

GRANT INSIGHTS

The purpose of the **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program (Round 2)** is to facilitate broad public access to a national charging and alternative-fuel infrastructure network; and accelerate adoption of zero-emissions vehicles by advancing an electrified and alternative-fuel transportation system that is convenient, affordable, reliable, equitable, accessible, and safe. Program funds are authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Federal Agency Name	U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Funding Opportunity	Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program (Round 2)
NOFO Release Date	05/30/2024
Application Due Date	08/28/2024 by 11:59 p.m. EST via www.Grants.gov
# of Programs:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Charging and Fueling Program Grants (Community Program) 2. Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program)
Total Funding Available	\$1,321,200,000 (Includes funding from Rounds 1 and 2)
Award Minimum	Community Grants: \$500,000 Corridor Grants: \$1,000,000
Award Maximum	Community Grants: \$15,000,000 Corridor Grants: N/A
Recipient Cost-Share/ Match Requirements:	Applicants must provide at least 20% of the total project costs via non-federal matching contributions.
Summary	<p>Eligible Infrastructure: publicly accessible electric vehicle charging, hydrogen fueling, propane fueling, or natural gas-fueling infrastructure. Propane-fueling infrastructure is limited to infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.</p> <p>Community Program: grants are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to charging or alternative-fueling infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Location: may be on any public road or in other publicly accessible locations including parking facilities at public buildings, schools, and parks; or publicly accessible parking facilities owned/managed by a private entity. • Eligible Costs: acquisition and installation of infrastructure; construction or reconstruction; development phase activities; contracting a private entity; and educational and community engagement activities. <p>Corridor Program: grants are expected to support the build-out of charging or alternative-fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Location: must be along a designated AFC, on the condition that any affected Indian Tribes are consulted before designation. • Eligible Costs: contracting a private entity for acquisition and installation of eligible infrastructure and traffic control devices; operating assistance; and engineering, design, project development, and management related to the construction of a highway project.



<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State, Political Subdivision of a State, or Unit of Local Government • Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) • Special Purpose District or Public Authority with a transportation function, including a Port Authority • Indian Tribe or U.S. Territory • Authority, Agency or Instrumentality of, or an entity owned by, one or more entities listed above • Group of entities as listed above • Community Program ONLY: State or Local Authority with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities <p>*Corridor Program recipients must use funds to contract with a private entity. **Joint applicants must identify an eligible lead applicant to serve as the prime awardee.</p>
<p>Special Considerations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If one eligible applicant is interested in applying for both Community and Corridor funding categories in a single application, they must clearly separate the proposed work, selection criteria, and budget requested for each category. • Both Community and Corridor Grant projects must be publicly accessible, address environmental justice, and be accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities. • Community Grants Funding Allocation: \$350,000,000 • Corridor Grants Funding Allocation: \$350,000,000 • Applicants for the Corridor Program should ensure their applications, as they relate to EV infrastructure, align with their State's NEVI Deployment Plan. • Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that are scalable and identify scaled funding options in case insufficient funding is available to fund said project or a bundled project at the full requested amount.
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Community Grants applicants are encouraged to identify in their application one or more of the following categories, regarding the area(s) in which alternative fueling/charging access would expand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood and Multi-Family Charging • Multi-Modal Hubs and Shared-Use Fleets and Services • Multi-Purpose Workplace and Destination Charging • Community Fleets and Freight <p>Corridor Grants applicants are encouraged to identify in their application one or more of the following focus areas their proposed project addresses and how the project contributes to the build-out of a national corridor network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate Build-Out of AFCs • Zero-Emission Corridors for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles • Long-Dwell Time Locations Along AFCs <p>DOT Priority Consideration, for both Community and Corridor Grant applicants, will be given to projects that demonstrate exceptional benefits to Merit Criterion MC #3: Equity, Community Engagement, and Justice40; MC #4: Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation; or MC #5: CFI Program Vision. Previously awarded FY22-23 CFI Program projects can be found on the USDOT - FHWA website: Grant Recipients - CFI - Environment - FHWA (dot.gov)</p>
<p>Contact Information</p>	<p>Agency: USDOT - FHWA Staff Email/Phone: CFIgrants@dot.gov; a TDD is available at (202) 366-3993 FAQs: www.Grants.gov under Funding Opportunity Number: 693JJ324NF00017</p>

