

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor Kathy Blumenfeld, Secretary Richard Rydecki, Administrator

January 31, 2025

Wilmington Trust, N.A. as Trustee of the Volkswagen
Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries
c/o Wilmington Trust, N.A.
Attn: Michael Bochanski
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, DE 19890

via the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust Portal and email (mbochanski@wilmingtontrust.com):

Dear Mr. Bochanski:

Enclosed please find the State of Wisconsin's semiannual report in accordance with section 5.3 of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries. This is Wisconsin's seventh semiannual report submission and covers the period from July 1 through December 31, 2024.

Please direct questions or concerns to Erin Smith, VW Mitigation Program Administrator, at 608-267-3293 or erin.smith@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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Richard Ryduki
Richard Rydecki

Administrator & Beneficiary Lead Agency Contact

Division of Enterprise Operations

cc: Erin Smith, VW Mitigation Program Administrator

enc: Semiannual Report

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Erin Smith VW Mitigation Program Administrator Division of Enterprise Operations

VW Mitigation Program				
Semiannual Report				
Beneficiary	Wisconsin			
Lead Agency	Department of Administration			
Lead Agency Contact	Richard Rydecki, Administrator, Division of Enterprise Operations			
Program Contact	Erin Smith, VW Mitigation Program Administrator, vwsettlement@wisconsin.gov			
Reporting Period	July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024			
Allocation	\$67,077,457.70			

Summary							
Project	Budget	VW Funds					
		Obligated	Expended	Reimbursed from Trust			
Transit Capital Assistance Grants – Round 1	\$32,000,000	\$32,000,000	\$30,797,511	\$28,602,642			
Transit Capital Assistance Grants – Round 2	\$20,000,000	\$17,267,935	\$16,156,843	\$16,156,843			
State Fleet Vehicle Replacement Program	\$10,000,000	\$1,188,528	\$1,188,528	\$1,188,528			
Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grants	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Administration (all projects)	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$565,215	\$530,214			
Total	\$62,900,000	\$51,356,463	\$48,708,098	\$46,478,227			

Project Narrative					
Project	EMA(s)	Status			
Transit Capital Assistance Grants – Round 1	2	2017 Wisconsin Act 59 established the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program to competitively award Volkswagen Trust funds to scrap eligible 1992-2009 engine model year class 4-8 public transit buses and replace with new diesel or alternate fueled buses. Grants will fund 100% of eligible vehicle replacement expenses. DOA has incurred administrative costs in support of the Transit Capital Assistant Grant program. The application period for round 1 of this program opened July 23, 2018 and closed September 28, 2018. DOA			
		published a Notice of Intent to Award on March 8, 2019 funding 58 (now 60) bus replacement projects for 10 applicants totaling \$32 million. From July 1 through December 31, 2024, 2 bus replacement projects and associated scrapping were reimbursed. As of December 31, 2024, all 60 bus replacement projects and associated scrapping have been completed and reimbursed.			
Transit Capital Assistance Grants – Round 2	2	2017 Wisconsin Act 59 established the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program to competitively award Volkswagen Trust funds to scrap eligible 1992-2009 engine model year class 4-8 public transit buses and replace with new diesel or alternate fueled buses. Grants will fund 100% of eligible vehicle replacement expenses. DOA has incurred administrative costs in support of the Transit Capital Assistant Grant program. The application period for round 2 of this program opened January 15, 2020 and closed April 1, 2020. DOA published a Notice of Intent to Award on September 9, 2020 funding 32 bus replacement projects for 8 applicants totaling \$17.3 million. From July 1 through December 31, 2024, no bus replacement projects and associated scrapping were completed and reimbursed. As of December 31, 2024, all 32 bus replacement projects and associated scrapping have been completed and reimbursed.			
Transit Capital Assistance Grants – Round 3	2	2017 Wisconsin Act 59 established the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program to competitively award Volkswagen Trust funds to scrap eligible 1992-2009 engine model year class 4-8 public transit buses and replace with new diesel or alternate fueled buses. Grants will fund 100% of eligible vehicle replacement expenses. DOA has incurred administrative costs in support of the Transit Capital Assistant Grant program. The application period for round 3 of this program opened January 16, 2024 and closed March 8, 2024. As of December 31, 2024, awards have not been announced. The award announcement is planned for the first quarter in CY2025.			

Project Narrative					
Project	EMA(s)	Status			
State Fleet Vehicle Replacement Program	1, 2, 6	2017 Wisconsin Act 59 authorized up to \$10 million of VW Settlement funding for the replacement of state-owned fleet vehicles. The State operates vehicles, including buses, in classes 4-8 (EMA 1, 2 & 6). DOA has generated and periodically updates a list of state fleet vehicles eligible for replacement under the settlement terms. VW Settlement funds may contribute up to 100% of the cost for the vehicle replacement projects, unless otherwise noted. DOA has incurred administrative costs in support of the State Fleet Vehicle Replacement Program. In 2020, DOA authorized replacement of two (2) motorcoaches (EMA 2 – Eligible Buses) operated by the State Department of Corrections. Vehicle replacements and the associated scrapping were completed in spring of 2022.			
Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) Grants	9	2019 Wisconsin Act 9 (2019-21 Enacted Budget) and Governor Evers' Veto Message directed DOA to spend up to \$10 million in VW Settlement funds for EVCS grants. However, the language authorizing the EVCS Grant Program was removed from statute due to a Wisconsin Supreme Court opinion issued on July 10, 2020. At that time program activities were, and remain, suspended. No grants have been issued.			

Attestation						
I, the undersigned, attest that the information contained in this report is true and correct and that the submission is made under penalty of perjury.						
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Richard Rydecki	1/31/2025 11:14 AM CST					
Richard Rydecki, Administrator	Date					
Division of Enterprise Operations						
Department of Administration						