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## **Over \$1 Billion Now Available to Convert Bus Fleets to Cleaner Fuels.**

**Purchases of electric and hydrogen-powered buses are among the projects eligible for a new round of federal grants.**

States, local governments and tribes can now apply for nearly \$1.7 billion in federal funding through a pair of grant programs geared toward transitioning the nation's bus fleets to cleaner fuels, like electric or hydrogen power.

The money, available under the 2021 infrastructure law, includes \$1.2 billion this fiscal year for the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program, which covers purchases or leases of buses that cause less air pollution than models that run on fuels like diesel. Grants from that program can also fund the construction or lease of facilities and equipment to support the new vehicles.

In addition to battery and hydrogen-powered buses, rubber-tired trolleys with power from overhead electric wires are eligible for funding, as well as other options that can meet federal requirements.

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### **Route Fifty**

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