

Oregon Electric Mobility Grant Overview

Steps to Apply

1. Verify Eligibility
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3. Complete Application Form
4. Provide Supporting Documentation
5. Submit application package

Applications are due on or before **August 31, 2023 at 5pm PDT**. Formal review will be done through October with award announcements expected in November. The completed Application Form should be sent to plugin@pacificpower.net as a Word document (.doc or .docx) or PDF file with “Electric Mobility Grant” in the subject line. Supporting Documentation can be combined into a single PDF or attached as separate files. The signed certification page may be submitted as a separate document in a PDF or image file.

Electric Mobility Grant Information

Pacific Power is pleased to make electric transportation grant funding available to Pacific Power non-residential customers in Oregon. Funding awards will cover up to 100 percent of the eligible costs associated with studying, planning, promoting, or deploying electric transportation technology and projects.

The grants are designed to support projects that advance transportation electrification in underserved communities¹, including areas with low density of public charging. Grant recipients will serve as project lead, responsible for project design, implementation, project management, equipment purchase, installation, operations and maintenance, awareness building, data collection, and data transfer to Pacific Power.

Funding for this grant is made possible by the Oregon Clean Fuels Program (CFP) administered by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The CFP was initially authorized by the legislature in 2009, with subsequent legislation in 2015 allowing the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to fully implement the program in 2016. The program’s goals are to “advance methods [for] accelerating the generation and aggregation of clean fuels credits by utilities that can advance the transportation electrification goals set forth in Senate Bill 1044 (2019).” The current CFP is designed

¹ Underserved communities include residents of rental or multifamily housing, communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, frontier communities, coastal communities and other communities adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards (Oregon House Bill 2165)

to reduce the average carbon intensity of transportation fuels used in Oregon by at least 10% below 2015 levels by 2025.

The timeline for the current funding cycle is provided in Table I. below.

Table 1. Electric Mobility Grant

Step 1: Application Solicitation	Applications open May 1st
Step 2: Evaluation	Applications due August 31st
Step 3: Selection and Notification	Applicants notified of grant award decision in November

Grant recipients will complete projects within 18 months from the date of award. Recipients may request an up-front payment of up to 75 percent of the total project amount, and 25 percent as the project is completed. *(Please indicate your funding preference in the Application Form).*

Requirements and Eligibility

Applicant Eligibility: Applications will be considered for review if the minimum criteria are met:

- Benefits residential customers
- Applicant is a PacifiCorp customer or provides benefits to PacifiCorp customers
- Applicant needs funding
- Project will stimulate the electric mobility marketplace
- Project package includes completed Application Form and all required Supporting Documentation (refer to checklist in Application Form and Supplemental Information Form)
- Recipients of a Pacific Power eMobility Grant within the last 3 years are welcome to apply but their application may be less competitive compared to new applicants.

All Pacific Power customers in Oregon on a non-residential electric service schedule are eligible to apply for program funds with preference given to community-focused organizations, such as 501(c)(3); city, county, and regional governments with demonstrated need for funding; and Non-profit organizations and governmental entities serving or representing traditionally underserved communities and Pacific Power residential customers. Non-residential includes multi-unit dwelling sites on a non-residential electric schedule. To be considered, applicants must:

- Submit an Application Form and Supporting Documentation to ensure project feasibility accuracy of project cost estimates.
- Demonstrate need for project funding.
- Participate in data sharing and program evaluation activities, such as surveys and questionnaires.

Application Evaluation

Pacific Power will use an independent, third-party grant manager to review and score projects based on established criteria outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Applicant Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Measures
Project Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of the project plan and timeline. • Readiness of the project team. • Identified potential project barriers and demonstrated strategic response.
Use of Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has financial commitment and leverages funds from other sources. • Alignment of project costs with industry standards. • Reasonableness of the proposed budget (i.e., risk of exceeding budget).
Innovation <i>*Does not apply to EVSE-only projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative project design, partnerships, and utilization of resources, particularly in serving underserved populations. • The project is innovative and unique. • Likelihood of stimulating the electric mobility marketplace.
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves rural community. • Community accessibility. • Applicant has strong commitment to diversity, equity, & inclusion (DEI) as demonstrated by diversity of the organization's members, and the community it serves.

Additional Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education plan and awareness building opportunities. • Proximity to areas with known air quality issues. • Alignment with the applicant’s broader environmental mission or goals.
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Project Examples

In order to adapt to a rapidly evolving market, there is flexibility in the types of projects that may be considered for grant funding. Below is an example of a type of project the program is designed to enable.

Central Oregon Community College

In the fall of 2019 Central Oregon Community College (COCC) and nonprofit 350 Deschutes partnered to install two charging stations each on the Redmond and Madras campus parking lots. The project enabled COCC to participate in the important work of developing EV Charging Station infrastructure to support and keep pace with the current demand and the state’s aims for increased numbers of EVs on the road. Additionally, the grant provided the opportunity for the college to strengthen industry partnerships, progress towards sustainability goals, provide new equipment to be used in instruction, and work towards a cleaner future for the region.

The project at COCC is a prime example of the type of project envisioned for grant funding as it supports rural communities, tests new and innovative solutions to addressing market barriers, includes other partners, and provides data and learning that can be applied in Pacific Power’s future planning efforts.

Other representative potential project types are shown below in Table 2.

Applicant	Project Description
<i>Non-profit</i>	A nonprofit organization might use this grant to install EVSE for electric fleet vehicles and employee/client use and/or community charging
<i>Higher Education</i>	A community college or university might use this grant to support technical training on transportation electrification as well as public awareness by installing charging stations for students, staff, and the general public.
<i>Local Government</i>	A city might use this grant to deploy a make-ready program or fund a needs assessment report.

<i>Community Car Share</i>	Projects modeled after existing community car sharing pilots that test strategies to improve access to electric cars in underserved communities.
<i>Public Transit and School Bus Program</i>	A local city or school might use this grant to plan for and offset the price of transitioning their buses to electric.
<i>Community Outreach and Education Program</i>	A nonprofit organization might use this grant to provide ride and drive events to underserved communities and provide exposure to new, affordable transportation electrification technology.
<i>Other</i>	Creative solutions proposed by non-residential customers that meet the evaluation criteria will be considered for funding.