DEP Offers $4 Million in Grants for Publicly Accessible Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Stations within Communities

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The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is seeking applicants for its latest round of grant funding for public fast charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. The $4 million competitive solicitation will award grants of up to $200,000 per location in community settings. These incentives, from It Pay$ to Plug In, DEP’s grant program for EV charging stations, can be combined with utility incentives for public fast charging infrastructure.

Applications will be accepted through the online grant application portal beginning on Monday, March 14. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 13 at midnight.

The DEP will host three webinars to walk potential applicants through the solicitation, discuss selection criteria, review mapping tools to help evaluate potential locations for new fast chargers, introduce DEP’s new online grant application portal, and answer questions.

Webinars will be held on:
Wednesday, February 23 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, February 23 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Thursday, February 24 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
The webinars will be recorded and posted online.

To register for a webinar, send an email to Monica Miranda Monica.Miranda@dep.nj.gov indicating the date and time of the webinar you would like to attend, along with your name and affiliation. In the subject line of your email, include the phrase “Webinar for DCFC Solicitation”

Solicitation materials, including eligibility, selection criteria, mapping tools, eligible costs and application materials, will be posted before the first webinar on the It Pay$ to Plug In website.

This solicitation is for public Direct Current (DC) Fast Chargers in community settings. New Jersey’s EV Law requires that at least 400 DC Fast Chargers be available for public use at 200 locations by December 2025. At least 100 of the 200 locations must be community locations, where people live and work. Examples of community settings include town centers, commercial areas, retail centers, and near concentrations of multi-unit dwellings (MUDs) like apartments and condominiums. Community DC Fast Charger locations must be equipped with at least two DC Fast Chargers per location, each capable of providing at least 50 kW of power. DC Fast Charger stations that meet these criteria and are open 24/7 to the public will be eligible for funding.

For questions, contact drivegreen@dep.nj.gov

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