



Charged for Change

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

Frequently Asked Questions



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1. When is the application period?

The application period is open from January 3rd, 2023 at 8am EST to March 22nd, 2023 at 4pm EST.

2. I am a community located in a province/territory that is NOT Ontario. Can I still apply to the program?

In 2023, only communities located in Ontario are eligible to apply. We hope to open up eligibility to more provinces in subsequent years and encourage you to visit us next year for more information.

3. What are the eligibility criteria to apply?

To be considered for funding, the applicant must fulfill the following criteria:

- The project must be located in the province of Ontario;
- The applicant must be a municipality or an Indigenous community with less than 100,000 residents;
- There must be less one (1) public electric vehicle charging station per 8,610 people within a community;
- The applicant must be able to satisfy legal, insurance and other regulatory obligations with respect to the installation, use and maintenance of EV charging stations;
- The applicant must be able to submit all projects costs and fulfil its initial financial commitments as further discussed in the [Application Guide](#);
- All project sites, in particular the electric vehicle charging stations, must be branded with Aviva Canada and Earth Day Canada branding;
- The proposed project is not subject to Environmental Assessment laws or regulations of any governmental authority, including but not limited to the Impact Assessment Act (S.C. 2019, c. 28, s. 1) or the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (S.C. 1999, c. 33), and that the project has no adverse effects on the community, including any indigenous communities that may be situated near the project site;
- Use of EV charging stations that fulfill the following specifications:
 - Be a permanent installation (mounted or fixed models);
 - Be a new EV charger installation;
 - Be certified for use in Canada;
 - Be a standard level 2 charger;
 - Be able to communicate through wireless signal on status and report on usage and/or other capabilities;



- Increase localized charging opportunities in one of the following spaces, including but not limited to (i) Public Places; (ii) On-Street; (iii) Multi Unit Residential Buildings (MURBs); and (iv) Workplaces, as defined in the [Application Guide](#).

4. How is a “public electric vehicle charging station” defined for this program?

For the purposes of this program, a “public electric vehicle charging station” is a charging station that is made available to the general public to use, regardless of the fact that it is publicly or privately owned / that it is built on publicly or privately owned land.

Electric vehicle charging stations that are accessible through paid parking are not considered as public charging stations.

5. When will the selected communities be announced?

The selected communities will be directly contacted by Earth Day Canada after the Evaluation and Selection Committee deliberations.

A public announcement will then be made the week before April 22nd on the Earth Day Canada and Aviva Canada websites, as well as social media.

6. How much funding is available per community?

A funding of maximum \$250,000 CAD is available per community. This funding will cover 100 per cent of the costs for the charger equipment and installation.

7. When will the selected communities receive the funding?

Eligible expenditures will be reimbursed from the time that a Funding Agreement is signed by Earth Day Canada and the selected Communities (i.e., recipients) until the Project completion date.

The selected communities must have the capacity to pay any upfront project costs and will need to submit supporting documents to receive the funding.

A list of eligible expenditures is available in the [Application Guide](#).

8. Can the electric vehicle charging stations be installed anywhere in the community?



The purpose of the program is to increase accessibility to electric vehicle charging stations in underserved communities.

To that effect, the following locations are to be prioritised as project sites:

- Public Places
- On-Street
- Multi-Unit Residential Buildings (MURBs)
- Workplaces

For further definition of these locations, please refer to the [Application Guide](#).

9. A project is under way in my community that will make the number of EV charging stations per capita superior to the provincial average. Am I still eligible?

The number of EV charging stations per capita is calculated by the number of EV charging stations that are active and available to the general public to use until the application deadline of March 22nd.

For any other questions related to the Charged for Change program, please email chargedforchange@earthday.ca.

