

## It Pay\$ to Plug In: NJ’s Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are completed projects eligible for a grant?
  - No. Department must approve the grant application and finalize a grant agreement with the applicant before the charging stations are purchased and before work begins on the installation.
  
2. Does the grant money have to be applied only to purchase of the charging station?
  - No. The grant money can cover purchase, installation, and a 3-year maintenance agreement for the charging stations. Signage and painting specific to the electric vehicle parking spots are eligible installation costs.
  
3. How much are the grants?
  - Upon completion of work in accordance with the eligibility criteria, NJDEP will reimburse each applicant for a percentage of eligible costs, up to a maximum of:
    - \$750 per Level 1 charging station;
    - \$5,000 per single-port Level 2 charging station;
    - \$6,000 per dual-port Level 2 charging station.

Location	Charging station available to the general public	Charging station on government-owned property	Charging station on non-government-owned property
Public place	Yes	100% up to maximum	80% up to maximum
Workplace	No	60% up to maximum	60% up to maximum
Multi-unit dwelling	No	60% up to maximum	60% up to maximum

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4. Are DC Fast Chargers eligible for grants?
  - No, not at this time.
  
5. Can you recommend a charging station vendor?
  - No, but you can [click here](#) to compare models. The Department does not endorse or recommend any particular brands or vendors of equipment.
  
6. If a charging station is donated to us, can we still apply for a grant?
  - Yes. If the applicant will retain ownership of the charging station, they may still apply for a grant to cover the installation costs and a 3-year maintenance agreement.



7. Who pays for the electricity?
  - The owner of the charging stations will pay for the electricity, unless another arrangement has been made with their property owner. The charging station owner may impose a reasonable fee for the electricity on users of the equipment.
8. What is the average cost of electricity used by a charging station?
  - Based on typical usage, the average cost of electricity for a Level 1 station would be around \$1-2 per day, and \$4-5 per day for a Level 2 charging station.
9. Is a dual-port charging station considered one or two stations?
  - One. A charging station that is able to charge more than one vehicle simultaneously is still considered only one charging station, however it is eligible for up to \$6,000.
  - Reimbursement from the Department will not exceed payment receipts.
10. How many charging stations can an applicant apply for?
  - There is no limit. The Department does reserve the right to limit the number of approved charging stations per applicant based on funding availability.
11. Is a Tax ID the same as a Vendor ID#?
  - No. A Vendor ID# is a New Jersey-specific identifier that all organizations doing business with the State must maintain in order to be properly input in the New Jersey Department of Treasury system.
12. How do I get a Vendor ID#?
  - When an organization signs up for [NJStart](#), the New Jersey Department of Treasury will email the Vendor ID# to the organization's contact person.
13. Is there still funding available?
  - New funding for the program is anticipated in the near future. We are accepting applications now for the waiting list.

#### **Questions about Workplace Charging Projects**

14. Where can I find more information for workplace charging hosts?
  - See the "Workplace Charging Resources" box at [www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html](http://www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html)
15. Can I offer free charging to my employees?
  - You can offer free charging as an amenity for your employees, or you can require a reasonable fee to cover electricity costs and/or a minor administrative cost. It's up to you.
16. Are fleets eligible to apply?



- Yes, fleets are eligible as long as the fleet owner and project otherwise satisfy the eligibility criteria.

17. For a workplace charging project, can the charging stations also be made available to the public?

- Yes, as long as the charging stations are available for employee parking or fleet charging during regular business hours.

18. Is there a requirement for a minimum number of employees to drive electric vehicles to be eligible for a grant?

- No.

### Questions about Public Charging Projects

19. Where can I find more information for public charging station hosts?

- See the “Public Charging Resources” box at [www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html](http://www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html)

20. What are some examples of public charging projects?

- These are charging stations that are available to the public. Examples include, but are not limited to, charging stations in downtown areas, public parking lots and garages, hotels, transit centers, destinations and attractions, colleges and universities, retail parking areas, and public parks. If you’re not sure whether your project would qualify, contact us!

21. Can I offer free charging to the public?

- You can offer free charging as an amenity to the public, or you can require a reasonable fee to cover the cost of electricity and/or a minor administrative cost. It’s up to you.

### Questions about Multi-Unit Dwelling Charging Projects

22. Where can I find more information for charging station hosts at Multi-Unit Dwellings?

- See the “Residential/Multi-Unit Dwelling Resources” box at [www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html](http://www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html)

23. What qualifies as a Multi-Unit Dwelling?

- Apartments, condominiums, and townhouses. There must be a minimum of 4 units to qualify for a grant.

24. Who can apply for a grant for a Multi-Unit Dwelling project?

- The property owner, property manager, or Homeowners Association can apply.

25. Can an individual tenant or condominium owner apply for a grant?

- No, individual residents can not apply. The property owner, property manager, or Homeowners Association must apply.



**Questions about Car Share Projects**

26. Are charging stations for car-sharing program vehicles eligible for grants?

- We will consider applications for charging stations associated with car-sharing programs.

27. What is the reimbursement percentage for a charging station associated with a car-share vehicle?

- The reimbursement percentage depends on the ownership of the property on which the charging station is located, and whether the charger and vehicle are available to the general public. NJDEP will reimburse for a percentage of eligible costs, up to a maximum of:
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**For More Information**

28. I read through the materials, and I’m still not sure whether my project would qualify. What now?

- Please email us at [DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov](mailto:DriveGreen@dep.nj.gov) or call (609) 292-7953. We have several funding sources for the program; different projects may qualify for grants depending on the funding source.

29. Where can I find more information for potential charging station hosts?

- NJDEP’s DriveGreen New Jersey website is a good place to start. See the “Charging” section of the site at [www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html](http://www.drivegreen.nj.gov/charging.html)

30. I have more questions about It Pay\$ to Plug In.

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