

## Funding Available

### Publicly-Accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Funding Program Criteria

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is committed to encouraging the purchase and use of EVs by supporting the development of EV charging infrastructure in Connecticut. Furthermore, DEEP's Comprehensive Energy Strategy has identified expanded use of EVs as an important goal of our statewide transportation energy strategy. Through this EVConnecticut Incentives program, funds are now available to support up to 17 newly purchased and installed EV charging stations which will be available to the public at no cost.

#### Available Funding:

DEEP is offering two levels of funding.<sup>1</sup> For the higher level of funding, up to one half of the project cost will be available for projects which are accessible to the public at no cost, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and located at a major traffic generator, such as a downtown area or other central destination that is presently underserved by EV chargers. For these priority areas, the maximum award available will be \$10,000 for allowable costs<sup>2</sup> associated with the installation of one dual-head or two single-head charging stations at a single location. The lower level of funding will provide up to \$4,000 toward allowable costs for one dual-head or two single head charging stations at one location. An applicant may submit proposals for more than one location.

#### Preferential Criteria

The overall goal of this program is to promote EV use by establishing publicly-accessible EV charging stations throughout Connecticut. In its selection process, DEEP will consider the overall cost effectiveness and the potential for early completion and operation of each proposal. Proposed projects will be selected for funding based on a set of preferential criteria including, but not limited to:

- Proposals that commit to making the EV charging station readily available to the public with no fee<sup>3</sup> for at least the next three years will be preferred;
- Proposals in which units are operational and available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week will be preferred;
- Proposals for installations in areas underserved by EV charging stations will be preferred;
- Proposals that commit to provide lighting, and shelter will be preferred;
- Locations with the following types of amenities will be preferred:
  - At a major traffic generator, which is defined as an important regional attraction, event, or facility that attracts persons or groups from beyond a local community, city, or metropolitan area; this can include tourist destinations and downtowns;
  - Within walking distance of dining, retail and/or entertainment opportunities;
  - Along major thoroughfares and in high traffic areas;
  - Along transportation corridors, including state highways; and
  - High profile/high traffic locations, such as train stations and airports.

#### Applicant Responsibilities

All applicants must submit their proposal no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2016. If the proposal is prepared by a tenant or lessee, the application must be submitted in the name of the owner of the property on which the proposed charging unit will be installed; the grant will be issued to the property owner. Documentation of ownership may be requested. Application forms are available on the [EVConnecticut Webpage](#). Awarded applicants must:

<sup>1</sup> Funding is made available pursuant to the Northeast Utilities-NStar merger agreement of April 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Allowable costs are limited to the cost of charging station(s) and necessary installation and site preparation expenses.

<sup>3</sup> Applicants planning to charge a nominal fee to cover operating expenses for the first three years must submit a business plan with their application form.

- Procure and install the EV charging station(s) specified in their application and have it (them) operational on or before July 29, 2016. Note that DEEP's reimbursement for chargers will not exceed values specified in [state procurement contracts](#);
- Commit to **either**
  - Provide charging at no cost to the public for the first three years of operation, **or**
  - Provide a business plan for assessment of a fee to cover the cost of operating the charging station(s); the business plan must include an open access payment system that accepts major credit cards and allows immediate access to the charger with no additional required contact. **This business plan must accompany the application form.**
- Commit to maintaining and operating the EV charging station(s) as publicly-accessible units;
- Commit to maintaining and operating the EV charging station(s) for a minimum of three years;
- Agree to operate the charging station(s) as a not-for-profit venture for the life of the unit(s);
- Give approval to DEEP to post location and availability information of EV charging station on the U.S. Department of Energy's and/or DEEP's website; and
- Provide the documentation required for reimbursement.

Completed forms and all inquiries should be directed to [Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov](mailto:Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov).

### **Reimbursement Requirements**

Before reimbursement, awardees must complete the following:

- Provide a signed payment request, on letterhead, for the amount to be reimbursed;
- Submit completed reimbursement checklist, which includes a summary budget;
- Submit invoices and proofs of payment for necessary expenses associated with the purchase and installation of the charging station(s);
- Submit a photo of the operational charging station(s) with posted signs;
- Certify that the EV charging station(s) is (are) fully operational and that the awardee has committed to maintain and operate the unit(s) for three years.

All approved projects should be completed as soon as possible, but no later than July 29, 2016.

DEEP reserves the right to inspect the installed charging station prior to reimbursement.