Funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

## **EV FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Funding opportunities for Electric Vehicle infrastructure change rapidly, which can make the process of identifying and applying for the proper funding seem daunting. For this reason, the Electrification Coalition created the EV Funding Finder which helps eligible recipients identify available federal funds for transportation. The tool is updated quarterly with current funding opportunities: https://electrificationcoalition.org/ev-funding-finder/

### **GRANT PROCESS**

#### Step 1: Engage with Community Members

Community engagement can both help you develop community priorities and increase your competitiveness for grant funding. Many grant programs emphasize an inclusive and representative community process as well as collaboration with the public and relevant stakeholders. To prepare a successful grant application, you should:

- Clearly identify a problem and community need that will be addressed by the project.
- Point to community engagement that has already occurred prior to the grant.
- Consider how this project helps "transportation disadvantaged" communities.

#### Step 2: Align Plans and Policies with Grant Program Goals

Many of the new grant programs provide funding for both planning and implementation. Your grant application should demonstrate your community's readiness for the project you are applying for by pointing to existing plans, policies, and processes that reflect the goals and objectives of the grant program.

# Step 3: Build Relationships with Potential Grant Partners

Collaboration with partner agencies can be an effective strategy for leveraging project funding and developing successful grant proposals. When considering grant teaming partners make sure to:

- Build a well-rounded team with partnerships.
- Pick the right partners, which can involve public/private partnerships as well as new inter-agency partnerships.
- Demonstrate strong, tangible commitment from project partners.



# Step 4: Assemble Your Grant Writing Team

Assemble or hire a multidisciplinary grant-writing team whose members have a strong understanding of each element of the grant.

# Step 5: Track Future Funding Opportunities

- Stay tuned for upcoming grant notifications, which you can find on the USDOT's or Department of Energy's (DOE) web sites.
- Here are some of the key USDOT and DOE programs:
- National EV Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI).
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ).
- Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program.
- Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP).
- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE, formerly known as BUILD and TIGER).
- Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program.
- Title XVII Renewable Energy and Efficient Energy Projects (Loan Programs Office)

