



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Electric Vehicle Charger Program?

In 2011 the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board (Board) approved the use of \$25,000 collected from vehicle registration fees in Ventura County to participate in the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program by providing incentives for the installation of publicly usable electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Since then, the Board has approved \$25,000 every year to be used towards the installation of EV chargers in an effort to assist the state in meeting its EV adoption targets and to reduce air pollution associated with the use of combustion vehicles. This investment in infrastructure continues to reduce emissions that contribute to Ventura County's nonattainment of the federal and state ozone standards and the State particulate matter standard (PM₁₀), which includes emissions of reactive organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen, and particulate matter.

What projects are eligible for this Program?

The intent of the Electric Vehicle Charger Program is to increase the number of publicly available charging stations to support the growing number of EVs on our roads. The EV chargers should be available to the general public at least during normal business hours and the cost to charge vehicles should be reasonable. Incentive funds are only available as reimbursement, and only cover the cost of equipment. All installation and service costs are to be covered by the applicants.

Who is eligible to apply for this Program?

Any public or private agency, individual, business, or group in Ventura County may apply for these grant funds if all other requirements are met:

1. Applicants must own the property where the charging infrastructure will be located or have written permission to install the equipment by the owner,
2. Charging infrastructure must be available to the public for use at a reasonable rate,
3. Purchase and installation of equipment occurs after Board approval.

How are projects selected?

Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds generally become available in July at the start of the District's fiscal year. Once District staff has determined a complete application package has been received, it is reviewed by the Board at the next available meeting. Only after the Board approves a project can the applicant purchase equipment and arrange project related services. The whole approval process may take two to three months.

How do I apply?

You may contact Danny McQillan at 805-645-1432 or email danny@vcapcd.org to find out if funds are still available. Example applications of past projects are available upon request. An application package shall include a written proposal which describes the project, project location, and funding amount requested; a quote from the equipment vendor; and map of project area. Please submit all complete applications to danny@vcapcd.org for review and processing.

Examples of locations with recent projects funded

- Westview Apartments in Ventura, CA
- Cal Lutheran University
- Oak Park High School
- Oak Park School District Offices
- City of Ojai

Application tips:

- To improve your chance of receiving a grant, request a smaller percentage of the equipment cost.
- To improve project appeal, if feasible, consider offering free services (e.g. EV charging) to the public.

Still have questions?

Contact Danny McQuillan by email at danny@vcapcd.org or by phone at (805) 645-1432.