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## E&E RECEIVES FIRST LEVEL 2 EVSE REBATE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment (E&E) recently received its first applications for the Level 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Rebate Program. This State Environmental Mitigation Trust, funded by the Volkswagen Settlement, began with \$215,563 for this year. (That same amount will be available for each of the next three years.) E&E has developed a "tracker" ([www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/vw.aspx#EVSE](http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/vw.aspx#EVSE)) so all interested parties can keep a close eye on the changing "balance" of this important rebate program.

This innovative program—open to government, private and non-profit entities—provides rebates for the installation of Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations, which can charge electric vehicles in eight hours or less using a 240-volt output.



Transportation and Sustainability Coordinator Patti Springs of the Division of Environmental Quality, Office of Energy, said, "While the plans have been in place for some time now, it was exciting to actually receive our first rebate applications. There's no question that there are many Arkansas agencies and businesses who are excited to do their part to help reduce emissions." She added, "We are confident that these rebate applications are just the first of many."

To receive a rebate, **eligible participants must submit an application** to E&E which will issue rebates on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds will be available **until December 31, 2021**, or until all funds allocated to the program year have been committed.

The Level 2 EVSE Rebate Program provides rebates based on the price of the EVSE that was installed on or after February 1, 2021. Applications must be received by E&E within 60 days of the date that the equipment installation was completed.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### DOE ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: GOALS ARE IMPROVED EFFICIENCY & REDUCED CARBON EMISSIONS

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently announced two new funding opportunities to improve efficiency and reduce carbon emissions among cars, trucks, and off-road vehicles. The funding, which is in excess of \$162 million, will support the next stage of the SuperTruck initiatives, which includes electrifying freight trucking and expanding the nation's electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure. Both are intended to lower emissions for on- and off-road vehicles.

"Getting to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 means we must aggressively cut down the largest source of emissions: the transportation sector," said **Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm**. "DOE's first two SuperTruck initiatives led the biggest truck makers in the American semi market to take massive leaps in fuel efficiency. This new funding triples down on that progress with a push towards electrifying trucks of all sizes, along with efforts to expand EV charging access and develop low-emission car engines." DOE has reported that the new funding seeks to address the two largest contributors to transportation sector emissions: passenger cars and light-duty trucks, and medium- and heavy-duty trucks.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE AT  
[www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-162-million-decarbonize-cars-and-trucks](http://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-162-million-decarbonize-cars-and-trucks)

AUG. 16, 2021, 8 A.M.  
TO  
AUG. 18, 2021, 4 P.M.  
@ TACOMA, WA

ADD TO CALENDAR

### GREEN TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT & EXPO

The 10th annual Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) is the region's premier clean transportation convening event. There has not been a time when clean transportation has had as much potential. With this year's theme of Reflecting + Refocusing on a Resilient Future, we are giving particular attention to recent events affecting our communities and livelihood. We will create space to ensure these critical topics are addressed.

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