

Division of Environmental Quality

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Arkansas to Launch Funding Opportunities for Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality's Energy Office announces two programs to help expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout Arkansas.

The programs are funded by more than \$2 million from the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund and can provide funding for more than 200 charging stations in the state.

"The expansion of electric vehicle charging stations in Arkansas will serve to make our state more competitive on the national stage," said Becky Keogh, Cabinet Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment. "This infrastructure will help protect our environment, drive economic development, increase access to advanced technology, and strengthen quality of life for Arkansans."

The Level 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment program will provide rebates for the installation of 150-200 Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations, which can fully charge electric vehicles in eight hours or less using a 240-volt output. The program launches on February 1, 2021.

A free webinar on the Level 2 rebate program, which will include guidelines for applications, will be offered at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 26, ahead of the official launch on Monday, February 1. To sign up for the webinar, send an email with the subject line "Level 2 webinar" to EnergyInfo@adeq.state.ar.us by 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 25.

Installations completed before February 1 will not be eligible for the program.

The second program will provide funding assistance for the installation of approximately three 150-kW DC fast charging stations, which can charge electric vehicles in as little as 30 minutes. More information about this program will be announced later in the first quarter of 2021.

The funding for these programs is part of the \$14.6 million awarded to Arkansas through the Volkswagen Settlement. For more information about all of the Arkansas programs funded by the Settlement, go to https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/vw.aspx.

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