

## Award Recommendations – Round 3

### Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program

### VW Mitigation Program

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#### Background

The 2017-19 Enacted Budget, 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, established the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program to competitively award funds to applicants to replace eligible public transit vehicles. The program will fund the replacement of engine models from 1992-2009 for transit buses in classes 4-8 with any new diesel, alternate fueled or all-electric vehicle. In March of 2019, the Department of Administration (DOA) awarded \$32 million in settlement funds for the replacement of eligible public transit buses. In September of 2020, DOA awarded approximately \$18 million in settlement funds for an additional round of bus replacement projects.

The Grant Announcement for round 3 of funding provided the following Method of Award governing allocation of funds:

**Method of Award.** The State will compile the final scores for each application (see section 3.3). The State intends to award to one or more applicants for the resulting grant agreement(s). Awards will be based upon the highest scoring responsive and responsible applicant(s). (*Source: Grant Announcement, p. 10*)

#### Process

1. **Scoring.** Three evaluators independently scored six (6) responsive applications on a 100-point scale. Points were awarded in the following categories:

Category	Points
Current Use of Transit Buses	20
Future Use of Transit Buses	25
Transportation to Employment	30
NOx Reduction	15
Project Timeline	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

2. **Applicant Scores.** Evaluator scores for each proposal were totaled and averaged, resulting in the following average applicant scores:

Applicant	Score
Beloit	75.33
Green Bay	83.00
Janesville	91.33
Sun Prairie	83.33
Wausau	88.67
Verona	84.67

3. **Eligibility.** The program received six (6) proposals, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
  - Two applications were deemed insufficient due to their response to the shared revenue reduction acknowledgement in Section 2. Both applicants were given the opportunity to resubmit their application, but ultimately chose not to.
  
4. **Recommended Grant Awards.** Final award amounts were determined by (1) adding the applicant's project budget and (2) adding a \$1,500 allowance for the cost of scrapping each replaced bus. The total request for all bus replacement requests and scrapping allowance is \$11,822,500.00. DOA preliminarily set the Round 3 award budget at \$16,000,000. Therefore, no reduction in requested amounts was required.

Applicant	Bus Replacement Request	Replacement Cost Request	EV Charging Infrastructure Request	Scrapping Allowance (\$1,500 per bus)	Total Recommended Award
Beloit	1	\$920,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$921,500.00
Green Bay	3	\$3,900,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,904,500.00
Janesville	1	\$580,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$581,500.00
Wausau	10	\$6,400,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$6,415,000.00
Total	15	\$11,800,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	\$11,822,500.00