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2023-2024 FEDERAL CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM – NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS / MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS / MAYORS / METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS / TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS / CONSULTING ENGINEERS

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE:

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a new competitive grant program created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This new program was created to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to locations along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

The CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles. This program provides two funding categories of grants: (1) Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and (2) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program).

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$2.5 billion over five years for this program. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) offers up to \$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure projects in urban and rural communities in publicly accessible locations, including downtown areas and local neighborhoods, particularly in underserved and disadvantaged communities.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

- States or political subdivision of States
- Metropolitan planning organizations
- Unit of local governments
- Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, including port authorities
- Indian tribes
- U.S. Territories
- Authorities, agencies, or instrumentalities or entities owned by one or more entities listed above
- Group of entities listed above
- State or local authorities with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities (applies to Community Program only)

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

The CFI Program is making up to \$700 million (FY 2022 \$300 million and FY 2023 \$400 million) available for this NOFO.

Applications can be found, and must be submitted electronically, through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) prior to the deadline noted below. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications in advance of the application deadline; however, applications will not be evaluated, and awards will not be made, until after the application deadline.

Applicants must register and use the system to submit applications electronically. Applicants are encouraged to register in advance of the submission deadline and to register to receive notifications of updates/amendments to this NOFO. Please note that approval of user registrations for the site may take multiple weeks. It is the Applicant's responsibility to monitor Grants.gov for any updates to this Notice.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applicants must submit their applications and required materials through the online application found on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by **11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.**

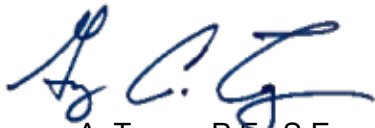
INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS:

Webinars to share information about the CFI Program NOFO were scheduled on March 21st and March 22nd, but the Webinar recordings have been recorded and will be available soon at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

For additional information about the program and applying for federal grant programs please visit <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/resources/>.

Sincerely,



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