

Award Recommendations – Round 4

Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program

VW Mitigation Program

June 3, 2026

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 funds the replacement of 1992-2009 engine model year class 4-8 transit buses 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. In February of 2025, DOA awarded approximately \$12 million in settlement funds for a third round of bus replacement projects.

The Grant Announcement for round 4 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. 9*)

Process

1. **Eligibility.** The program received two (2) proposals, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
 - a. One (1) proposal was deemed ineligible due to the bus replacement timeline proposed in the application.
2. **Scoring.** Three evaluators independently scored one responsive application 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
Total	100

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

Applicant	Score
Beloit	88

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 eligible bus replacement requests and scrapping allowance is \$621,500. DOA preliminarily set the Round 4 award budget at \$5,000,000. 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	\$620,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$621,500.00