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Notice of Intent

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Equity Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2025

Introduction: The Maryland Energy administration has published this Notice of Intent ("NOI") to inform Maryland's public and interested stakeholders of its upcoming Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment ("EVSE") Equity Grant Program ("EVSE Equity Program" or "the Program") in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025. Please note, this program is subject to change. This document is not a guarantee of fund availability, nor is it a complete and full Funding Opportunity Announcement ("FOA"). Final program parameters and application instructions will be included in the FOA when announced later in calendar year 2024.

This Program is being developed as a result of <u>Governor Moore's commitment</u> to invest \$23 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in low- and moderate-income, historically overburdened, and historically underserved communities in Maryland.

Program Scope: The EVSE Equity Program will provide grants to businesses, non-profits, and state, tribal, local, and municipal governments to increase access to affordable and reliable electric vehicle ("EV") charging networks and reduce transportation greenhouse gas emissions in low and moderate income, overburdened, and underserved communities in Maryland. MEA anticipates to accomplish this by providing grant funding through three Areas of Interest ("AOI") for: 1) EV Infrastructure Planning, 2) EV-Capable and EV-Ready parking space conversions, and 3) EVSE Installations.

Anticipated Program Budget: MEA anticipates a total of \$9 - \$11 million will be available for the EVSE Equity Program in FY 2025.

Program Type: The Program is <u>non-competitive</u> and grants will be issued on a <u>first come</u>, <u>first served basis</u> while funding is available.

Eligible Applicants: The following organizations are eligible to apply for the FY 2025 EVSE Equity Program.

1. Businesses and limited liability companies registered and in good standing with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation ("SDAT").

- 2. Incorporated Non-profit entities that are in good standing with SDAT.
- 3. Units of state, local, municipal, and tribal governments.

Areas of Interest: MEA anticipates the FY 2025 EVSE Equity Program will be split into three AOIs described in Figure 1 below. Each individual AOI will have a FOA document detailing specific requirements regarding applicant eligibility, project requirements, incentive amounts, and evaluation criteria.

Figure 1: EVSE Equity Program AOI Descriptions	
Area of Interest	Description
1: EV Infrastructure Planning	Funds are provided to help applicants offset the cost of retaining a consultant to develop a feasibility analysis for the planning and development of EVSE installations. Feasibility studies should help applicants conceptualize the EVSE and associated infrastructure to make informed decisions on mobilizing the project for construction.
2: EV-Capable and EV-Ready Installations	Funds are provided to help applicants offset construction costs of converting existing parking spaces to EV-Capable or EV-Ready parking spaces at multifamily housing properties. Parking space conversions should enable residents to install EVSE in the future.
3: EVSE Installations	Funds are provided to help applicants offset costs of EVSE installations for Level 2, Level 3, and Direct Current Fast Charging systems for EVs. Funds may also be used to offset the costs of installing storage with charging for electric-bike or electric scooters (eg. bike racks or lockers with integrated charging equipment).

Availability: MEA expects the FY 2025 EVSE Equity Program FOAs to be released in early autumn of 2024. For updates, sign up for <u>email notifications</u> and follow us on social media: <u>Facebook</u> | X | <u>LinkedIn</u>

Next Steps for Potential Applicants: MEA welcomes feedback about the EVSE Equity Program from electric vehicle stakeholders, communities, community advocacy groups, local governments, other State agencies, and other stakeholders who are critical to the expansion of EV infrastructure deployment. MEA is committed to ensuring that individuals from historically overburdened and underserved communities – and the organizations that serve them – participate in our programs and access our resources. With your participation, we can best expand economic opportunity, pursue environmental justice, and deliver equitable energy solutions to Maryland's most vulnerable communities. Please submit comments or questions to MEA via email at transportation.mea@maryland.gov.