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Since there are numerous funding opportunities offered by federal and state grants, this information is quickly outdated and new opportunities are added regularly. We encourage you to view the original webpage for current information.

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### **DOE | [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program](#)**

Distributed by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Deadline extended to October 31, 2024 for local governments and May 31, 2025 for Tribes.

- EECBG seeks to reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency in transportation.
- Funding can be used for light-duty EV charging infrastructure and planning.
- Funding is available until funds are expended.

### **EPA | [Community Change Grants Program](#)**

Distributed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The window for applications is open until November 21, 2024.

Projects funded may include installing and deploying low- or zero-emission transportation solutions.

Eligible entities include

- A partnership between two community-based organizations
- A partnership between a community-based organization and
  - A local government
  - An institute of higher education
  - A Federally-Recognized Tribe

View the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) to learn more.

### **EPA | [Clean School Bus Program Rebates](#)**

Distributed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The window for applications is open until January 9, 2025.

The EPA anticipates offering up to \$965 million in total funding to subsidize the purchase of zero-emission (ZE) or clean school buses, enabling eligible entities to replace existing diesel buses.

View the [Clean School Bus Program Rebates](#) Website for eligibility information, Q&A, application templates, and more. Don't forget to register for upcoming [Clean School Bus Webinars](#) from EPA to learn more.

### **EDA | [Planning and Research Technical Assistance Grant Programs](#)**

Distributed by the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Applications are submitted through EDA's Economic Development Grants Experience Portal.

The [Research and National Technical Assistance Grant](#) supports research and technical assistance projects, including workforce development and technical assistance relative to EVs.

The [Planning and Local Technical Assistance Grant Program](#) serves to support recipients with short-term and state-planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs. This funding can be used for EV technical assistance, infrastructure planning, and workforce development. To view the regional offices, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) number, and states served, please visit the website.

### **FHWA | [Carbon Reduction Program](#)**

Distributed by the Federal Highway Administration.

Funded from Oct. 1, 2021–Sept. 30, 2026.

The Carbon Reduction Program provides funding to develop carbon reduction strategies and fund projects to reduce carbon emissions from on-road highway sources.

Funds can be stacked with other eligible USDOT funding for projects, if the eligibility requirements and applicable Federal share are met for each program. Visit [the program's website](#) for additional information.

### **FHWA | [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement](#)**

Distributed by the Federal Highway Administration to each state.

Funded from Oct. 1, 2021–Sept. 30, 2026.

CMAQ funds the purchase of medium- and heavy-duty electric vehicles and EV charging infrastructure in nonattainment or maintenance areas for ozone, carbon monoxide, and/or particulate matter.

- Eligible entities include state departments of transportation, local governments, and transit agencies. Non-government organizations may apply for funding if they enter into a public-private partnership with the above eligible entities.
- Up to 50% of CMAQ funds can be transferred to qualified programs such as the National Highway Freight Program and the Carbon Reduction Program.

### **FHWA | [Reduction of Truck Emissions at Ports Grant Program](#)**

Distributed by the Federal Highway Administration.

Funded from Oct 1, 2021–Sept 30, 2026

20% Required Match

This program provides funding to study truck idling and zero-emission alternatives at ports and for eligible entities to deploy projects in or adjacent to ports that reduce port emissions; including:

- Development of port-related infrastructure
- Usage of on-truck technologies
- Usage of low- or zero-emissions powertrains or fuels
- Reduction of congestion in or adjacent to ports
- Electrification or improvement in the efficiency of port operations

Funding will be made available each fiscal year.

### **USDA | [Community Facilities Direct Grant Program](#)**

Distributed by the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

Application window is open year-round.

As part of the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Programs, the Community Facilities Grant Program provides additional funding, along with that for vehicle acquisition for communities in rural areas.

Eligible borrowers include public bodies, community-based non-profit organizations, and federally-recognized tribes in cities, villages, townships, and towns with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data.

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## State

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### **IL EPA | [Driving a Cleaner Illinois - VW Round 7 - Transit Buses](#)**

Distributed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Application window opened October 08, 2024 and will remain open until funding is depleted. Approximately \$27 million for all-electric transit buses.

Driving a Cleaner Illinois is the Illinois EPA's grant program developed to distribute funding for various types of diesel emission reduction projects involving on-road vehicles, off-road equipment, and electric charging.

Through the Driving a Cleaner Illinois program, The Illinois EPA is making Volkswagen Settlement funding available to fund the replacement of existing diesel transit buses with new all-electric transit buses. The Illinois EPA anticipates that approximately 40 buses could be funded. Click here to view the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

### **IL EPA | [Individual Electric Vehicle Rebate Program \(Coming Soon\)](#)**

Distributed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Illinois EPA plans to open the next rebate application cycle in mid-January 2025. The Illinois General Assembly has appropriated \$14 million for rebates in the current fiscal year.

