

# Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

March 15, 2023

<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
<u>Application Deadline:</u> June 13, 2023*	<u>Max Award:</u> Depends on grant type

\*Deadline extended

## Description

Established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program provides \$700 million to support the deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and alternative fueling infrastructure. The CFI Program will accelerate an electrified and alternative fuel transportation system that is convenient, affordable, reliable, equitable, accessible, and safe.

## Eligible Recipients

- State or political subdivision of a State
- Metropolitan planning organization
- Unit of local government
- Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority
- Indian Tribe
- Territory
- A group of eligible entities

## Matching Grant Requirements

20% matching requirement

## Eligible Projects

Community Charging and Fueling Program Grants: \$350 million

Community Program grants are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to charging or alternative fueling infrastructure.

- Minimum award amount of \$500,000, maximum award amount of \$15 million
- Eligible Projects:
  - Eligible infrastructure is publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, or natural gas fueling infrastructure. Propane fueling infrastructure is limited to infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.
  - Projects may be located on any public road or in other publicly accessible locations, such as parking facilities at public buildings, public schools, and public parks, or in publicly accessible parking facilities owned or managed by a private entity.

- Eligible Costs:
  - Acquisition and installation of eligible infrastructure
  - Construction and acquisition of property
  - Development phase activities
  - Contracting with a private entity for the acquisition, construction, installation, maintenance, or operation of eligible infrastructure
  - Educational and community engagement activities

Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants: \$350 million

Corridor Program grants are expected to support buildout of charging or alternative fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

- Minimum award amount of \$1 million, no maximum award amount
- Eligible Projects:
  - Eligible infrastructure is publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, or natural gas fueling infrastructure that is directly related to the charging or fueling of a vehicle.
  - Propane fueling infrastructure is limited to infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.
  - Projects must be located along an alternative fuel corridor designated under this section, on the condition that any affected Indian tribes are consulted before the designation.
  - EV charging infrastructure should be conveniently and safely located as close to the AFC as possible, and, in general, no greater than one mile from Interstate exits or highway intersections along designated corridors.
  - Hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, and natural gas fueling infrastructure should be conveniently and safely located as close to the AFC as possible, and, in general, no greater than five miles from Interstate exits or highway intersections along designated corridors
- Eligible Costs:
  - Contracting with a private entity for the acquisition and installation of eligible infrastructure
  - Providing a private entity with operating assistance for the first 5 years of operations
  - Acquisition and installation of traffic control devices located in the right-of-way

**New or Existing Program**

New

**Tips for Being Competitive**

DOT will consider the following priorities in evaluating grant applications:

- Safety: Advance safe, efficient transportation and the goals of the National Roadway Safety Strategy
- Climate Change and Sustainability: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, incorporate evidence-based climate resilience measures, reduce the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from the project materials, avoid adverse environmental impacts, and address the disproportionate negative environmental impacts of transportation on disadvantaged communities
- Equity and Justice<sup>40</sup>: Address equity and environmental justice, remove transportation-related disparities, and increase equitable access to project benefits

- [Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation](#): Support the creation of good-paying jobs, incorporate strong labor standards and training, and support local inclusive economic development and entrepreneurship
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**Labor Requirements** FHWA intends to use this funding opportunity to support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards and diverse workforce programs, in particular registered apprenticeships, labor management partnerships and Local Hire agreements, in project planning stages and program delivery.

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**Examples of Prior Award Recipients** N/A

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**Agency Contact** CFIgrants@dot.gov

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**Upcoming Events**

- [March 21 at 1:00pm ET](#): Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program
- [March 22 at 2:00pm ET](#): Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program

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**Partners Required** No partners are specifically required

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**Total Allocation** \$700 million

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**Anticipated Award Date** Not stated

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**Resources**

- [Program Page - FHWA](#)
- [Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)