



## Grant Announcement

**Date:** March 14, 2023

**Subject:** U.S. DOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Opportunity

### Summary

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is divided into two separate grant categories, the CFI Community Program and the CFI Corridor Program. The purpose of the CFI Community Program is 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. The purpose of the CFI Corridor Program is to strategically deploy charging and alternative fueling infrastructure located along [Alternative Fuel Corridors \(AFCs\)](#).

### Grant Basics

- FFY 2022 funding available: \$300 million
  - Obligation deadline 9/30/25, Expenditure deadline 9/30/30
  - Community Program allocation – \$150 million
  - Corridor Program allocation – \$150 million
- FFY 2023 funding available: \$400 million
  - Obligation deadline 9/30/26, Expenditure deadline 9/30/31
  - Community Program allocation – \$200 million
  - Corridor Program allocation – \$200 million
- Minimum and maximum award amount:
  - Community Program Projects – Minimum of \$500,000 and maximum of \$15 million
  - Corridor Program Projects – Minimum of \$1 million and no maximum amount
- **Application limit:** An application limit is not specified in the NOFO.
- **Federal match:** Eighty percent (80%) maximum Federal share of total project cost. Private entity shall be responsible for the share of the project cost carried out with CFI Program funds that is not paid by the Federal Government
- **Eligible applicants:** (1) State(s); (2) A metropolitan planning organization; (3) A unit of local government; (4) A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; (5) A Federally recognized Indian Tribe; (6) A territory of the United States; (7) An authority, agency, or instrumentality of, or an entity owned by one or more of the previous entities listed; (8) A group of entities previously listed; (9) A State or local authority

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with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities (Community Program only)

- **Community Program Eligible Projects:**
  - Any project that is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to expand or fill gaps in access to eligible infrastructure (i.e., vehicle charging infrastructure, hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, and natural gas fueling infrastructure)
  - Acquisition and installation of eligible infrastructure
  - Educational and community engagement activities to develop and implement education programs to support the use of zero-emission vehicles and associated infrastructure
- **Corridor Program Eligible Projects:**
  - Any project that contracts with a private entity for acquisition and installation, or operation, of eligible infrastructure (i.e., vehicle charging infrastructure, hydrogen fueling infrastructure, propane fueling infrastructure, and natural gas fueling infrastructure) located near an AFC.
  - Providing a private entity with operating assistance for the first five years of operations after the installation of eligible infrastructure while the facility transitions to independent system operations
  - Acquisition and installation of traffic control devices located in the right-of-way to provide directional information to eligible infrastructure
- **Application deadline:** May 30, 2023 at 10:59 p.m. CDT through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- **Funding restrictions:** Pre-CFI Program Grant award costs will not be reimbursed. Grant funds may not be used to support or oppose union organizing, whether directly or as an offset for other funds. There are additional program specific funding restrictions for each program. Please see the NOFO for more information.
- **Application length:** A page limit or requirement is not specified in the NOFO.
- **Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA):** A Benefit Cost Analysis is not required.
- **Webinar:** There will be two webinars held for the CFI Program. The [first webinar](#) will be held on 3/21/23 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. CDT. The [second webinar](#) will be held on 3/22/23 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. CDT.
- **Selection criteria:** 1) Safety, 2) Climate Change, Resilience, and Sustainability, 3) Equity, Community Engagement, and Justice40, 4) Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation, 5) CFI Program Vision.
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**Link to NOFO:** [FFY 2022-23 CFI Program NOFO](#)