



ALL CHARGED UP  
**Exploring Effective  
State EV Charging Policy**

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# Introduction

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# All Charged Up: Exploring Effective State EV Charging Policy



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## Agenda

1. Setting the Stage: The Importance of State EV Charging Policy Now
2. The Federal Landscape
3. State EV Charging Policy: Public and Multifamily Charging Initiatives
4. Q&A

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**Clean Vehicles Will Overcome**  
Federal Policy Changes in 2025,  
and **States** are  
**Paving the Way**

# Federal Clean Transportation Rollbacks This Year

- California waivers: [H.J.Res.88](#), [H.J.Res.87](#), and [H.J.Res.89](#) targeted Advanced Clean Cars II, Advanced Clean Trucks, and Low NOx regulation, respectively.
  - These CRA attacks on California's waivers [are still in court!](#)
- OBBBA ended tax credits for new EVs (30D), used EVs (25E), commercial clean vehicles (45W).
- EPA reviewing [multi pollutant rule](#), [HDV Phase 3 rule](#), and [heavy-duty NOx rule](#).
- NHTSA [releases Dec. 3](#) proposal for significant rollbacks in fuel economy standards, targeting 34.5 mpg by 2031, after penalties removed by Congress.

# Yesterday's New CAFE Standards Proposal

**Table S-2. Projected Average Required Fleet-Wide Fuel Economy (mpg) for Combined U.S. Passenger Cars and Light Trucks by Model Year and Alternative**

Model Year	No-Action	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3
2027	47.5	29.9	30.7	32.6
2028	47.7	33.4	34.3	36.5
2029	48.7	33.5	34.4	36.9
2030	49.8	33.6	34.5	37.3
2031	50.9	33.7	34.6	37.7

Notes:  
mpg = miles per gallon.

Source: [NHTSA](#)

## Versus 2012-16 Standards

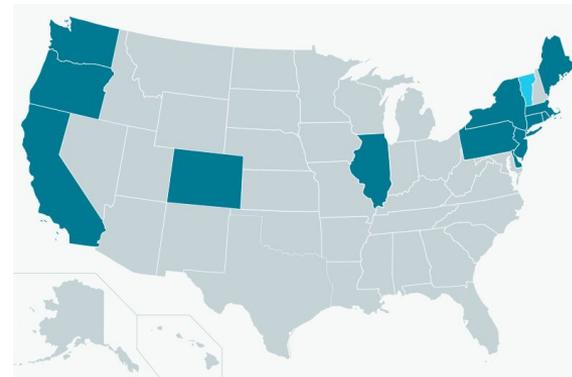
Alternative	MY 2012	MY 2013	MY 2014	MY 2015	MY 2016
<b>Passenger Cars &amp; Light Trucks</b>					
Preferred Alternative	29.8	30.6	31.4	32.6	34.1

Source: [NHTSA](#)

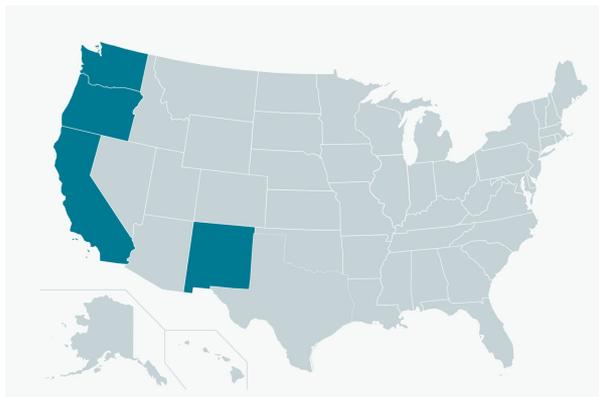
... Is this the “maximum feasible” CAFE level?

