Discretionary Grant Program for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also referred to as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), created new transportation programs and provided additional funding to existing programs. This Program is one of two new programs (the other is the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, which provides funding to states) to help fund electric vehicle (EV) charging. BIL makes the installation of EV charging infrastructure an eligible expense under the USDOT Surface Transportation Block Grant formula program.

Purpose

Competitive grant program to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure along designated alternative fuel corridors. At least 50 percent of this funding must be used for a community grant program where priority is given to projects that expand access to EV charging and alternative fueling infrastructure within rural areas, low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, and communities with a low ratio of private parking spaces.

Funding

\$2.5 billion (FY 22-26)

Eligible Projects

- Acquisition and installation of publicly accessible EV charging or alternative fueling infrastructure
- Operating assistance (for the first 5 years after installation)
- Acquisition and installation of traffic control devices

Eligible Entities

- State or political subdivision of a State
- MPO
- Local governments
- Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function
- Indian Tribe
- Territory

Other Key Provisions

- Requirement to redesignate alternative fuel corridors and establish a process to regularly redesignate these corridors
- Set-aside (50%) to install EV charging and alternative fueling infrastructure on public roads or in other publicly accessible locations, such as parking facilities at public buildings, schools, and parks

Additional information can be requested from the IIJA Request for Information site.