- \$4,000 Rebate for an All-Electric Vehicle
- \$1,500 Rebate for an All-Electric Motorcycle

For details on eligibility, visit [IEPA's Electric Vehicle Rebate Program page](#).

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## Utility

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### **ComEd Rebates | [For Businesses](#)**

Business and public sector customers may qualify to get a rebate for upgrading vehicles to electric.

- Fleet Vehicles, Class 1-2 (Light duty) rebates
  - Base rebate: \$5,000
  - Select Customers Rebate\*: \$7,500

- Fleet Vehicles, Class 3-6 EV (Medium duty) rebates
  - Base rebate: \$20,000
  - Select Customers Rebate\*: \$30,000
- Fleet Vehicles, Class 7-8 EV (Heavy duty) rebates
  - Base rebate: \$50,000
  - Select Customers Rebate\*: \$75,000
- Transit Bus >=30' rebates
  - Base rebate: \$80,000
  - Select Customers Rebate\*: \$120,000
- K-12 School Bus >=35' rebates
  - Base rebate: \$120,000
  - Select Customers Rebate\*: \$180,000

Visit [ComEd's Business and Public Sector EV Program page](#) for more information.

Business and public sector customers can also receive rebates on make-ready infrastructure, whether located on the customer side or ComEd side of the meter for Level 2 ("L2") and Direct Current Fast Chargers ("DCFC" or Level 3).

- Make-Ready Rebates for infrastructure serving Level 2 (L2) Charger
  - Base Rebate: Make-ready rebate of up to \$5,333 per port with a 10-port maximum
  - Select Customers\* Rebate: Make-ready rebate of up to \$8,000 per port with a 10-port maximum
- Make-Ready Rebates for infrastructure serving Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs or Level 3 chargers)
  - Base Rebate: Make-ready rebate of up to \$667 per kW with a minimum of 50 kW (maximum rebate of \$500,000)
  - Select Customers\* Rebate: Make-ready rebate of up to \$1,000 per kW, with a minimum of 50 kW (maximum rebate of \$500,000)
- [Click here to begin your application.](#)
- Factsheet | [ComEd Business and Public Sector Electric Vehicle Programs](#)
- Learn more about Make-Ready Infrastructure [here](#).

*\*Select Customers are defined as (1) a customer who domiciles in a low-income community and/or primarily serves in a low-income community. Domicile includes the location vehicles are permanently assigned, most frequently used, or dispatched from (2) a customer who domiciles in an Environmental Justice ("EJ") community or a Restore, Reinvest, Renew ("R3") community, collectively referred to as an Equity Investment Select Community ("EIEC"), and/or predominantly services in an EIEC (3) a customer who demonstrates through attestation that over 50% of the driving done by the vehicle at issue is in a low-income community or EIECs (4) Chicago Transit Authority when seeking rebates for transit buses. Restrictions apply; refer to full program details and set of program requirements in the [Program's Terms & Conditions](#).*

### **ComEd Rebates | [Residential](#)**

The program offers rebates for the installation and purchase of Level 2 (L2) electric vehicle (EV) chargers that are "smart" (i.e. Wi-Fi enabled), ENERGY STAR® certified, and Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) certified to Residential ComEd Customers.

- Charger installation must be completed before submission of a Program application.
- The base rebate is up to \$2,500, for Select Customers the rebate is up to \$3,750.
- See the program terms and conditions for more information on eligibility for the higher rebate.
- [Click here to begin your application.](#)

## Illinois Propane Gas Association | Propane Vehicle Incentives

- Any propane vehicle that is registered and operated in the state of Illinois is eligible for up to \$4,000 for the purchase of a new propane vehicle or cost of the conversion if less than \$4,000.
- All rebate and incentive applications must be submitted by your Illinois propane provider to qualify. If you have purchased a new propane vehicle or converted a vehicle to propane, contact your propane provider to apply. View the [Rebate Guidelines](#) for more information.
- Learn more on the [Illinois Propane Gas Association website](#).