# States Can Take Action to Fill the Gaps!

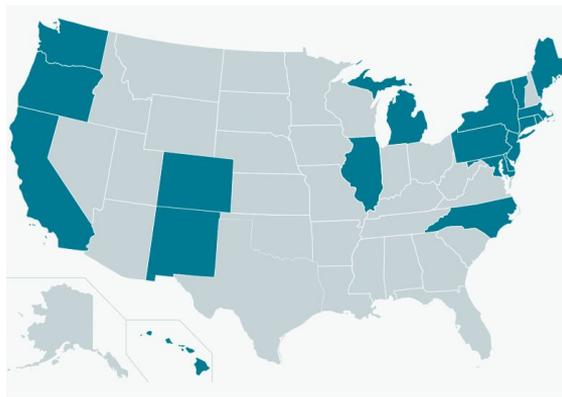
- Tax incentives and rebates for EVs and chargers
- Government procurement/Lead by Example
- Low carbon fuel standards
- [Indirect source review](#)
- See [our previous webinar](#) on state gap-filling strategies in the transportation sector!



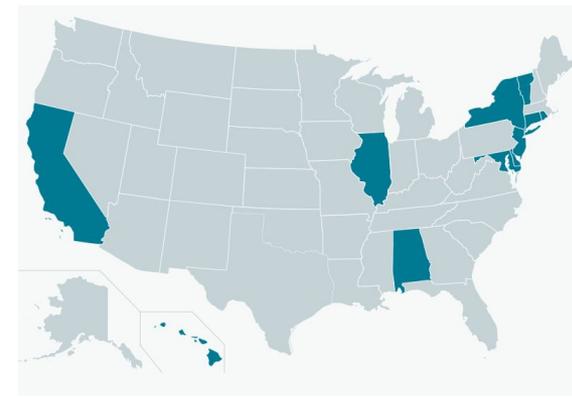
13 states [offer LDV EV rebates](#)



4 states have [adopted a LCFS](#)



19 states have LDV/MHDV [EV procurement targets](#) and/or [electric bus targets](#)

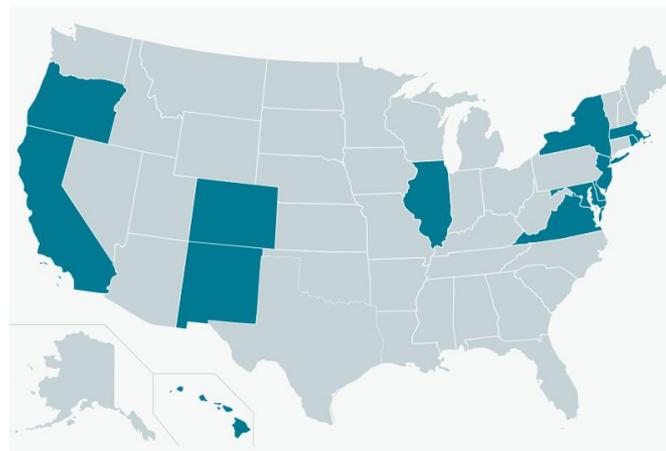


11 states [offer EVSE rebates](#)

# States Have Many Levers to Expand EV Charging

- **Planning and electric regulation**
  - EV charging rate design
  - PUC proceedings to build out charging infrastructure
  - State or multi-state EV planning exercises
- **Funding**
  - Recent investments announced in [Washington](#), [California](#) (twice!), [New York](#), [Colorado](#), and more.

And many more, covered by our colleagues at Plug In America!



13 states have [EV charging infrastructure requirements](#)

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*Exploring the EV charging policy landscape*

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- 05** Multifamily housing
- 06** Resources
- 07** Q&A

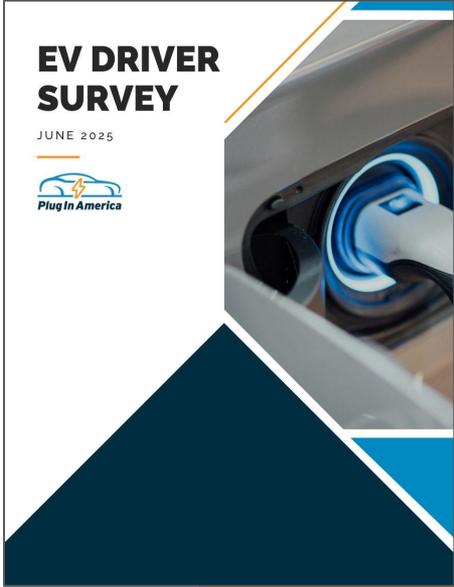
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# Charging 101

