</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
<b>Payment to be made to: (select one or more)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
<b>Funding Request &amp; Direction (Attachment A)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attached to this Certification <input type="checkbox"/> To be Provided Separately

**SUMMARY**

<b>Eligible Mitigation Action</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Appendix D-2 item (specify): _____ <b>Action Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Item 10 - DERA Option (5.2.12) (specify and attach DERA Proposal): _____
<b>Explanation of how funding request fits into Beneficiary's Mitigation Plan (5.2.1):</b>
<b>Detailed Description of Mitigation Action Item Including Community and Air Quality Benefits (5.2.2):</b>
<b>Estimate of Anticipated NOx Reductions (5.2.3):</b>
<b>Identification of Governmental Entity Responsible for Reviewing and Auditing Expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action Funds to Ensure Compliance with Applicable Law (5.2.7.1):</b>
<b>Describe how the Beneficiary will make documentation publicly available (5.2.7.2).</b>
<b>Describe any cost share requirement to be placed on each NOx source proposed to be mitigated (5.2.8).</b>
<b>Describe how the Beneficiary complied with subparagraph 4.2.8, related to notice to U.S. Government Agencies (5.2.9).</b>

If applicable, describe how the mitigation action will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of such emissions (5.2.10).

**ATTACHMENTS**  
**(CHECK BOX IF ATTACHED)**

- Attachment A Funding Request and Direction.
- Attachment B Eligible Mitigation Action Management Plan Including Detailed Budget and Implementation and Expenditures Timeline (5.2.4).
- Attachment C Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11).
- Attachment D Detailed cost estimates from selected or potential vendors for each proposed expenditure exceeding \$25,000 (5.2.6). [Attach only if project involves vendor expenditures exceeding \$25,000.]
- Attachment E DERA Option (5.2.12). [Attach only if using DERA option.]
- Attachment F Attachment specifying amount of requested funding to be debited against each beneficiary's allocation (5.2.13). [Attach only if this is a joint application involving multiple beneficiaries.]

**CERTIFICATIONS**

By submitting this application, the Lead Agency makes the following certifications:

1. This application is submitted on behalf of Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_, and the person executing this certification has authority to make this certification on behalf of the Lead Agency and Beneficiary, pursuant to the Certification for Beneficiary Status filed with the Court.
2. Beneficiary requests and directs that the Trustee make the payments described in this application and Attachment A to this Form.
3. This application contains all information and certifications required by Paragraph 5.2 of the Trust Agreement, and the Trustee may rely on this application, Attachment A, and related certifications in making disbursements of trust funds for the aforementioned Project ID.
4. Any vendors were or will be selected in accordance with a jurisdiction's public contracting law as applicable. (5.2.5)
5. Beneficiary will maintain and make publicly available all documentation submitted in

support of this funding request and all records supporting all expenditures of eligible mitigation action funds subject to applicable laws governing the publication of confidential business information and personally identifiable information. (5.2.7.2)

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_



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[LEAD AGENCY]

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[BENEFICIARY]

## Summary

<b>Explanation of how funding request fits into Beneficiary’s Mitigation Plan (5.2.1):</b>
The state of Colorado’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) describes how funding will be provided for eligible projects to reduce NOx emissions. As outlined in the BMP, The ALT Fuel Vehicle Replacement Program will distribute funding for several Eligible Mitigation Actions (EMA’s) including EMA 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8. The Colorado BMP has allocated \$21.5 million to these EMA’s. This D-4 funding request is for EMA #2, School & Shuttle Buses.
<b>Detailed Description of Mitigation Action Item Including Community and Air Quality Benefits (5.2.2):</b>
To help improve air quality and to encourage switching to cleaner fueled vehicles across the state, this mitigation action will replace twenty-six diesel school buses with twenty-six electric school buses.  The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) will implement this EMA under a contract with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), in partnership with the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The eligibility requirements for School & Shuttle buses under the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Replacement Program are detailed in the BMP on pages 10-13.  These new electric school buses will help reduce NOx emissions and greenhouse gases associated with the pre-2009 diesel buses that will be scrapped. Emission reductions from this D4 submission are estimated to be: NOx (39 tons/yr) and GHG (6,378 tons/yr).
<b>Estimate of Anticipated NOx Reductions (5.2.3):</b>
The estimated emissions benefits from the replacement of twenty-six diesel school buses will reduce NOx emissions by 39 tons/yr. The estimates were prepared using the Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Transportation (GREET) Model.
<b>Identification of Governmental Entity Responsible for Reviewing and Auditing Expenditures of Eligible Mitigation Action Funds to Ensure Compliance with Applicable Law (5.2.7.1):</b>
The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. .
<b>Describe how the Beneficiary will make documentation publicly available (5.2.7.2). :</b>
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has created a public website for information related to the Volkswagen settlement, which can be accessed at: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/VW">https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/VW</a> . The website contains a description of the Trust Agreement, information about the public process for Colorado’s implementation plan, Colorado’s original Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) and the revised BMP, and links to Trust documents. As Colorado prepares and submits the semiannual reports required by paragraph 5.3 of the Trust Agreement, CDPHE will either post documents to its website or maintain a link to other public-facing website that provide the documentation. Colorado follows the Colorado Open Records Act, §§ 24-72-200 et seq., C.R.S., (CORA), which governs the public disclosure of records held by Colorado state agencies. CORA requires the custodian to deny inspection of several categories of public records, including for

