

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program Reservation of Funds for Round 1 Applicants

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Today's Webinar

- Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program Overview
- Overall Available Funding
- Reconsideration Submission Process
- Review and Selection Process
- Administrative and National Policy Requirements



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CFI Program Overview



CFI Program Overview

- The CFI Program was established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)^{*}, ^{**}
- Authorized to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging, and other alternative fueling infrastructure in communities and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs)
- BIL established two distinct funding categories within CFI: Community Grants[†] and Corridor Grants^{††}
- BIL authorized CFI funding for FY 2022 through FY 2026 for this program (\$2.5B total)

*23 U.S.C. § 151(f)

**BIL - Enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. No. 117-58, Nov. 15, 2021)

†23 U.S.C. 151(f)(8)

†† 23 U.S.C. 151(f)(6)

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Minimum Standards and Requirements Rule (23 CFR Part 680)



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- 23 CFR 680 is applicable to all CFI EV infrastructure
- 23 CFR Part 680 specifies technical aspects of EV chargers
- Impacts the design and operations of your charging infrastructure
- EV Charging Minimum Standards Final Rule is available in the [Federal Register](#)
- Webinar on the [EV Charging Minimum Standards Final Rule](#)
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Overall Available Funding

Two Funding Opportunities under CFI Round 2 NOFO ([693JJ324NF00017](#))

1. Up to \$800 million to fund new CFI Round 2 applications to strategically deploy publicly accessible EV charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in certain locations or along designated AFCs that will be accessible to all drivers of EVs, hydrogen vehicles, propane vehicles, and natural gas vehicles
2. Up to \$521 million is reserved to fund applications previously submitted but not selected for award under the FY 2022/2023 CFI Round 1 NOFO ([693JJ323NF00004](#)) published on March 14, 2023.

To maximize chances of obtaining an award, CFI FY 2022/2023 Round 1 unawarded applicants may request consideration under the reserved funds, and they may also submit a new application following the criteria outlined in the Round 2 NOFO.

Summary of Available Funding

Fiscal Year and Program of Funding	Funding for New Applications Submitted under Round 2 NOFO	Funding for Applications Previously Submitted under FY 2022/2023 Round 1 NOFO
CFI FY 2024	\$100,000,000	\$400,000,000
CFI FY 2025	\$600,000,000	
NEVI 10 FY 2023		\$21,200,000
NEVI 10 FY 2024		\$100,000,000
NEVI 10 FY 2025	\$100,000,000	
Total Available (up to)	\$800,000,000	\$521,200,000

Note: CFI Awards are Cost Reimbursement Grants



Key Dates

Action	Date
CFI Round 2 NOFO Release Date	May 30, 2024
Due Date for non-awarded Round 1 Applicants to Request Reconsideration for Award under Reserved Funding	July 1, 2024
Due Date for All Applicant Questions to CFIGrants@dot.gov	July 29, 2024
Due Date for Round 2 New Applications – by 11:59 PM EST in Grants.gov	August 28, 2024



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Reconsideration Submission Process

Reconsideration of Round 1 Applications



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- FHWA will follow the criteria and process set forth in the FY 2022/2023 CFI Round 1 NOFO to select projects under this reservation of funds.
- No previous application modifications will be accepted.
- Reserved funding is available for applications that were not selected for funding but rated by the technical review team as either “Highly Recommended” or “Recommended.”



Process to Request Reconsideration

- As provided in the NOFO, to request reconsideration of a Round 1 application, lead applicants **must notify FHWA by July 1, 2024**, that they wish for their previously submitted application to be considered for award.
- Lead applicants should respond to the email sent by FHWA from CFIgrants@dot.gov.
- If the lead applicant did not receive an email, they should send a message to CFIgrants@dot.gov with the following details:
 - Lead applicant entity
 - State where the project is located
 - Title of project



By the Numbers: FY 2022/2023 CFI Applications



535 Applications Reviewed

Community Program Applications

- Highly Recommended: 175 applications (\$1.197 billion)
- Recommended: 150 applications
- Not Recommended: 122 applications

Corridor Program Applications

- Highly Recommended: 32 applications (\$940 million)
- Recommended: 22 applications
- Not Recommended: 9 applications



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Review and Selection Process



Review and Selection Process (1 of 2)

- For purposes of selecting projects under this reservation of funds, FHWA will follow the criteria and process set forth in the [FY 2022/2023 CFI Round 1 NOFO](#).
- Upon receiving email confirmation from the lead applicant, FHWA reconsider for award those applications that were not selected for funding but rated by the Technical Review Team as either **“Highly Recommended”** or **“Recommended.”**



Review and Selection Process (2 of 2)

- **FHWA Senior Review Team** determines which projects to advance to the FHWA Administrator as recommended for funding.
- **FHWA Administrator** determines which projects to advance to the Secretary.
- The **Secretary** makes final project selections.



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Administrative and National Policy Requirements



Administrative & National Policy Requirements

Applicable Federal laws, rules, and regulations set forth in title 23, U.S.C., and title 23 of the CFR, shall apply to awards provided under this program, including:

- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (23 CFR part 771)
- Build America, Buy America Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58, div. G §§ 70901–70927)
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations (49 CFR part 21)
- Federal Contract Compliance
- Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3148; 23 U.S.C. § 109(s)(2); 23 U.S.C. § 113(a))
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program (*Does not apply to projects funded with NEVI 10 funds*).
- NEVI Minimum Standards and Requirements (23 CFR Part 680)
- Plus, others as listed in the NOFO.

NEVI Standards and Requirements (23 CFR Part 680)



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NEVI Standards and Requirements (23 CFR Part 680) specify technical aspects of chargers including:

- Connector types
- Power levels
- Minimum number of charging ports per station
- Minimum uptime (reliability standards)
- Payment methods
- Data submittal requirements
- Workforce requirements for installation, operation, or maintenance by qualified technicians
- Interoperability of EV charging infrastructure; traffic control devices and signage
- Network connectivity
- Publicly available information

Additional information is available at: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/nevi/resources/>



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