

# **Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator**

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Grant Name: Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator	
Agency: Department of Transportation (DOT)	<b>Bureau:</b> Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Application Deadline: November 13, 2023	Max Award: Not listed

## **Description:**

Through the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator, communities can access funding to repair or replace existing, publicly accessible chargers that are broken or non-operational. This program aims to enhance and maintain reliability as the charging network is expanded nationwide.

# **Eligible Recipients:**

- State Departments of Transportation
- Local governments

The State DOT or local government in which the broken or nonoperational charger is located may apply. Eligible applicants may propose repair or replacement projects on public or private property, provided that the eligible applicant can demonstrate consent from the charging station operator and property owner.

## **Eligible Projects:**

This program will provide funding to repair or replace existing, publicly accessible Level 2 or DC Fast Charging electric vehicle chargers that are listed as "temporarily unavailable" on the <u>Station Locator</u>.

- The EV charging providers with ports that are broken or non-operational and are not listed in the AFDC as "temporarily unavailable" on September 13, 2023 will have 4 weeks to begin reporting status to AFDC via a pre-existing Application Programming Interface.
- A final programmatic list of "temporarily unavailable" EV charging ports will be published on October 11, 2023 and Program eligibility will be limited to chargers included in that list.

#### Other considerations:

- Funded projects to repair or replace existing broken or non-operational chargers must meet the <u>NEVI Standards</u>.
- Projects may include costs directly related to the repair or replacement of the broken or non-operational EV charging equipment.
- In general, the power supply at the site should already be adequate without significant utility distribution capacity upgrades.

Matching Grant Requirements: Minimum 20% matching requirement

**New or Existing Program:** New

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

**Tips for Being Competitive:** This is a Justice40-covered program. FHWA will use the <u>Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool</u> to track how assisted chargers benefit disadvantaged communities. Recipients of awards under this program can also use the tool to ensure disadvantaged communities benefit from upgraded charging infrastructure; for example, the tool can be used to help prioritize and sequence projects to maximize benefits to disadvantaged communities.

**Labor Requirements:** Projects funded under this program are subject to <u>Title 23</u> requirements, which state that the workforce installing, maintaining, and operating chargers must have appropriate licenses, certifications, and training to ensure that the installation and maintenance of chargers is performed safely by a qualified and increasingly diverse workforce of licensed technicians and other laborers.

Partners Required: None required

**Agency Contact:** Submit questions to <a href="mailto:RAA-NEVI@dot.gov">RAA-NEVI@dot.gov</a> by October 13, 2023

### **Upcoming Events:**

 Register for the webinar on September 21 from 3:00 - 4:00pm ET: "Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)"

Total Allocation: \$100 million

**Anticipated Award Date:** Late 2023

#### How To Apply:

- Applicants must be registered in SAM and obtain a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
- 2. Applicants must maintain an active SAM registration throughout the application evaluation period and the grant award period.
- 3. Submit your application by November 13, 2023 at 11:59pm ET through Grants.gov.

#### Resources:

- Program Page FHWA
- Grant Opportunity Grants.gov
- Top 10 Takeaways from the FWHA Reliability Grant Electrification Coalition