certain confidential business information and personally identifiable information. Specifically, § 24-72-204 (3)(a)(IV), C.R.S. provides:

The custodian shall deny the right of inspection of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law; ... Trade secrets, privileged information, and confidential commercial, financial, geological, or geophysical data, including a social security number unless disclosure of the number is required, permitted, or authorized by state or federal law, furnished by or obtained from any person....

Any additional information not posted on the CDPHE website will be released pursuant to CORA.

The CDPHE website will be maintained and updated until the Trust's Termination Date or the date required by the Colorado Open Records Act or other applicable law, whichever is later. Records or documents may also be requested by emailing the CDPHE comments line at

[cdphe.commentsapcd@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe.commentsapcd@state.co.us)

**Describe any cost share requirement to be placed on each NOx source proposed to be mitigated (5.2.8).**

The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Replacement Program will provide incentive levels for public and private School & Shuttle buses. The program will fund 110% of the incremental cost between a comparable new diesel vehicle and the new electric or RNG vehicle. Funding for vehicles owned by private fleets shall not exceed 25% of the total new RNG vehicle price or 75% of the total new electric vehicle price. There are no funding caps for public fleets.

**Describe how the Beneficiary complied with subparagraph 4.2.8, related to notice to U.S. Government Agencies (5.2.9). :**

On February 27, 2018 the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment provided notice of availability of funds via email to Federal Agencies pursuant to Section 4.2.8 of the Trust Agreement.

**If applicable, describe how the mitigation action will mitigate the impacts of NOx emissions on communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of the adverse impacts of such emissions (5.2.10). :**

This program will mitigate impacts of NOx emissions by replacing higher polluting diesel School & Shuttle buses with electric school buses in areas that have historically borne a disproportionate share of air pollution.

**Attachment B**

**Project Management Plan**

**Project Schedule and Milestones – Alternative Fuel Vehicle Replacement Program**

Milestone	Date
AFC request for application announcement	October 1, 2021
Solicitation for applications project round closes	October 29, 2021
Technical Advisory Committee application review	December 8, 2021
Project contractor announced awards funding to eligible entities	January 2022
Awardees attend mandatory training webinar	CY 2022
Project partners enters into Contract / Purchase Order with sub awardee (this includes scrappage information). Vehicles must be ordered within 6 months.	CY 2022
Vehicles delivered and awardee shows proof of full payment. Awardee submits reimbursement paperwork. RAQC reimburses within 90 days	July 2022– December 2022
Project partner submitted invoicing, emission reductions estimates to CDPHE for filing of D4 and reimbursement.	April 2022
Trust acknowledges receipt of Direction for Payment and reimbursement	Within 60 days of D4 submittal
CDPHE directs funding to project partners and project partners reimburse sub awardee	Monthly starting July 2022 – December 2022
CDPHE reports to Trust on status of projects every six months after first disbursement of funds; semiannual reporting.	January 30 and July 30 after first disbursement of funds.

**PROJECT BUDGET**

Period of Performance: <u>2021 - 2022</u>				
Budget Category	Total Approved Budget	Share of Total Budget to be Funded by the Trust for bus and associated chargers	Cost-Share, if applicable (Entity #1) for vehicle	Cost-Share, if applicable (Entity #2)
1. Equipment Expenditure	\$10,772,070	\$8,674,169	\$2,097,901	\$
4. Administrative <sup>1</sup>	\$905,896	\$905,896	\$0	\$
<b>Project Totals</b>	\$11,677,966	\$9,580,065	\$2,097,901	\$
<b>Percentage</b>	100%	82%	18%	\$

<sup>1</sup> Subject to Appendix D-2 15% administrative cap.

