FUNDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE GROWTH

One of the biggest obstacles to the rapid adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) is the lack of widespread charging infrastructure. Unfortunately, slower EV adoption often means that businesses and organizations can be hesitant to install charging infrastructure. Montana’s Charge Your Ride program intends to overcome these barriers by funding EV infrastructure. By helping encourage EV adoption, Charge Your Ride aims to limit harmful greenhouse gas emissions, improve Montana’s air quality, and help to grow the burgeoning EV market and associated economic development.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any government, non-profit, or for-profit entity is eligible to apply for funding. Applicants for the program must be able to commit to the funding match requirement and find a host site to commit to maintaining the charging station(s) for a minimum of five years. If your organization can commit to those basic requirements, you’re welcome to apply!

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Charge Your Ride funding can be used to fund Level 2 EV charging stations and, in limited cases, Level 3 chargers. The proposed charger must be located in a publicly accessible location, workplace, or multi-unit dwelling. While not a requirement, it is desirable for the project to benefit vulnerable or disadvantaged populations.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

For the 2019–2020 funding opportunity, $220,550 is still available. Non-government entities are required to contribute a 20% match for stations installed at public locations and 40% for workplace and multi-unit dwelling charging stations. Government entities must contribute 10%.

The maximum amount of funding available for a single-port Level 2 station is $4,000 and $8,500 for a dual port station. For the eligible Level 3 ports up to $30,000 may be awarded on a limited basis. Funding is distributed on a reimbursement basis.

The application deadlines for 2020 are:

- January 13
- March 16
- May 18
- August 31

For more information, go to:
deq.mt.gov/Energy/transportation/VW-settlement-Page
or email
KMaki@mt.gov

LEVEL 2 EV CHARGERS
- 240 volts
- 10–60 miles of range per hour of charging time
- Works with plug in hybrids or fully electric cars

LEVEL 3 EV CHARGERS
- 480 volts
- 60–80 miles of range per 20 minutes of charging time
- Works with fully electric cars only