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Regional Diesel Project Creates Healthier Environment

The Community Partnership's Ozarks Clean Air Alliance is working with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to implement a regional diesel emission reduction project for public fleets. The Alliance will fund a Request for Proposal project totaling \$34,585 for public projects within Greene, Christian, Dallas, Polk and Webster Counties.

This funding project is for public diesel vehicle and diesel equipment fleets in eligible counties and may be used to purchase specific diesel emission reduction equipment to improve air quality in the region. The complete Request for Proposal can be found at www.showmecleanair.com <<http://www.showmecleanair.com>> .

Exposure to pollutants emitted from diesel vehicles can cause aggravation of the respiratory system, exacerbation of allergies and asthma, chronic bronchitis, and decrease lung function. Fine particulate matter has also been associated with cardiac arrhythmias and heart attacks in people with heart disease.

The **Ozarks Clean Air Alliance** is a collaborative of Community Partnership and guides the region's education and outreach efforts to reduce the negative effects of air pollution. The Alliance brings together partners from business, education, transportation, and public-health organizations.

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