Grant Program Title: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program ROUND 2

Funding Agency: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

Award Amount (Max/Min): $1,321,200,000

The FY 2024 and FY 2025 CFI funding will be split into $350 million for the Community Charging and Fueling Program Grants (Community Program) and $350 million for the Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program). Additional awards in the Corridor Program may be made using FY 2025 NEVI 10 funds.

Brief Description: The purpose of this NOFO is to solicit applications for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “BIL”). In addition, funds under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program 10 percent set-aside (NEVI 10), also established by BIL, will also be awarded under this NOFO. Funding program sources, Fiscal Years (FY), and amounts available for award under this NOFO can be found in the NOFO.

Note: The CFI Program is divided into two separate grant categories: (1) the Community Charging and Fueling Program Grants (Community Program), to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, and natural gas fueling infrastructure located on public roads or in other publicly accessible locations; and (2) the Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program), to strategically deploy charging and alternative fueling infrastructure located along designated alternative fuel corridors.

Eligibility: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Eligible Project Types:

Community Program – Eligible Projects

• 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.
• Eligible infrastructure is a 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.
• Both Direct Current Fast Charging and Alternating Current Level 2 chargers are eligible under the CFI Community Program.

Corridor Program – Eligible Projects

• 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 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.44
- EV charging 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.
- 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.

Important Deadlines:

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Match Funding Requirement: Yes (Awardees must provide at least 20 percent of the total project cost (not 20 percent of the Federal share) as a matching share)

For details regarding Evaluation/Scoring Criteria, please reference pages [61-64].

Grant Program Link: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/

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