

Small Business Hauler Reimbursement Program

Program Description

The Small Business Hauler Reimbursement Program will support program members in the hauling industry by providing financial reimbursement for essential truck maintenance, repairs and parts. This program is designed to ensure that haulers can maintain safe, reliable and compliant vehicles, enhancing their ability to compete effectively in the market. By meeting operational challenges faced by haulers, this program supports job creation, economic sustainability and compliance while fostering more opportunities for business growth.

Program Impact Goals

1. Reduce operating costs for haulers so they can remain competitive
2. Improve safety and reliability of trucking fleets with regular maintenance
3. Foster sustainable growth for these small businesses
4. Enhance economic development by supporting local business

Reimbursement Funding Overview

Eligible Haulers may apply for reimbursement of up to \$2,500 annually. Funds can be used for the following purposes:

1. Truck Repairs: Repairing mechanical or structural issues essential for vehicle operation.
2. Maintenance Services: Routine services such as oil changes, brake checks, tire replacements and engine tune-ups
3. Parts Procurement: Purchasing new or refurbished parts, including but not limited to engines, transmissions, tires, exhaust systems and safety equipment

Eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a certified DBE certified hauling business in good standing. A certified business is one that has been certified through the Indiana Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program.
2. Must complete DBE Reevaluation process
3. Must have an Indiana JOC (Jurisdiction of Original Certification)
4. The vehicle must be owned by the certified DBE firm
5. Trucks must meet applicable local, state and federal regulations
6. Cannot be a 2024 or 2025 Prequalification Financial Audit Reimbursement recipient

Application Process:

1. Complete reimbursement application form within 90 days of part purchase or services
2. Provide fleet details including VINs, make, model and year
3. Documentation of repairs or maintenance, including cost estimates or invoices +from mechanics/vendors qualified to do business in the State of Indiana (out of state vendors do not qualify)

Applications and all documentation requested should be submitted to

SmallBusinessReimburesments@indot.in.gov

Please put Hauler Reimbursement Program in the subject line. The application period will be open on a rolling basis until all reimbursements have been awarded, or funding becomes unavailable. There is no guarantee of application approval or funds to any party applying for this program.

Award Process

Applicants will be notified of approval or denial within 30 days of submission.

Reimbursement Compliance and Reporting

Recipients are required to:

1. Use funds solely for approved purposes
2. Submit receipts and documentation of expenditures within 30 days of receiving funds
3. Participate in a survey to evaluate program impact

Tracking metrics will include number of businesses served, total funding dispersed, and repairs completed with outcomes. Awardees will be required to submit a progress report halfway through the reimbursement term and a summary report at the end explaining the impact that the funds have on their business.

Questions

Submit questions by email to SmallBusinessReimbursements@indot.in.gov .