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## Electric School Bus Deployment Program Report

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## Program Summary

The Electric School Bus Deployment Program ([Minn. Stat. § 216C.374](#)) was passed by the Legislature in the 2023 session with the purpose of providing grants to accelerate the deployment of electric school buses by school districts and to encourage schools to use vehicle electrification as a teaching tool that can be integrated into the school's curriculum. The Legislature allocated \$13 million in funding, \$7 million from the Renewable Development Account and \$6 million from the General Fund.

The program provides two different types of funding opportunities:

- Electric School Buses and Other Equipment Grants – to cover a portion of the cost of bus and charger purchases.
- Planning and Technical Assistance Grants – to provide funding for applicants to receive assistance with federal grant applications and planning activities.

Minn. Stat. 216C.374, subd. 6 indicates that the Department of Commerce (Commerce) must administer an open application process at least twice annually until December 31, 2026, or until all \$13 million allocated to the program is awarded, whichever comes first.

## Grant Amounts Awarded

As of November 30, 2025, Commerce has run four (4) application rounds for the Electric School Bus Program, with the most recent closing on October 7, 2025. Of those rounds, three have been for buses and other equipment (including the round that is not fully contracted yet), with one round for planning and technical assistance. The following tables list the awardees for the planning and technical assistance round, as well as the awardees with fully executed contracts for the equipment rounds.

*Table 1: List of Awardees for Planning and Technical Assistance Grants*

School District/Organization Name	Award Amount
ISD 622 (North St. Paul-Maplewood Oakdale Public School District)	\$6,400

Table 2: List of Awardees for Equipment Grants

School District/Organization Name	Funding Round	Number of Buses & Chargers	Award Amount
Eden Prairie Schools	Equipment Round 1	2 Buses 1 DCFC	\$ 798,675.00
Edina Schools	Equipment Round 1	2 Buses 1 DCFC	\$ 378,259.62
Minneapolis Public Schools	Equipment Round 1	2 Buses 2 L2	\$ 784,655.72
Red Lake Public Schools	Equipment Round 1	3 Buses 1 DCFC	\$ 1,135,306.85
ISD 622 (North St. Paul-Maplewood Oakdale Public School District)	Equipment Round 1	3 Buses 3 L2	\$ 1,165,257.60
Ogilvie Public School #333	Equipment Round 2	1 Bus 1 L2	\$ 424,517.00
Eden Prairie Schools	Equipment Round 2	1 Bus 1 L2	\$ 415,337.50
Moorhead Area Schools	Equipment Round 2	3 Buses 1 DCFC	\$ 1,195,201.11
White Bear Lake Area Schools	Equipment Round 2	2 Buses 2 L2	\$ 776,424.43
<b>Total Encumbered Amount</b>	<b>Equipment Rounds 1 and 2</b>	<b>17 Buses 7 L2<sup>1</sup> 4 DCFC<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7,073,634.83</b>
Round 3 Applicants (5 schools)	Equipment Round 3		\$ 3,290,041.10
<b>Total Anticipated Amount</b>	<b>All Equipment Rounds 1, 2 and 3</b>		<b>\$ 10,370,075.93</b>

<sup>1</sup> Level 2 Chargers are fast electric vehicle chargers using 240-volt power. It provides faster charge than a standard wall outlet by using a higher-voltage power source

<sup>2</sup> Direct Current Fast Charger. DCFC is the fastest type of electric vehicle charging station which uses direct current to enable rapid charging, typically reaching 80% battery capacity in about 20–45 minutes.

As noted in the table above, the most recent Electric School Bus equipment round, which closed on October 7, 2025, received five applications totaling \$3,290,041.10 in requested funds. No school names are listed for that funding round in the table as contracts are not yet fully executed. These schools will be reported in the 2026 annual report.

## **Remaining Balance**

As of November 30, 2025, the remaining unspent account balances are \$5.8 million (General Fund) and \$6.6 million (Renewable Development Account), including funds remaining for grants and administrative costs. When funds encumbered for existing grantees are included, the remaining balances are \$1.9 million (General Fund) and \$3.7 million (Renewable Development Account). After Round 3 awards are granted, Commerce anticipates the remaining balance will be \$532,000 (General Fund) and \$797,000 (Renewable Development Account).