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## Tax Credits

Distributed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Available from Jan. 1, 2023–Dec. 31, 2032

- [Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Tax Credit \(30C\)](#)
  - Allows individuals to receive a tax credit of 30% of the cost of the EV charging infrastructure, with a maximum amount of \$1,000 in eligible low-income communities or non-urban areas.
  - Businesses will receive a 6% tax credit for the cost of the EV charging infrastructure, with a maximum amount of \$100,000 per unit of property (i.e., per charging station). If the EV charging infrastructure installed by the business meets certain prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements, the eligible tax credit increases to 30%. The business must be in an eligible location: a low-income community or a non-urban area.
- [Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit \(45W\)](#)
  - Businesses and tax-exempt organizations qualify for the credit. To qualify, a vehicle must be subject to a depreciation allowance, with an exception for vehicles placed in service by a tax-exempt organization and not subject to a lease.
    - Less than 14,000 pounds (typically cars, vans, trucks, and similar passenger-sized vehicles): maximum credit \$7,500
    - 14,000 pounds or more (typically larger vehicles like school buses and semi-trucks): maximum credit \$40,000
- [New Clean Vehicle Tax Credit \(30D\)](#)
  - Allows individuals to receive a credit of up to \$7,500 for a new electric vehicle.
  - Must meet certain income and vehicle requirements.
    - \$3,750 if the EV meets the critical minerals requirement only

- \$3,750 if the EV meets the battery components requirement only
    - \$7,500 if the EV meets both
  - For more information on qualified vehicles, please visit [the website](#). For the full listing of vehicles, please visit [fuelconomy.gov](http://fuelconomy.gov).
- [Used Clean Vehicle Tax Credit \(25E\)](#)
  - Allows individuals to receive a tax credit of 30% of the sale price, with a maximum credit of \$4,000 for a used electric vehicle. Individuals will also be able to “transfer” the credit to a qualified dealer and receive the credit as a point-of-sale incentive instead of a tax credit.
  - For more information on qualified vehicles, please visit [the website](#). For the full listing of vehicles, please visit [fuelconomy.gov](http://fuelconomy.gov).

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## Loan Programs

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### DOE | [Title 17 Clean Energy Financing – Innovative Energy and Supply Chain](#)

Distributed by the Department of Energy

- Provides financing for projects that deploy clean energy technologies or employ innovative clean energy supply chains.
- Among other areas, the program finances alternative fuel distribution facilities (e.g. for hydrogen) and advanced manufacturing practices for EV charging infrastructure.

### USDA | [Community Facilities Direct Loan Program](#)

Distributed by the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

The window for applications is open year-round.

- Provides funding for vehicle acquisition for communities in rural areas.

### USDA | [Electric Infrastructure Loan & Loan Guarantee Program](#)

Distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

The window for applications is open year-round.

- This program makes insured loans and loan guarantees to finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities in rural areas.
- Applicants must be retail or power supply providers. The loan guarantees up to 100% credit with 100% of the construction work plan financed. For more information, please see [the website](#).

### USDA | [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program](#)

Distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

The window for applications is open year-round.

- This program provides loans to finance energy efficiency and conservation projects for commercial, industrial, and residential consumers, including light-duty EV charging and infrastructure planning.
- Applicants must be in a rural area as well as be a utilities and/or an entity in the business of providing:



- Retail electric service to consumers,
- Wholesale electric supply to distribution entities, or
- Transmission service to distribution or generation entities.

For more information, please [visit the website](#).

### **USDA | [Rural Energy Savings Program](#)**

Distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

The window for applications is open.

- This loan program may be used for the purpose of implementing energy efficiency measures to decrease energy use or costs for rural families and small businesses, including light-duty charging and light-duty EV acquisition.
- For more details, such as the loan terms and how to apply, please [visit the website](#).

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## **Annual Programs (Currently Closed)**

### **EPA | [Diesel Emissions Reduction Act \(DERA\) Funding](#)**

Distributed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

- The program provides funding through grants and rebates to support various projects aimed at retrofitting, replacing, or upgrading diesel-powered vehicles and equipment.
- Eligible Projects:
  - Retrofit or replacement of existing diesel engines, vehicles, and equipment with EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified configurations.
  - Implementation of verified retrofit technologies and idle reduction strategies.
- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Applicants: state and local governments, tribal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private sector entities.
  - The program emphasizes the importance of using existing certified engine technology, with at least 50% of the funds allocated to public vehicle fleets.

### **IL DOT | [Illinois National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#)**

Distributed by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

- The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the first round of the Illinois National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program has now closed.
- IDOT is reviewing applications and will notify applicants of selection decisions once the review is complete.
- Please visit [Electric Vehicle Survey \(illinois.gov\)](#) to sign up for updates about future rounds of NEVI funding.

### **US DOT | [Neighborhood Access and Equity Program](#)**

Distributed by the Department of Transportation.

Funded from Oct 1, 2022–Sept 30, 2026

20% Match Required, except for projects in disadvantaged or underserved communities.



- The Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program will allow eligible applicants to plan and enact projects that improve connectivity in neighborhoods that have been negatively impacted by mass transportation.
- Sign up for [the program's listserv](#) for updates on future rounds of funding.