# EV charging 101

## LEVEL 1 STANDARD OUTLET

- Plug into a standard 120V wall outlet
- Connector provided with most EVs
- Great for overnight or workplace charging
- Ideal for typical commutes (up to 40 miles)



**Add 40 miles**  
of range overnight

## LEVEL 2 240-VOLT OUTLET

- Faster charging for longer drives
- Provides a full charge for most EVs in:



**100% Electric**

**4-8 hours**

empty to full  
charge



**Electric & Gas**

**1-2 hours**

empty to full  
charge



**Gain 25 miles**  
of range per hour  
of charging

## DC FAST CHARGE

- Much faster charging at public locations
- 3 different connectors depending on vehicle:



**CCS Combo**  
Up to  
**160 miles**  
in 20 minutes



**CHAdeMO**  
Up to  
**67 miles**  
in 30 minutes



**Tesla Supercharger/NACS**  
Up to  
**200 miles**  
in 20 minutes



**0 to 80%**  
in 30-40 minutes

# Cost of **home** vs. **public** charging

Level 2 <b>Home</b> Charging System	Level 2 <b>Commercial or Public</b> Charging System	
Typical cost <a href="#">\$1,000-\$2,000</a>	Typical cost <a href="#">\$3,600-\$32,700</a>	
<p><b>Zoning Permit</b> (Location Dependent)</p> <p><b>Up-front cost of charging equipment</b></p> <p><b>Installation cost, which may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrician labor and materials</li> <li>• Panel upgrades and conduit</li> </ul> <p><b>Ongoing costs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity at the utility residential rate</li> <li>• Possible tax on electricity from the electric utility</li> </ul>	<p><b>Zoning Permit</b> (Location Dependent)</p> <p><b>Up-front cost of charging equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charging equipment</li> <li>• EVSE billing equipment (RFID card reader, credit card reader)</li> </ul> <p><b>Installation cost, which may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor labor and materials</li> <li>• Connecting EVSE to the electrical service</li> <li>• Panel upgrades and conduit</li> <li>• Trenching/boring</li> <li>• Repaving parking</li> <li>• New electrical service or upgrades (transformers)</li> <li>• Meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements</li> <li>• Traffic protection (bollards)</li> <li>• Signage and striping</li> <li>• Lighting</li> <li>• Permitting and inspection</li> <li>• Engineering review and drawings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional capital costs, which may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardware extended warranty</li> <li>• Repair labor warranty</li> <li>• Land/parking space purchase or lease</li> </ul> <p><b>Ongoing costs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity at utility commercial rate</li> <li>• Demand charges</li> <li>• EVSE network subscription to enable billing</li> <li>• Charge management software</li> <li>• Management time</li> <li>• Billing transaction costs</li> <li>• Preventative and corrective maintenance on EVSE unit</li> <li>• Repairs (scheduled and unscheduled)</li> <li>• Possible tax on electricity from the electric utility</li> <li>• Second tax on electricity from charging provider</li> </ul>

# Federal EV charging landscape

# National EV Infrastructure program

- Created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2021
- Provides \$7.5 billion to build the backbone of America's EV charging network along highways (which are called Alternative Fuel Corridors)
- Designed to be a five-year program to account for the contracting, planning, design, engineering, permitting, equipment procurement, and installation of EV charging.

**Currently,**

**17 states have at least one operational station**

**4,000 DC Fast Charging ports have been funded**

**96 stations are operational**

**6 states have reached 'Fully Built Out' status**

# NEVI timeline

**November 2021**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is signed, creating the National EV Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program. States begin to review applications and announce awards.

**May 22, 2025**

Plug In America, along with a coalition of organizations, 16 states, and the District of Columbia, joined a lawsuit seeking to restore federal funds for NEVI charging stations.