**PROJECTED TRUST ALLOCATIONS:**

	<b>2022</b>
1. Anticipated Annual Project Funding Request to be paid through the Trust	\$9,580,065
2. Anticipated Annual Cost Share	\$2,097,901
3. Anticipated Total Project Funding by Year (line 1 plus line 2)	\$11,677,966
4. Cumulative Trustee Payments Made to Date Against Cumulative Approved Beneficiary Allocation	\$7,729,555
5. Current Beneficiary Project Funding to be paid through the Trust (line 1)	\$9,580,065
6. Total Funding Allocated to for Beneficiary, inclusive of Current Action by Year (line 4 plus line 5)	\$17,309,621
7. Beneficiary Share of Estimated Funds Remaining in Trust	\$61,010,363*
8. Net Beneficiary Funds Remaining in Trust, net of cumulative Beneficiary Funding Actions (line 7 minus line 6)	\$43,700,742.41

\*Beneficiary share of estimated funds remaining is based on the total reduction of allocations for EMA #2 and is not inclusive of other EMAs funding.

**Attachment C**

**Detailed Plan for Reporting on Eligible Mitigation Action Implementation (5.2.11):**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will work with the RAQC (Regional Air Quality Council) to report on the implementation and progress of the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Replacement Program in the state of Colorado. CDPHE has developed a specific webpage that will provide information on the application process and status of eligible mitigation actions under the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund. Awarded projects will be posted as well as information on emission reductions based upon awarded projects. Vehicle usage data will be collected two times a year for five years and made available. CDPHE will submit reports every six months to meet the semiannual reporting requirements under 5.3 of the Trust agreement.

**Attachment D**

**Detailed cost estimates from selected or potential vendors for each proposed expenditure exceeding \$25,000 (5.2.6).**

Awards and funding for the replacement of twenty-six diesel school buses were made by the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) in 2021. Detailed funding requests, by project, are outlined in the table below.



Fleet	Fuel	# of vehicles	Funding	Charging	Funding	Status
Aspen School District	Electric	4	\$1,302,812.00	2	\$60,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Boulder Valley School District	Electric	5	\$1,600,015.00	3	\$48,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Buena Vista School District	Electric	1	\$318,910.00	1	\$30,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Hayden School District	Electric	1	\$316,823.00	1	\$9,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
James Irwin Charter Schools	Electric	2	\$634,411.00	2	\$18,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Steamboat Springs School District	Electric	4	\$1,267,552.00	4	\$120,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Boulder Valley School District	Electric	3	\$962,563.00	3	\$68,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Colorado Rocky Mountain School	Electric	1	\$167,784.00	0	\$0.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Denver Public Schools	Electric	2	\$688,490.00	1	\$50,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Fountain Fort Carson School District	Electric	1	\$253,507.00	1	\$9,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Steamboat Springs School District	Electric	2	\$644,302.00	3	\$105,000.00	Active - Awaiting Delivery
Total Vehicle & Charger Count				26 Buses & 21 Charging Stations		
Total Vehicle & Charger Funding Requested				\$8,674,169.00		

The table below outlines new vehicle pricing and charging station pricing information that the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) received from each awarded fleet for their preferred purchase. Fleets are required to abide by their internal procurement processes and receive competitive bids for vehicles (when available). Charging station costs are reflective of hardware only, and do not include labor quotes.

Fleet	Fuel	Make	Model	GVWR	Total Vehicle Cost	Charging Station Cost
Aspen School District	Electric	Blue Bird	BBCV 3310	35000	\$390,394.00	\$45,500.00
Boulder Valley School District	Electric	Blue Bird	BBCV 3310	35000	\$379,619.00	\$45,500.00
Buena Vista School District	Electric	Blue Bird	BBCV 3310	35000	\$365,727.00	\$45,500.00
Hayden School District	Electric	Blue Bird	BBCV 3310	35000	\$370,527.00	\$5,781.00
James Irwin Charter Schools	Electric	Blue Bird	BBCV 3310	35000	\$368,851.00	\$7,600.00
Steamboat Springs School District	Electric	Blue Bird	BBCV 3310	35000	\$381,241.00	\$46,000.00
Boulder Valley School District	Electric	International	CE S	35000	\$380,485.00	\$70,200.00
Colorado Rocky Mountain School	Electric	Ford	E450	14500	\$248,459.00	\$0.00
Denver Public Schools	Electric	Blue Bird	BBCV 3310	35000	\$418,641.00	\$58,540.00
Fountain Fort Carson School District	Electric	International	CE	35000	\$358,668.00	\$6,040.00
Steamboat Springs School District	Electric	Blue Bird	T3RE	35000	\$418,977.00	\$45,500.00