

The background of the slide is a blue-tinted photograph of a mountainous landscape. The hills are layered, creating a sense of depth, and the overall color palette is a gradient of blues, from light sky blue at the top to a darker, more saturated blue at the bottom.

Kentucky Clean School Bus Program Funding Increases

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ARRA Funding

- KY received 1.73 million dollars through ARRA; a small % applied to administrative costs while the rest will be distributed to school districts
- Funding announced April 21, 2009
- 35 school districts applied, with nearly \$2 million in funding requests

Awards

- We will be granting 23 awards for a total of \$1,495,918.33
- Awardees will be announced in early August, but in general the funds are widely dispersed throughout the state
- Grant scoring criteria included: non-attainment/borderline N/A; idle reduction policies or plans; economic need; green practices and environmental education in curriculum

The Technology

- 690 school buses will be retrofitted with a combination of Diesel Oxidation Catalysts, Diesel Multistage Filters, Crankcase Ventilation Systems, Replacement Filters and Filter Cleaning Machines
- DOCs, DMFs, CCVS's all have a life of at least 7-15 years and were deemed the most effective use of funds due to their long life and pollution reduction capacity of 30-100%.

Funding Schedule

- Funds will be awarded in August 2009 and projects will commence immediately.
- All projects will be completed by September 2010.

Who will benefit?

- 202,014 students in 23 school districts!

Upcoming Funding

- The National DERA competition will be coming right up again! The RFP is anticipated this fall.
- The DAQ will also be receiving another roughly \$196,000 in funds to administer statewide.