**September 10, 2025**

Deadline for states to submit their new FY 2026 NEVI plans. State plans start to be approved almost immediately.

**February 6, 2025**

The Federal Highway Administration orders state departments of transportation to suspend their NEVI buildout and rescinds all previous guidance for NEVI implementation.

**August 11, 2025**

The Federal Highway Administration releases interim final guidance for NEVI, allowing states to submit new FY 2026 plans following simplified guidance and resume buildout once their plans are approved.

**November 2025**

FY26 NEVI plans have been approved in all states except Florida, whose plan is pending approval. (source: [EV States Clearinghouse](#))

# NEVI tracker



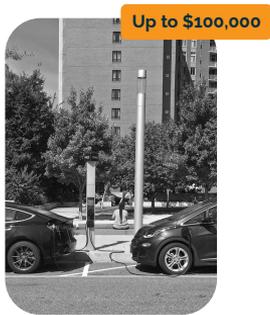
# Federal EV Charging Tax Credit



Individual Tax Credit



Business Tax Credit



Tax-Exempt Entity  
Tax Credit



Must be in an eligible census tract (non-urban or low-income)



Must be new



Must be placed in service during the tax year



Can be bidirectional



Equipment must be used in U.S. or U.S. territories by a domestic corporation or U.S. citizen

**To qualify for the EV charger tax credits, the charger must be operational by June 30, 2026.**

# Federal EV Charging Tax Credit

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## EV Charger Federal Tax Credit Checklist for Consumers

### Home Chargers

**Before You Install**

- Determine if your primary residence is in an eligible census tract.
  - If you are filing on or before November 15, 2024, check your eligibility through the [Refueling Infrastructure Tax Credit Mapping Tool](#).
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- Make sure the equipment you want qualifies. It must be:
  - New. The original use begins with you, the taxpayer.
  - Placed in service during the tax year. If you install a home charger and it becomes operational in 2024, then you must file for the EV charging tax credit on your 2024 federal tax return, which is filed in 2025.
- Installed in your primary residence.

### Purchase and Install Your Equipment

- Keep all documentation, including receipts of equipment purchases and labor.
- Calculate your tax credit:
  - Add the cost of the charger, charging port(s), connectors, wall mount or panel upgrades, wiring, or a charge management system—and divide this amount by the number of charging ports. Add this divided number to the cost of each port.
  - Multiply this number by 30%. If this amount is greater than \$1,000, you will file for the \$1,000 tax credit. If the amount is less than \$1,000, you will file for the calculated amount.
- When filing your taxes for the year you placed your charging station in service, claim the tax credit using [IRS Form 8911](#).

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## EV Charger Federal Tax Credit Checklist for Businesses

### Charging Equipment for Businesses

**Before You Install**

- Determine if your business charging installation is in an eligible census tract.
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- Make sure the equipment you want qualifies. It must be:
  - New. The original use begins with your business, the taxpayer.
  - Placed in service during the tax year. If you install a charger at your business and it becomes operational in 2024, then you must file for the EV charging tax credit on your 2024 federal tax return, which is filed in 2025.
  - Depreciable property (business expense).
- Understand the IRS's prevailing wage and apprenticeship (PWA) requirements to maximize your tax credit. Meeting these requirements means a 30% tax credit instead of a 6% tax credit.

### Purchase and Install Your Equipment

- Keep all documentation, including receipts of equipment purchases and labor costs.
- Calculate your tax credit:
  - Add the cost of a single charger, including charging port(s), connectors, and wall mount or pedestal.
  - Add the expenses that support multiple charging ports—such as battery storage, electrical panel upgrades, wiring, or a charge management system—and divide this amount by the number of charging ports. Add this divided number to the cost of each port.
  - Multiply this combined number times 6% (or 30% if prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements are met). If this amount is greater than \$100,000, you will file for a \$100,000 tax credit for each port. If this amount is less than \$100,000, you will file for the calculated amount for each port.
- When filing your taxes for the year you placed your charging station in service, claim the tax credit using [IRS Form 8911](#).

