

# Driving Indiana Forward: VW Settlement Opportunities

Under the recent **Volkswagen Clean Air Act Civil Settlement**, Midwest states stand to receive more than \$420 million for local air quality efforts, including electric vehicle infrastructure and air quality mitigation efforts (targeting vehicle and equipment upgrades).

The settlement provides an opportunity to offset more than 40,400 tons of NOx pollution resulting from illegal defeat devices in VW vehicles. This creates a unique opportunity and obligation for Midwest states to modernize public vehicle fleets and infrastructure, reduce harmful diesel pollution, and stimulate economic development across the region.

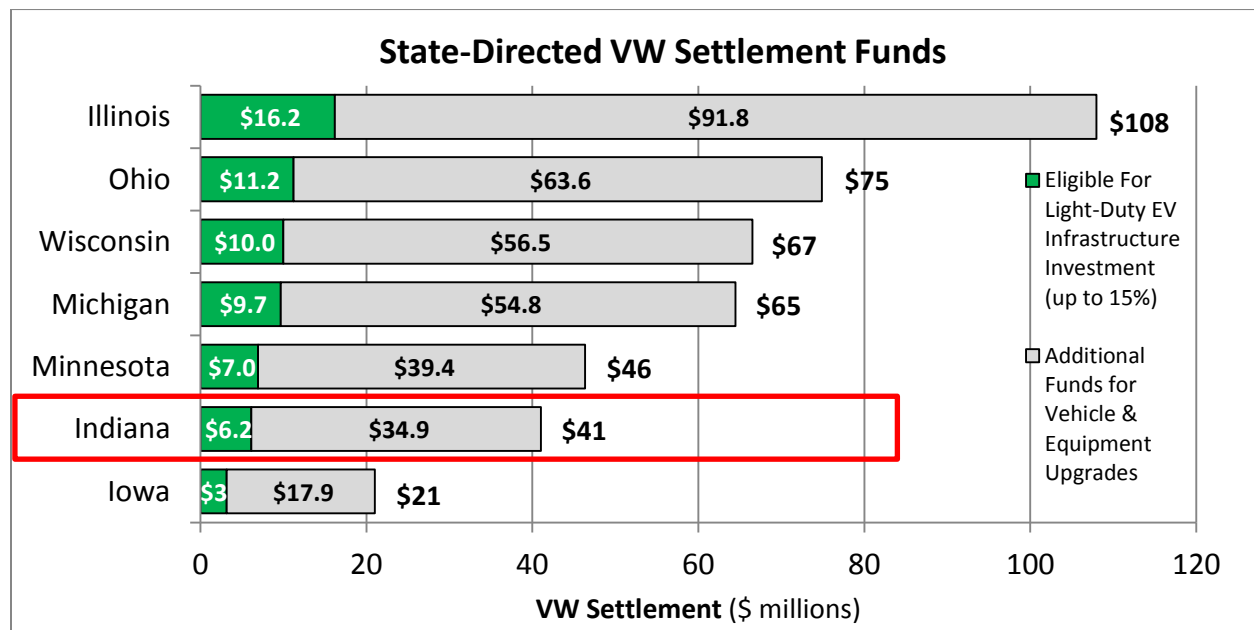
## Indiana's VW Settlement Actions To-Date:

- Indiana's Department of Environmental Management is the acting lead agency, and questions and comments can be directed to Shawn Seals ([sseals@idem.in.gov](mailto:sseals@idem.in.gov))



