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## \$20 Million in Funding Available for Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Rebuild Illinois Allocates Funding to Further Expand EV Charging in Illinois

Springfield – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Director James Jennings today announced a Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the purchase and installation of new Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) EV charging stations (Level 3) and alternating current (Level 2) charging stations to be located at publicly accessible locations in Illinois. This first-come, first-served opportunity is being made available through Governor Pritzker's bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan for electric vehicle projects authorized under CEJA. Due to the first come, first served nature of this round of funding, Illinois EPA is posting the application materials today on Amplifund. This round will begin accepting applications on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. Central Time.

"Governor Pritzker has prioritized electrification of the transportation sector to improve air quality and benefit the health of our residents," **said Acting Director Jennings.** "To support that priority, we are committed to expanding the charging infrastructure necessary to power current and future electric vehicles throughout Illinois."

Each application for Level 3 chargers must include a minimum of two charging station locations. This NOFO will fund up to eight DCFC ports per location, and there is no limit on the number of Level 2 ports funded at a location. Eligible applicants must be an owner of a proposed charging station location and/or an owner of the proposed charging station. All applications must meet a minimum score to be eligible. Factors that are scored includes project readiness, location in a county where Illinois EPA has not previously funded projects, distance to public EV charging sites, and location at public transportation Park-and-Ride Facility.

Additional funding will also be awarded to projects at a charging station location in an area identified as an Equity Investment Eligible Community through the <u>EIEC mapping tool</u>. At that link, projects qualify for the additional points if they are in either an EJ or an R3 Community.

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A map of the locations of EV charging stations funded by the State of Illinois to date is here: <a href="https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1b71ab7f02cd424581ede5cdf28b37f6">https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1b71ab7f02cd424581ede5cdf28b37f6</a>.

All required forms and information will be available on the Driving A Cleaner Illinois webpage: <a href="https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/air-quality/driving-a-cleaner-illinois.html">https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/air-quality/driving-a-cleaner-illinois.html</a>. Applications for the Driving a Cleaner Illinois – Climate and Equitable Jobs Act EV Charging NOFO will be accepted and scored on a rolling basis. EPA will update that link when funding is no longer available.

All applicants must pre-qualify through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Grantee Portal.

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The Illinois EPA was created in 1970 as part of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, making it the longest-standing environmental protection agency in the United States. The mission of the Illinois EPA is to safeguard environmental quality, consistent with the social and economic needs of the State of Illinois, so as to protect health, welfare, property, and the quality of life. For more information, visit the Illinois EPA's website at <a href="https://epa.illinois.gov/">https://epa.illinois.gov/</a>.