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## EV Charger Federal Tax Credit Checklist for Tax-Exempt Entities

### Charging Equipment for Tax-Exempt Entities

**Before You Install**

- Determine if your entity's charging installation is in an eligible census tract.
  - If you are filing on or before November 15, 2024, check your eligibility through the Refueling Infrastructure Tax Credit Mapping Tool: [refueling-infrastructure-tax-credit](#)
  - If you are filing after November 15, 2024, check your eligibility by determining your 11-digit census tract geographic identifier (GEOID) in a two-step process.
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  - Depreciable property.
- Understand the IRS's prevailing wage and apprenticeship (PWA) requirements to maximize your tax credit. Meeting these requirements means a 30% tax credit instead of a 6% tax credit.

### A Tax-Exempt Entity Can Claim the Tax Credit in One of Two Ways

- The entity can claim the credit by notifying the equipment seller in writing that you intend to claim the credit via elective pay. In this case, the entity must file for the tax credit for the year it was placed in service.
- The equipment seller can claim the credit, clearly disclose the allowable amount, and pass it to the entity. In this case, the credit could be used to offset some of the installation costs by passing the tax savings on to the entity.

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# State and local initiatives for EV charging

# **Policy solutions** to advance EV charging

**Right-to-charge policies**

**EV-friendly building codes**

**Funding for EV charging infrastructure**

**Streamlined EV charger permitting**

**Innovative designs: Streetlight, power pole, and bring-your-own cord solutions**

# Right to charge: **Colorado** and **Illinois**

## **Colorado**

Colorado's policy seeks to ensure that common-interest communities give residents a "meaningful opportunity" to adopt plug-in vehicles rather than impose artificial restrictions. It does this through strong policy language and financial support, encouraging communities to seek grants from the state's EV fund and consider installing chargers as standard amenities on common property.

## **Illinois**

Illinois asserts that all owners and renters—regardless of parking ownership or income—should have access to EV charging. Beyond protecting residents' ability to install chargers under reasonable conditions, the law also requires that a substantial share of parking spaces in new or renovated residential developments be EV-capable.

CA, CO, CT, IL, and OR (as well as the District of Columbia) have passed policies protecting both owners and renters.

# Innovative design: **New York City and Los Angeles**

## New York City

- New York is partnering with Voltpost to convert lampposts across the city into **lamppost EV chargers**, decreasing installation costs and timelines by utilizing existing infrastructure.
- New York is also home to itselectric which utilizes the **bring-your-own-cord model** for EV charging, which offers flexibility with charging connector type and siting options. Chargers can be sleeker and slimmer, taking up less curbside space.

## Los Angeles

- Los Angeles partnered with FLO to install **EV chargers on streetlights** in LA. The chargers utilized excess available power inside streetlights and reduced installation timelines and costs.

Los Angeles (CA), Oak Park (IL), Kansas City (MO), San Francisco (CA), New York City (NY), Boston (MA), Detroit (MI), Jersey City (NJ) have all decided to move forward with an innovative curbside charging solution.

# Funding for EV charging: California

## Communities in Charge

- Block grant program focused on **MFH** and related sites with community connections (e.g. congregations, schools, etc)
- Funds L1 (\$2k per smart outlet) and L2 charging infrastructure (\$8.5k per port)

## Rural Electric Vehicle Charging (REV) 2.0

- Grant program to support charging infrastructure in **rural communities** (at least 50% in disadvantaged and/or low-income communities)
- Supports L2 and DCFC infrastructure

Programs are funded through the Clean Transportation Program (CTP) authorized via legislation and supported by annual vehicle registration fees. Needs and distribution analysis directed by legislation guides the CTP.

