



Rhode Island NEVI Phase 2A: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Phase 2A of the NEVI Program is a competitive grant opportunity with an initial \$8 million in funding to support EV charging station projects across Rhode Island. Applications are available online at: <https://energy.ri.gov/transportation/ri-nevi-program/nevi-phase-2a>

This FAQ document provides answers to common questions about Phase 2A, including the program's goals, eligibility criteria, and application requirements.





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General Questions

What is the purpose of the Rhode Island NEVI Phase 2A Request for Applications (RFA)?

The Phase 2A RFA enables applicants to apply for grant funding for the design, installation, operation, maintenance, and reporting of EV charging stations in Rhode Island. This initiative supports Rhode Island's goal of expanding EV charging infrastructure statewide.

Who is eligible to apply for the NEVI Phase 2A program?

The NEVI Phase 2A program is open to businesses, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, cooperatives, government entities, academic institutions, non-profit organizations, and federally recognized Tribal organizations based in Rhode Island. Eligible applicants must have the capacity to install and maintain publicly accessible EV charging equipment at the proposed site. A Site Host is defined as the owner or occupant of land on which an electric vehicle charging station is installed.

What is the timeframe for the NEVI Phase 2A application process?

The application intake period for NEVI Phase 2A runs from **July 14, 2025**, through **August 15, 2025**. All applications must be submitted by the closing date to be considered.

Where can I find the applications and related NEVI Phase 2A documents?

Applications and related NEVI documents are available online at www.energy.ri.gov/rinevi.

Is this a first-come, first-served program?

No, this program is not first-come, first-served. NEVI Phase 2A is a competitive application program, and applications will be scored and evaluated based on specific criteria.

Where can I find the scoring criteria breakdown?

The scoring criteria breakdown is available in the **Application Scoring Criteria** document on the NEVI Phase 2A webpage (www.energy.ri.gov/rinevi). You can also find it in Section 9.1.2, *Application Scoring Criteria*, of the NEVI Phase 2A Guidance Document.

How much funding is available for NEVI Phase 2A?

A total of \$8 million in funding is available for NEVI Phase 2A.

What are the maximum award amounts?

The maximum award per location is \$1,000,000 for DCFC sites, \$250,000 for Level 2 sites, and up to \$1,250,000 for locations that include both Level 2 and DCFC chargers (minimum of 2 DCFC and 2 Level 2 chargers required).

Can I make announcements about my application submission?

No, applicants must receive approval from the Office of Energy Resources (OER) before making any public announcements about their application.

Where can I find the application and program requirements?

You can find the application and all program requirements at www.energy.ri.gov/rinevi.

Are webinars available for this program?

Yes, a non-mandatory webinar offering a program overview and Q&A will be held on:





- July 28th, at 1:00 PM EST

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/TledWcApRF2kstUbUbYOjg>

Will there be in-person meetings for applicants?

Yes, we plan to schedule in-person informational meetings. Announcements regarding these meetings will be shared through social media, newsletters, and other outreach channels. Stay tuned for updates on locations, dates, and times.

Who should be contacted for more information about the RFA?

Inquiries can be directed to Sara Canabarro, Program Administrator, at Energy.RInevi@energy.ri.gov.

Eligibility and Requirements

What locations are eligible for EV charging stations?

Eligible locations include any public roads or other publicly accessible areas open to the public and/or authorized commercial motor vehicle operators. The RFA specifies six regions in Rhode Island to ensure equitable deployment, considering factors such as population, existing infrastructure, rural areas, and disadvantaged communities under the Justice40 initiative.

What types of chargers qualify for the NEVI Phase 2A program?

Only NEVI-compliant chargers qualify for this program. Applicants should refer to the NEVI Phase 2A Guidance Document for specific compliance requirements. Additionally, it's recommended to consult the EVSE manufacturer or installer you're working with to ensure they are aware of NEVI compliance standards and equipment requirements.

What if I only want one charger, not two?

Each proposed location must include at least four charging ports, capable of simultaneously charging four vehicles. Since many charging units are dual-port, applicants can meet this requirement with two dual-port units or a similar configuration that supports four active ports simultaneously. All stations must be NEVI-compliant, ADA-accessible, and publicly accessible.

What if I only want to install Level 2 chargers and not a combination of chargers?

Applicants are permitted to apply for funding for Level 2 chargers alone. However, the program has specific funding limits based on the type of equipment installed:

- Up to \$1,000,000 per site for DC Fast Chargers (DCFC)
- Up to \$250,000 per site for Level 2 chargers
- Up to \$1,250,000 per site for a combination of DC Fast Chargers and Level 2 chargers, with a minimum of 2 DCFC and 2 Level 2 chargers required.

What if I have gates on the premises?

The charging sites need to be available 24/7 without restrictions, so gated or restricted access sites are not allowed.





What about ADA compliance?

One of the parking spaces at each EV charging location must be ADA-compliant to ensure accessibility for all users.

What are the minimum requirements for the EV charging station setup?

Each proposed location must include at least four charging ports, capable of simultaneously charging four vehicles. Since many charging units are dual-port, applicants can meet this requirement with two dual-port units or a similar configuration that supports four active ports simultaneously. All stations must be NEVI-compliant, ADA-accessible, and publicly accessible. You can find a complete list of requirements in Section 5, *Electric Vehicle Charger & NEVI Requirements*, of the NEVI Phase 2A Guidance Document.

What is the required non-federal funding match?

Applicants must provide a minimum 20% non-federal funding match toward the total project cost. A higher match is encouraged, as it will result in additional points under the scoring criteria.

Application Process

Where can I submit the application?

Applications can be submitted online at www.energy.ri.gov/rinevi. If you encounter issues accessing the site, you can email us at energy.RInevi@energy.ri.gov.

What are the key steps in the application process?

Key steps include evaluating site needs, assessing electrical connections, preparing applications and required permits, submitting Rhode Island Energy work requests, and ensuring NEVI compliance.

What documents are required for the application?

Applicants must submit documents listed in the Appendix of the RFA, including the Administrative Application, Cost Competitiveness and Financial Contribution Form, Proposed Charging Station Installation Location(s) Form, Utility Form, NEPA OTPCE Checklist, and various attachments detailing site plans and construction schedules.

Evaluation and Award Criteria

How will applications be evaluated?

Applications are evaluated on both mandatory and ranked scoring criteria. Evaluation criteria include cost competitiveness, user experience, applicant qualifications, impact on disadvantaged communities, and other factors. You can find a complete list of criteria in Section 9, *Evaluation and Award Criteria*, of the NEVI Phase 2A Guidance Document.

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Post-Award Requirements

What are the post-award requirements for recipients?

Recipients must secure necessary rights and licenses, procure equipment, complete installation and maintenance, and meet data reporting requirements for at least five years following construction, as outlined in the Grant Agreement.

How will grant funds be disbursed?

OER will reimburse 90% of the grant amount after inspecting and approving the completed project. The remaining 10% will be distributed over five years, at a rate of 2% per year, contingent on compliance with RFA terms and conditions.

