

WAEVCP Technical Assistance Document

Program Overview

The Washington State Electric Vehicle Charging Program (WAEV Charging Program) was created by the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce) for a cleaner, greener future. The program will reduce emissions, improve air quality, and promote equity in access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Interested in hosting electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) at your site? Washington State Department of Commerce is providing awards for direct current fast charger (DCFC) and Level 2 (L2) charger installations at eligible sites across the state.

Up to 100% of your project costs may be covered!

Award Amounts

Equipment Type	Base Per Connector Award	Adder - Equity	Adder - Future Proofing
Level 2	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$1,000 per parking spot stub-out, up to \$3,000
DCFC	\$85,000	\$25,000	\$1,000 per parking spot stub-out, up to \$3,000

Sites that score a 9 or 10 on the Overburdened Community Score, or are Tribal locations, are eligible for the Equity Adder.

For multi-family housing and Tribal sites, 100% of eligible project costs will be covered. For all other sites, 75% of eligible project costs will be covered.

Eligible Applicants

Lead applicants can submit only one application per county, and can be:

- **Community-Based Nonprofits:** 501(c)(3) organizations or labor unions representing geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural or worker communities within Washington state.
- **Electric Utilities:** Any electrical company, public utility district, irrigation district, port district, electric cooperative or municipal electric utility that is engaged in the business of distributing electricity to retail electric customers in the state, per RCW 80.60.010.
- **Public Agencies:** Cities, towns, counties, public school districts or special schools, transportation planning organizations, transportation authorities or agencies, municipal corporations, port districts or authorities, political subdivision of any type, or any other entities or authorities of local government in corporate form or otherwise.
- **Tribal Governments:** Federally recognized tribes or their members; or an enterprise located off Tribal land and owned by a federally recognized Tribe.

Note that electric utilities must be listed as a partner on each application.

Applicants can list partner (supporting) organizations on their application to show other stakeholders in their installations.

Eligible Site Types

Sites will be scored and compared with the same type of sites to compete for funding. Eligible site types are:

- **Fleet Depot** – L2 only
 - A parking facility intended primarily for a collection of motor vehicles owned or leased by an organization in pursuit of its business activities or services provided. Both public and private fleet depots are eligible. If the installation's purpose is for personal vehicles of employees, the site must qualify as a workplace use.
- **Multi-family Housing** – L2 only
 - A residential property with at least five or more housing units. Hotels and motels are not considered multifamily housing for this program.
- **Publicly Available** – L2 or DCFC
 - To be considered publicly available, an EV charging station must not be located behind a fence or in a gated parking lot, such that the general public is unable to access or is deterred from accessing during normal operational hours for the site (generally excluding 10 p.m.-5 a.m.). Businesses may clarify their operational hours and will be held responsible should actual access not align with this provision and may be asked to provide documentation supporting their operational hours. Operational hours to be identified in application.
- **Workplace** – L2 only
 - A workplace is a nonresidential site location, where business is conducted or where services or industrial operations are performed. Residential properties are not eligible as a workplace regardless of their use as a place of business. Chargers may be public or private and must be shared use (meaning that the chargers are not assigned to a single employee or subset of employees at the site and are available as a community resource for the site).

See Scoring Resource guide for a step-by-step guide on how to calculate the score for each of these site types.

Eligible Costs

To be eligible, all costs must be incurred after the date of the contract award with the Department of Commerce (early 2024). Eligible costs include:

- Costs incurred while designing, planning, and engineering.

- Costs incurred during installation, including labor.
- Costs for electrical equipment, including utility-side and customer-side equipment.
- Costs incurred during ongoing services, such as networking and maintenance.
- Costs incurred to provide safety and security, such as lighting and signage.

See program website for a complete list of eligible and ineligible costs at WAEVCharging.org/eligibility.

Installation Details

Equipment Type	Minimum Ports	Maximum Ports	Connector Types ¹
Level 2	2	20	J1772 or NACS
DCFC	2	6	CCS or NACS
Combo Site (Level 2 and DCFC)	2	12 (max 6 DCFC)	See Above

¹All sites must have at least 33% of L2 connectors be J1772 and 33% of DCFC connectors be CCS.

Application Process

Application Window Open & Technical Assistance Available: September 6 – December 1, 2023

- Potential applicants can receive personalized technical assistance in understanding program requirements, determining eligibility, and reviewing applications before submitting.
- Applications should be submitted by the Lead Applicant via ZoomGrants [here](#).

Webinars: September 13 & October 11, 2023

- We highly encourage all potential applicants to attend a webinar prior to applying.

Applications Reviewed: December 2, 2023 – January 16, 2024

- All applications will be assessed for eligibility and scored.

Applications Under Contract: January 16, 2024 – February 20, 2024

- Awarded applications will receive contracts from Commerce to be executed. Awards will be made on a per-site basis.

Technical Assistance Available for Award Recipients: January 16 – June 30, 2024

- Awarded applicants can receive technical assistance as they begin their electric vehicle infrastructure installation projects.

Interested in learning more about this program, requirements, and technical assistance? Visit the program website at WAEVCharging.org.