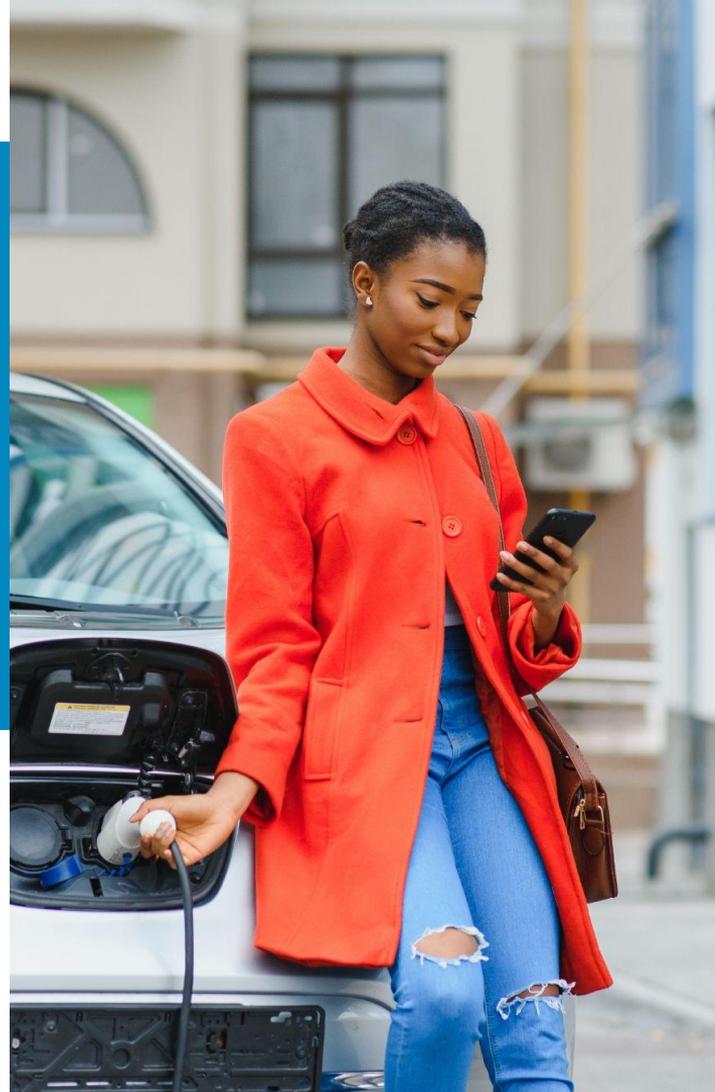
# Charging solutions for multifamily housing

