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## **NDDEQ seeking applications for Volkswagen settlement funding**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) is now accepting applications for project funding from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. Eligible projects will be those outlined in North Dakota’s mitigation plan that reduce emissions of the pollutant nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>).

During the first year of the project, the NDDEQ may issue up to \$2.7 million in funding from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. Funding will be available to government and non-government entities for projects that mitigate the negative air quality impacts caused by Volkswagen’s use of emissions testing defeat devices in their vehicles sold and operated in the United States. North Dakota’s share of the trust is approximately \$8.1 million.

More information, program guidelines and all the necessary application materials are available at <https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/planning/VW.aspx>. Applications can be mailed to the Division of Air Quality, 918 E Divide Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947 or emailed to [airquality@nd.gov](mailto:airquality@nd.gov). Applications must be received by 5 p.m. CST on Oct. 25, 2019.

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