

## Washington Communities Grant Overview

### Steps to Apply

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

Applications are due on or before **October 31, 2024 at 5pm PDT**. Formal review will be done through November with award announcements expected in January.

## Washington Communities Grant Information

Pacific Power is pleased to make electric transportation grant funding available to Pacific Power non-residential customers in Washington. 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 named communities<sup>1</sup>, 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Named communities are communities identified as being highly impacted communities identified by the Washington Department of Health census tract as covered or partially covered by “Indian Country” as defined and designated by statute (RCW 19.405.020) or a census tract ranking a nine or nine on the Washington Tracking Network Environmental Health Disparities Map, as designated by the Washington Department of Health. This is further overlaid with vulnerability characteristics defined by specific categories during the development of the Clean Energy Implementation Plan. Vulnerable populations are communities that experience a disproportionate cumulative risk from environmental burdens due to (a) Adverse socioeconomic factors, including unemployment, high housing and transportation costs relative to income, linguistic isolation, and access to food, education, technology, broadband, health care, capital and credit; and (b) Sensitivity factors, such as mental health, low birth weight, and higher rates of hospitalization.

Please see the FAQ for a full list of qualifying census tracts.

The Clean Fuel Standard passed by the Legislature in 2021 (E3SHB 1091) does just that - requiring fuel suppliers to reduce the carbon intensity of their products 20% below 2017 levels by 2038. This is expected to cut statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 4.3 million metric tons a year by 2038 - and also drive new investment in clean fuel technology and production.

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

### Washington Communities Grant Timeline

<b>Step 1:</b> Application Solicitation	Applications open July 1st
<b>Step 2:</b> Evaluation	Applications due October 31st
<b>Step 3:</b> Selection and Notification	Applicants notified of grant award decision in January 2025

Grant recipients will complete projects within three years 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:

- Applicant is a non-residential Pacific Power customer that focuses on serving named communities. The project benefits will accrue to or within named communities.
- Project package includes completed application and all required supporting documentation

All Pacific Power customers in Washington 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. 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.
- Be selected for an award on a competitive basis and accept all terms and conditions related to the grant. Participate in data sharing and program evaluation activities, including sharing information on EVSE usage and other evaluation activities such as surveys and questionnaires.
- If installing infrastructure, agree to PacifiCorp serving as a credit aggregator in the Clean Fuels Program and consent to providing data necessary or access to systems to enable for reporting.

## 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. Pacific Power will make final selection decisions based on the individual applicant scoring, as well as considerations to ensure a balanced selection of awards aligned with requirements from the Washington Department of Ecology and the Transportation Electrification Plan.

**Table 1. Applicant Evaluation Criteria**

Criteria	Measures
<b>Community Benefits and Impact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The named community demonstrated strong evidence of need.</li> <li>• The project addresses the identified need.</li> <li>• The project is innovative and impactful by delivering direct community benefits in both quantifiable and qualitative terms (e.g. economic, environmental, educational, and/or social).</li> <li>• The project demonstrated commitment to visibility and outreach within named communities.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability and Use of Funds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has a long-term plan to ensure continuous operation and/or awareness of for the lifetime of the project.</li> <li>• The applicant has a plan to adapt the project to meet the needs of the community over time.</li> <li>• Applicant has clearly demonstrated financial need.</li> <li>• The proposed budget is justified and reasonable. If additional resources are needed to complete the project, the applicant has obtained/has plans to obtain additional resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Equity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community will be provided opportunities for input and ongoing engagement with the project.</li> <li>• There is a high likelihood of advancing electric transportation for the applicant and the broader underserved community.</li> <li>• The project contains a detailed plan to directly address barriers to communities currently underserved by electric transportation.</li> </ul>
<b>Feasibility &amp; Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project plan and timeline are reasonable.</li> <li>• The project team demonstrates readiness of the applicant.</li> <li>• The proposal identified milestones throughout the project and considers potential evaluation methods.</li> <li>• The technology is appropriate for the physical site and the intended use of technology.</li> </ul>

## 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.

### *Community College*

A Community College and a nonprofit partnered to install two charging stations each on two campus parking lots. The project enabled the community college 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 the community college 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.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
<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 fleet 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.
<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 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.