## The current challenge

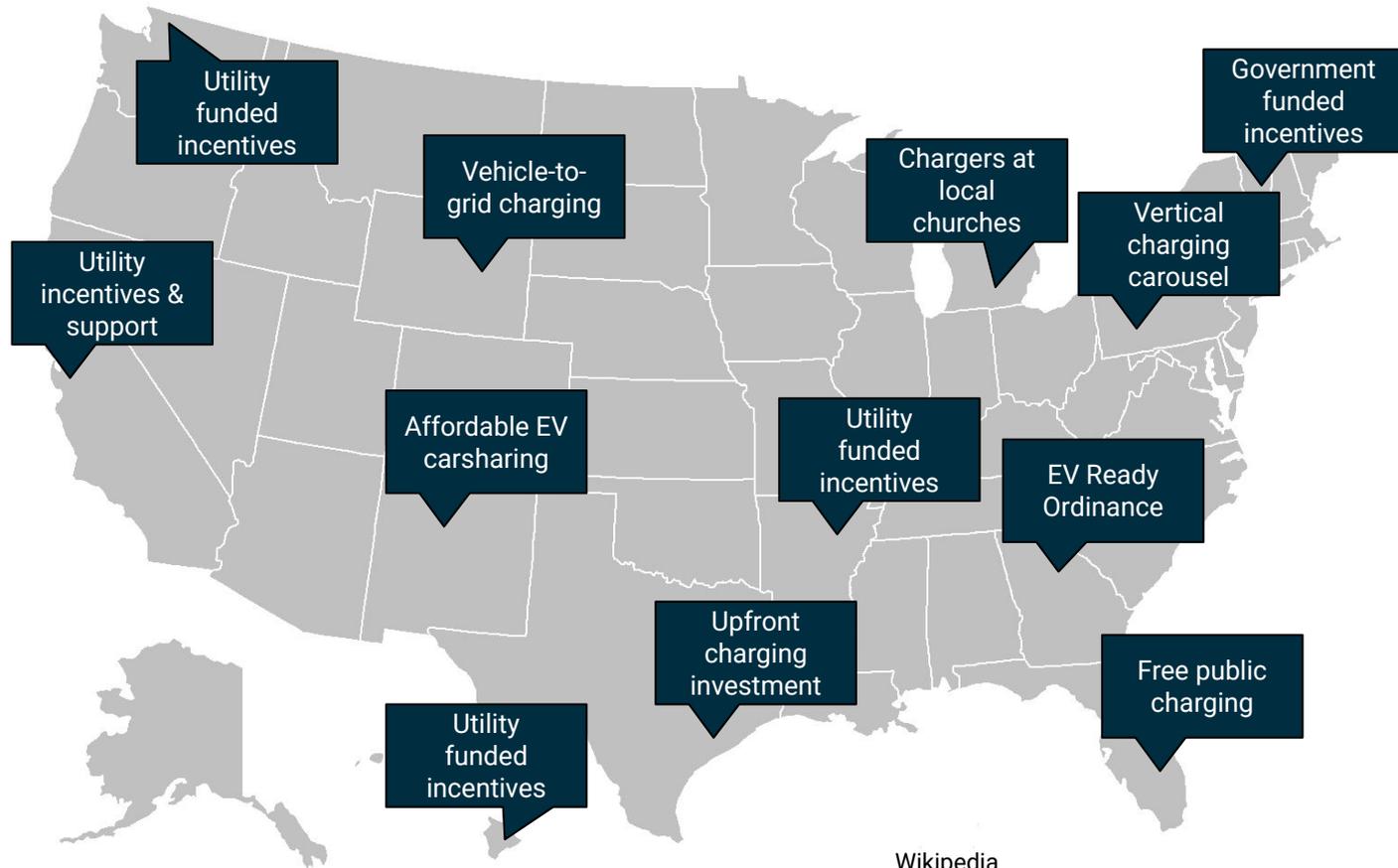
- Not all EV drivers can charge at home.
- Public charging is usually more expensive.
- Charging stations are not available in all areas.



How can we best replicate the affordability, convenience, and reliability of home EV charging **for those living in multifamily housing?**



# The solutions



# Charging solutions data matrix

## Matrix includes:

- Charging location
- Charger type
- Funding source
- Charging cost
- Includes affordable housing units
- Future-proofing strategies

Case Study name	Project title	Charging type	Problem addressed	Solution type	Charging location	Charger type
Burlington Electric Department	Pole-Mounted EV Chargers	Public	Access, equipment	Utility	Curbside	Level 2 charging
City of Cambridge	Sidewalk EV Charging	Private	Access, equipment	Policy	Curbside	Level 1 charging
EV Match	Charger Sharing	Private	Access	Technology	Residential property	Varies
Stak Mobility	Pittsburgh Charging Carousel	Public	Access, equipment	Technology	Residential or commercial property	Level 2 charging
Electric Nation	Inter-Tribal Charging Community	Public	Access, cost, equipment	Community	Varies	DC fast charging, Level 2 charging
City of Ann Arbor	Commercial EV Charger Program	Public	Access, cost, equipment	Policy	Residential or commercial property	Level 2 charging
Peninsula Clean Energy	Low-Level Charging	Public or private	Access, cost	Utility	Residential or commercial property	Level 1 and Level 2 charging
Revel	Public Charging and All-Electric Rideshares	Public	Access	Technology	Commercial property	DC fast charging
Ava Community Energy	Public Fast Charging Network	Public	Access, equipment	Utility	Commercial property	DC fast charging
GoForth	EV Carshare Program	Public	Access, cost, equipment	Community	Residential property	Level 2 charging
Green Edge Tech	Equitable EV Charging Access	Public	Access	Technology	Curbside	Level 2 charging
SWTCH Energy	Enhanced EV Charger Management	Public or private	Access, equipment	Technology	Residential or commercial property	Varies
City of Boston	Public Curbside EV Charging	Public	Access	Policy	Curbside	Level 2 charging and DC fast charging
Dunamis Charge	Community-Driven Charging	Public	Access, equipment	Community	Commercial property	Level 2 charging