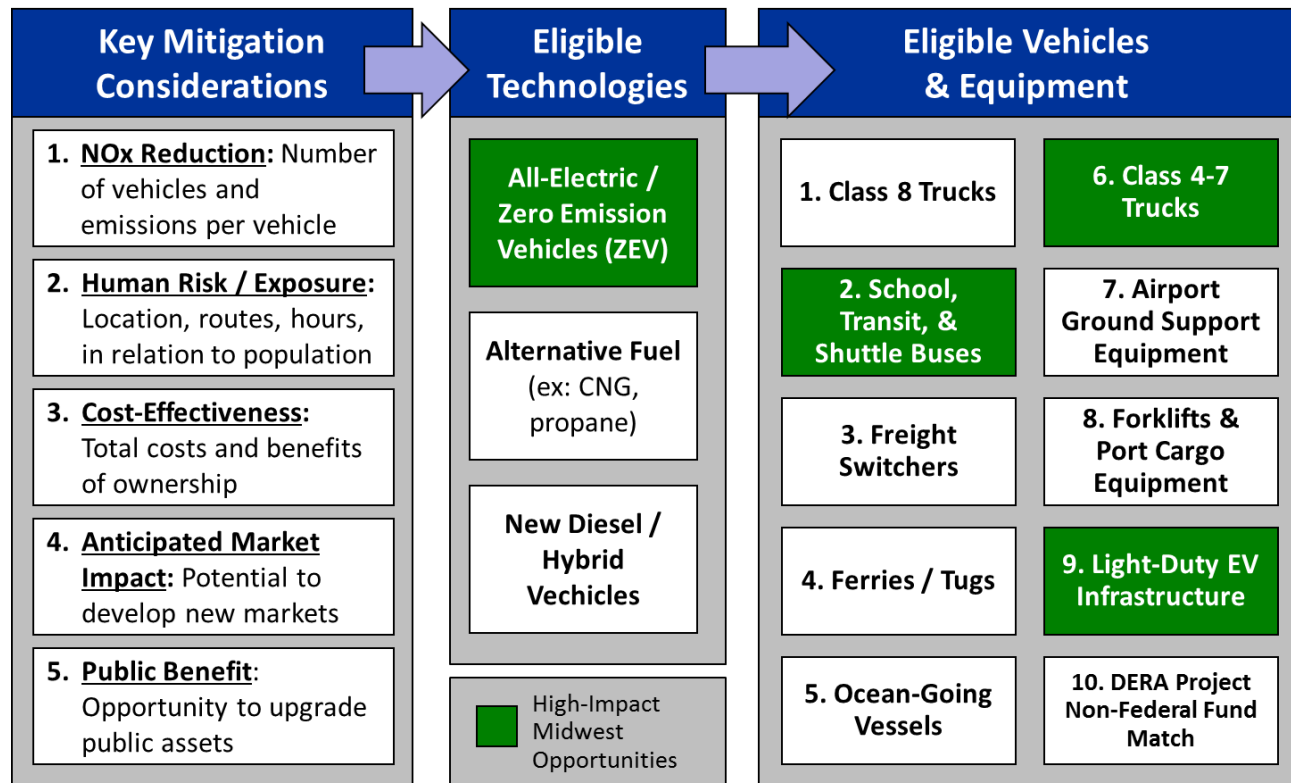
## Seizing the VW Opportunity

Indiana has been allocated \$41 million through the VW Settlement Mitigation Trust. These funds must be used towards 10 eligible vehicle and equipment upgrades, with a maximum of 15% (\$6.2 million) for light-duty electric vehicle infrastructure.



## Evaluating Eligible Uses of Funds:

In evaluating eligible technologies, vehicles, and equipment, Indiana should focus on upgrading public assets in ways that minimize NOx emissions and human exposure while maximizing cost-effectiveness and market impact. Mitigation investments should also seek to protect and improve quality of life for Indiana’s most vulnerable and overburdened residents, including children and low-income communities.



## High-Impact Opportunities to Drive the Electric Vehicle Market Forward:

- Maximizing the allowable 15% of funds for light-duty electric vehicle infrastructure and prioritizing investment in electric vehicle fast-chargers along Indiana’s National Charging Corridor highways (I-80 & I-94)
- Investing the remaining 85% of funds in electric vehicle upgrades for large, public fleets that operate in densely-populated areas, such as school and transit buses or class 4-7 trucks

## What is ELPC doing?

As one of the Midwest’s leading public interest and environmental advocacy organizations, the Environmental Law & Policy Center ([www.ELPC.org](http://www.ELPC.org)) is supporting state efforts to maximize this opportunity to modernize public vehicle fleets, reduce harmful air pollution, and grow the Midwest’s clean transportation economy.

### ELPC’s Webinar: Electric School Buses - A VW Settlement Opportunity

This [webinar](#) provides an overview of electric school bus benefits and funding opportunities, with updates and case studies from electric school bus pilot programs across the US.