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THE CFI PROGRAM

\$2.5 BILLION FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE



The US Department of Transportation introduced a new competitive grant program, the **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program** (CFI program), aimed at strategically deploying publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in both urban and rural areas, as well as designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

The CFI program will invest \$2.5 billion over the next five years and will provide two funding categories of grants: (1) Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and (2) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program). These investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles.

The program offers up to \$700 million from fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to deploy EV charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure in publicly accessible locations, including downtown areas and local neighborhoods, with a particular focus on underserved areas. Eligible applicants include:

- States or political subdivision of states
- Metropolitan planning organizations
- Unit of local governments
- Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, including port authorities
- Authorities, agencies, or instrumentalities or entities owned by, one or more entities listed above
- Group of entities listed above
- State or local authorities with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities (applies to Community Program only)

Applications must be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

For more information on the CFI program including an informational webinar visit: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi

AAEF SEEKS INDUSTRY LEADERS' FEEDBACK

The Arkansas Advanced Energy Foundation (AAEF) is focused on advanced energy and sustainability careers in the state. With an initial grant of \$2M over four years through the Office of Skills Development, AAEF aims to start the Arkansas Advanced Energy Apprenticeship Program as a registered provider with the US Department of Labor. The program will develop apprenticeships based on employer needs in the identified solar, EV, energy efficiency, and other advanced energy sectors. AAEF would like to hear from EV manufacturers and EV charging industry leaders about their current and future workforce needs. Please contact **April Ambrose** with questions, to schedule a meeting about the apprenticeship program, or provide future workforce focused feedback.

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COFFEE WITH A RESEARCHER 5: Integrating Micro Mobility with Transit and other Modes

MAY 25 | 2-3 PM

Register at: https://nrel.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscuqrqDgsH_p0-4Afs-WUBWHM8nFzDyQ

