

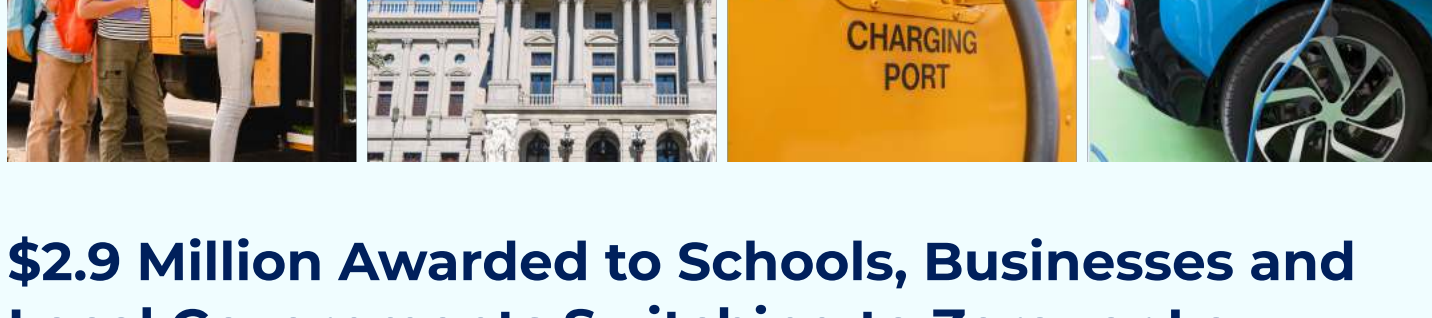
## Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Funding Announced and Community Engagement Sessions Planned

Governor Shapiro announced in a [recent press release](#) additional conditional awards for Round 1 of the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funding. These awards further the Shapiro Administration's work to address climate change, grow the Commonwealth's economy and ensure that the future of Pennsylvania transportation is on track to be cleaner, safer and more affordable and reliable than ever before.

Seven projects in six counties were selected to expand access to, and the reliability of, electric vehicle (EV) charging within Pennsylvania. The nearly \$3.9 million federal investment is part of the \$171.5 million PennDOT will receive and distribute for EV charging infrastructure over five years. For a full list of conditional awards and comprehensive Pennsylvania NEVI information, visit [PennDOT's NEVI web page](#).

PennDOT will also be hosting six community engagement events around the state throughout October and November for community members to learn about EVs, funding options and the NEVI Program. Attendees are encouraged to provide their input on where they would like to see EV charging infrastructure most in their communities.

For information on, and to register for the sessions, visit [PennDOT's Community Information Sessions page](#).



## \$2.9 Million Awarded to Schools, Businesses and Local Governments Switching to Zero- or Low-Emission Vehicles

A [recent press release](#) highlights the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection [Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant \(AFIG\)](#) funding awarded to municipalities, schools and businesses around the state to switch to zero- or low-emission vehicles.

The AFIG program supports projects to replace older gasoline or diesel fueled vehicles with cleaner fuel vehicles and install related fueling infrastructure to improve air quality in Pennsylvania. The 28 funded Pennsylvania projects will install 32 electric vehicle chargers for private and public use and put 95 electric vehicles, 24 compressed or renewable natural gas vehicles and 11 propane vehicles on the road. Fifteen of the projects will also serve environmental justice communities.

The 28 awarded projects build on Governor Shapiro's agenda to create a bold, comprehensive climate and energy plan that will grow Pennsylvania's economy, protect and create jobs and address climate change. Getting more zero- and low-emission vehicles on the road in Pennsylvania helps reduce harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and volatile organic compounds. It also helps lower the level of carbon dioxide, helping to address climate change.

## Nearly \$50 Million Invested in 58 Transportation Projects to Improve Safety, Mobility and Local Economies Across Pennsylvania

Governor Shapiro announced in a [recent press release](#) his administration will fund 58 highway, bridge, aviation, ports and bike and pedestrian projects in 37 counties using \$49.6 million in state funding from the Multimodal Transportation Fund, which provides state grant funding to ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to all Pennsylvanians.

The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities, councils of governments, businesses, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies and ports and rail freight entities to improve transportation infrastructure that enhance communities, pedestrian safety and transit revitalization.

Reflecting PennDOT's commitment to improving locally owned infrastructure, several of the projects will also help local governments address bridges and roadways in need of repair or replacement.

PennDOT is accepting applications for the FY 2023-2025 round of state funding for grants under the Multimodal Transportation Fund. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. EST on November 10, 2023. PennDOT expects to announce grant recipients next year for funding that will be available in July 2024.

For comprehensive information about this program, visit [PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation web page](#).



## Federal Discretionary Grants Spotlight

Up-to-date information on federal grant opportunities can be found on the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#) section of PennDOT's website. Additional grant opportunities, application guides and other resources on federal grant funding are added as they become available, so please visit often to see if any of these grant funding programs are an opportunity that would benefit your community.

Following is a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications:

### **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Program**

The second round of the [Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation \(SMART\)](#) Grants Program is open. Applications are being accepted for Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping grants to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Awards are given to projects focused on technological interventions solving real-world challenges by building data, technology capacity and experience in the public sector. Funding is available to carry out projects demonstrating at least one of the following: coordinated automation, connected vehicles, systems integration, delivery/logistics, innovative aviation, smart grid and traffic signals.

**The deadline to apply for this program is October 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m. EST.**

### **Thriving Communities Program (TCP)**

The [Thriving Communities Program \(TCP\)](#) ensures that disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity to compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive. The TCP facilitates the planning and development of transportation and community revitalization activities and provides tools to ensure that under-resourced communities can access available funding.

TCP has two separate response opportunities (individual application processes):

**Capacity Builders** – PROVIDE technical assistance, planning or capacity building services to help disadvantaged communities

**Letters of Interest (LOI)** – RECEIVE TCP support and assistance as a voluntary program with no obligation to apply for grants

**The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is November 1, 2023 for Letters of Interest and November 14, 2023 for Capacity Builders.**

**The deadline to apply for this program is November 15, 2023, 4:59 p.m. EST for Letters of Interest and November 28, 2023, 4:59 p.m. EST for Capacity Builders.**

## Eligibility for Federal Funding Opportunities

Determining eligibility for federal grants is an important first step in the federal grant application process. [GRANTS.GOV workspace](#) provides tips for finding federal opportunities for which you may be eligible. Visit their How To...Blog Series [How to Determine Eligibility for Federal Funding Opportunities](#) for comprehensive information to help determine eligibility, and then you will be ready to begin strategizing and preparing your application.

For more information about PennDOT Pathways, visit our website at [penndot.pa.gov/funding](https://penndot.pa.gov/funding).

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