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GRANT INSIGHTS (INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING FY24 NOFO RELEASE)

The purpose of the **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program** is to facilitate broad public access to a national charging and alternative fuel infrastructure network to accelerate the 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).

The Agency intends to award projects aligned with the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) strategic goals of improving economic strength and global competitiveness, workforce development, climate justice, and investment equity in disadvantaged and underserved communities.

Federal Agency Name	U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Funding Opportunity	Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program - Pending FY24 Release
NOFO Release Date	TBD (FY22-23 NOFO was released 03/14/2023)
Application Due Date	TBD (FY22-23 Application was due 06/13/2023 by 11:59 p.m. EST via www.Grants.gov)
# of Programs:	 Community Charging and Fueling Program Grants (Community Program) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program)
Total Funding Available	TBD (FY22-23 Total was \$700,000,000)
Award Minimum	Community Grants: TBD (FY22-23 minimum award amount was \$500,000) Corridor Grants: TBD (FY22-23 minimum award amount was \$1,000,000)
Award Maximum	Community Grants: TBD (FY22-23 maximum award amount was \$15,000,000) Corridor Grants: TBD (FY22-23 NOFO did not include maximum award amount)
Recipient Cost-Share/ Match Requirements:	Applicants must provide at least 20% of the total project costs via nonfederal matching contributions (as stated in the FY22-23 NOFO).
Summary	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.
	Community Program : grants are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to charging or alternative fueling infrastructure. • 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.

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	Corridor Program: grants are expected to support the buildout of charging or alternative fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC). • 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; and operating assistance.
Eligible Applicants	 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 of more entities listed above Group of entities as listed above Community Program ONLY: State or Local Authority with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities *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. ***Applicants may apply for funding under both programs by submitting only one application.
Special Considerations	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 an applicant's project or a bundled project at the full requested amount.

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:

- Multi-Modal Hubs and Shared-Use Fleets and Services
- · Urban/Suburban Area Charging and Fueling Solutions
- Rural Area Charging and Fueling Solutions
- · Fleet Vehicles that Serve and Operate in Communities

Corridor Grants applicants are encouraged to identify in their application one or more of the following focus area(s) their proposed project address(es) and how the project contributes to the build-out of a national corridor network:

- Demonstrate Build-Out of AFCs
- · Zero Emission Corridors for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles
- Resiliency

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.

A list of previously awarded FY22-23 CFI Program Projects can be found on the USDOT – FHWA website: Grant Recipients - CFI - Environment - FHWA (dot.gov)

Contact Information

Submit NOFO and CFI Program questions to:

Agency: USDOT – FHWA Staff Email/Phone: <u>CFIgrants@dot.gov</u>; a TDD is available at (202) 366-3993 FAQs: <u>www.Grants.gov</u> under the funding opportunity number: 693JJ323NF00004

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