



**Application to the Federal Highway Administration's
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary
Grant Program
Business Item 2023-113 SW**



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2050 Regional Planning – Draft Vision



- Our Region is Equitable, Inclusive, and Welcoming
- Our Communities are Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant
- **We Lead on Addressing Climate Change**
- We Protect and Restore Natural Systems

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program)



- To deploy electric vehicle charging and other alternative fueling infrastructure
- \$2.5B 2022-2026
- Notice of Funding Opportunity issued March 14
 - FY 2022 and 2023 funds
 - \$700M available
 - Federal share shall not exceed 80%

Goals of the CFI Program



1. Supplement, not supplant, necessary private sector investment;
2. Complement existing Federal programs;
3. Facilitate broad public access to a national charging and alternative fuel infrastructure network to accelerate adoption of zero emissions vehicles;
4. Implement Justice40 objectives, lower transportation costs, and increase economic opportunity;
5. Advance job quality, workforce development, and workforce equity; and
6. Reduce greenhouse gas and vehicle-related emissions.

CFI Community Grants



- Minimum \$500k
- Maximum \$15M
- \$350M available for FY22 & FY23
- Prioritizes
 - Rural areas,
 - low- and-moderate income neighborhoods, and
 - communities with a low ratio of private parking spaces to households or a high ratio of multiunit dwellings to single family homes

CFI Corridor Grants



- Minimum \$1M
- No maximum
- \$350M available for FY22 & FY23
- 4 DC Fast Charging ports
- Along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors
 - Interstates 94, 35, 35E & 35W
- Fill in gaps to better serve visitors to our region and those traveling through with a variety of stops

Council Application



- Design an application to score well
- Broadly serve our region
- Accelerate electrification
- Pass-through funds to cities and counties, and other eligible entities
- Significant request to fully realize the opportunity
- Coordination efforts
 - MnDOT
 - MPCA
 - Local partners request for location suggestions

Logistics



- Great Plains Institute supporting application
- Coordinating with other MN applicants
- Timeline
 - Application due June 13
 - If awarded
 - Obligation by September 2025 or 2026
 - Expended by September 2030 or 2031
- Council Income/Grants Policy requires Council approval

Proposed Actions



That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Services Division to:

1. Develop and submit a grant application, and related materials for the Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program.
2. If successful, negotiate and execute a project agreement for authorization.



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