



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0301 - Volkswagen Settlement Grants

FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT

1. Volkswagen settlement grants

Under current law, moneys received under a settlement that the state received from a legal action against Volkswagen are held in an appropriation account that limits spending to two purposes: replacement of state fleet vehicles and issuing grants for the replacement of public transit vehicles. Under this bill, the grants may be awarded both for the replacement of public transit vehicles and the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. During the 2019-21 fiscal biennium, DOA must allocate approximately 60 percent of the grants to the replacement of public transit vehicles and approximately 40 percent of the grants to electric vehicle charging stations, except that the secretary of administration may adjust the allocation if necessary.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.047 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 16.047 (2).

SECTION 2. 16.047 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 16.047 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 16.047 (4m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.047 **(4m)** (b) The department shall establish a program to award grants of settlement funds from the appropriation under s. 20.855 (4) (h) to eligible applicants for the replacement of public transit vehicles or the installation of charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor. Any eligible applicant may apply for a grant under the program.

SECTION 5. 16.047 (4m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.047 **(4m)** (c) The department shall award grants under this subsection on a competitive basis and shall give preference to the replacement of public transit vehicles or the installation of charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor in communities or on routes that the department determines are critical for the purpose of connecting employees with employers.

SECTION 6. 16.047 (4m) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.047 **(4m)** (d) An eligible applicant may use settlement funds awarded under this subsection only for the payment of costs incurred by the eligible applicant to replace public transit vehicles or install charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor in accordance with the settlement guidelines.

SECTION 7. 16.047 (4m) (e) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 8. 20.855 (4) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.855 **(4)** (h) *Volkswagen settlement funds*. All moneys received from the trustee of the settlement funds, as defined in s. 16.047 (1) (a), for the replacement of vehicles in the state fleet under s. 16.047 (2) and for the grants under s. 16.047 (4m).

~~No more than \$21,000,000 may be expended from this appropriation in fiscal year 2017-18. No moneys may be expended from this appropriation after June 30, 2027.~~

SECTION 9. 79.035 (7) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

79.035 (7) (a) 1. For an urban mass transit system that is eligible to receive state aid under s. 85.20 (4m) (a) 6. cm. or d. and serving a population exceeding 200,000, ~~75~~ 20 percent of the total amount of grants received under s. 16.047 (4m).

SECTION 9101. Nonstatutory provisions; Administration.

(1) VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT FUNDS. Of the settlement funds in the appropriation under s. 20.855 (4) (h) for the grants under s. 16.047 (4m), during the 2019-21 fiscal biennium, the department of administration shall allocate approximately 60 percent of the grants for the replacement of public transit vehicles and shall allocate approximately 40 percent of the grants for the installation of charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor, except that the secretary of administration may adjust the allocation if necessary.

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