

## 2023 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant

*This is only a summary; applicants should not rely on it to meet application requirements. Study the full grant opportunity announcement before applying for any federal grant.*

**Program Description** – The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a new competitive grant program to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work, in urban and rural areas alike, in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

<b>Opportunity Numbers:</b> 693JJ323NF00004		<b>Agency:</b> USDOT	
<b>Obligation Deadline:</b> FY22: Sept. 30, 2025 FY23: Sept. 30, 2026		<b>Closing:</b> May 30, 2023, 11:59 PM EST	<b>BCA Required?</b> NO
<b>Available Funding:</b> Up to \$700 million FY 2022 \$300 million (Expended by 09/30/2030) FY 2023 \$400 million (Expended by 09/30/2031)		<b>NOFO &amp; Related:</b> <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346798">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346798</a>	
<b>Min Award:</b> \$1 million <b>Max Award:</b> \$15 million for Community Program No maximum for Corridor Program		<b>Funding Restrictions:</b> Pre-CFI Program Grant award costs will not be reimbursed. Grant funds may not be used to support or oppose union organizing.	
<b>Two Funding Categories:</b> (1) up to \$350 million for Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and (2) up to \$350 million for Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program).			
<b>Eligibility (Pgs 20-23):</b> 1. <b>Corridor Program Grants</b> to contract with a private entity for acquisition and installation of publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure, or hydrogen, propane, or natural gas fueling infrastructure that is directly related to the charging or fueling of a vehicle along designated AFCs. 2. <b>Community Program Grants</b> for projects on any public road or in other publicly accessible locations that are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure, or hydrogen, propane, or natural gas fueling infrastructure.			
<b>Required Cost Share:</b> Grant funding will not exceed 80%; Can use tapered match, but final non-federal contribution cannot be less than 20%.			
<b>Performance and Program Evaluation (Pgs 61-62):</b> As a condition of grant award, grant recipients may be required to participate in an evaluation undertaken by DOT or another Agency or partner. The evaluation may take different forms such as an implementation assessment across grant recipients, an impact or outcomes analysis of all or selected sites within or across grant recipients, or a benefit/cost analysis or assessment of return on investment.			
<b>Project Outcome Criteria:</b> Applications must describe how the project addresses each of the criterion, or how the project does not address the criterion. Insufficient information will negatively impact the project rating.			
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Climate Change, Resiliency, &amp; Sustainability</b>	<b>Equity, Community Engagement, and Justice40</b>	<b>Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation</b>
<b>CFI Program Vision</b>			
<b>Corridor Grants (Pg. 6):</b> Corridor Program grants are expected to support buildout of charging or alternative fueling infrastructure along designated AFCs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located along a designated AFC; EV charging within 1 mile and other alternative fuels within 5 miles of the AFC and must be publicly accessible.</li> <li>• Must use funds to contract with a private entity.</li> </ul> <b>Community Grants (Pg. 6):</b> Community Program grants are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to charging or alternative fueling infrastructure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located on any public road or in other publicly accessible locations, or in publicly accessible parking facilities owned or managed by a private entity.</li> <li>• Expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to publicly accessible infrastructure.</li> <li>• May use funds to contract with a private entity.</li> </ul>			

**Equity and Justice**<sup>40</sup> (Pgs. 15/16): Projects that will create proportional impacts to all populations in a project area, remove transportation related disparities, and increase equitable access to project benefits.

**Eligible Applicants** (pgs 18/19): (1) States or political subdivision of States, (2) MPO's, (3) unit of local government (4) Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, (5) Indian tribes, (5) U.S. Territories, (6) Authorities, agencies, or instrumentalities or entities owned by one or more entities listed above, (6) Group of entities listed above, (7) State or local authorities with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities (applies to Community Program only)

#### **Eligible Projects** (Pg 20 – 23)

**Community Program** grants may be awarded to any project that is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to eligible infrastructure.

**Corridor Program** grants are expected to support buildout of charging or alternative fueling infrastructure along designated AFCs. Corridor Program grants must be awarded to any project that contracts with a private entity for acquisition and installation, or operation, of eligible infrastructure.

#### **Eligible Project Costs** (Pgs. 21-24)

**Corridor Program Grants** (expended by September 30, 2030):

- Contracting with a private entity for acquisition and installation of eligible infrastructure.
- Providing a private entity with operating assistance for the first 5 years of operations after the installation of eligible infrastructure while the facility transitions to independent system operations.
- for acquisition and installation of traffic control devices located in the right-of-way to provide directional information to eligible infrastructure included in the project.

#### **Community Program Grants**

- Acquisition and installation of eligible infrastructure, acquisition of real property.
- Planning, feasibility analysis, revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering and design work, and other preconstruction activities.
- Contracting with a private entity for the acquisition, construction, installation, maintenance, or operation of eligible infrastructure included in the project.
- Educational and community engagement activities.

#### **Application & Narrative Requirements**

Required components include: **SF-424, SF-424A&B for non-construction or SF-424C&D for construction, Lobbying Form, Project Abstract, Key Contacts, and Project Narrative.** Standard formatting: i.e. single-spaced, standard 12-point such as Times New Roman, 1-inch margins. Cross-referencing to avoid information redundancies. Website links to supporting documentation should be provided rather than copies of these supporting materials.