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Driving a Cleaner Illinois (DACI) – Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging

Round 1, DCFC Level 3 Chargers, closes December 22, 2023

This FAQ document is for informational purposes only. The Illinois EPA's regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 285 and the provisions set forth in the Notice of Funding Opportunity establish the rights, obligations, and requirements of this funding opportunity.

Questions can be emailed to EPA.EVCharging@Illinois.gov, and broadly applicable questions will be added to this FAQ doc.

Are municipalities eligible to participate?

For this NOFO, municipalities/public entities may act as a host site for these chargers, but the public entity may not be the applicant.

I'm interested in being a host site for chargers, but don't know where to start.

There are a number of EV charging companies that a host site could partner with. A site like [PlugShare](#) shows charging companies that already exist in a certain area. It is not a prerequisite for this program that a specific company is already operating in a certain area. IEPA does not recommend or endorse any company.

Do non-profits or churches qualify as eligible applicants?

An eligible applicant for this NOFO:

- 1) must be a private organization or company, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or limited liability company, that is incorporated under Illinois law or registered and in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable.

AND

- 2) must be an owner of a proposed charging station location and/or an owner of the proposed charging station.

An applicant is ineligible if they have not satisfied the GATA pre-qualification requirements specified in the NOFO.

If a nonprofit or church meets the definition of a private organization and meets all other NOFO qualifications, such nonprofit or church is eligible for a grant under the program. Please review the NOFO in its entirety before applying.

What kinds of connectors are eligible under this NOFO?

This NOFO is designed to increase universal fast chargers throughout the state and therefore only funds chargers with Combined Charging System Type 1 connectors. The NOFO specifies that the CCS charger shall not rely on an adaptor. As such, applications for chargers with NACS (North American Charging Standard) connectors with an attached CCS adapter that could then be removed later are not eligible.

How is “charging station location” defined?

Illinois regulations define “charging station location” as a site with one or more charging stations at the same address. The NOFO specifies that there can be no existing charging stations at the address proposed by the applicant. Additional points are awarded for locations that are further away from existing public fast chargers.

Will there be a deadline extension?

At this time, IEPA does not intend to extend the December 22 deadline. Please aim to have everything emailed to the correct email address by that date.

Will there be additional rounds of this funding?

Future rounds of CEJA/DACI funding will likely be available across 2024, but the specifics of those NOFOs are not yet available.