## Technology solutions

A product or service sold by a company that relies on a specific charging technology



## Policy solutions

A federal, state, or city government program designed to increase access to charging



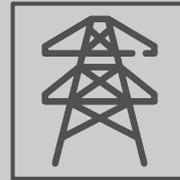
## Community solutions

A grassroots, locally-planned approach to increase access to charging



## Utility solutions

A charging program for funding and/or assistance led by a utility provider





# Community Solution Case Study: Ecology Action

- Ecology Action is a nonprofit supported by the California Energy Commission and PG&E that offers full-service assistance installing EV chargers.
- To keep costs low, Ecology Action leverages incentives and often relies on level 1 and low-power level 2 charging which are offered at a reduced cost or free for qualifying property owners.
- Community outreach to low- and moderate- income residents is a key component of the program. Ecology Action also offers bilingual assistance to reach more community members.

Tags		
Charging type	Problem addressed	Solution type
 Public or Private	 Access, Equipment	 Community

Charger type: Level 1 and Level 2



Photo Credit: Ecology Action

# Policy Solution Case Study: Charge Vermont

- Charge Vermont is funded by the state and administered by the State's largest electric utility, Green Mountain Power.
- Covers up to 90% of project costs to install Level 1 and Level 2 charging in market-rate multifamily housing and up to 95% of costs for projects with a minimum of 50% affordable housing units.
- Incentives can be stacked with utility program incentives and tax credits.
- Bulk of incentive is paid before construction begins, eliminating barriers for property owners and managers.

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Charger type: Level 1 or Level 2

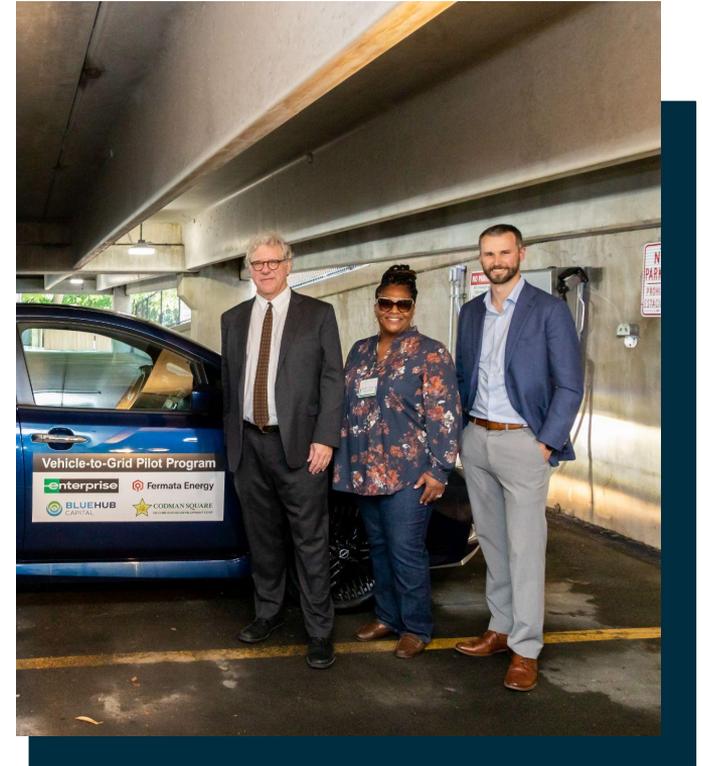


# Technology Solution Case Study: Fermata Energy

- Blue Hub Capital and Fermata Energy partnered with Eversource in Boston, MA to demonstrate Vehicle-to-Grid charging as a way to offset electricity costs for charging.
- Eversource notifies Fermata of peak events and pays to have electricity discharged from the vehicle back into the grid.
- The driver receives free charging and a discounted lease on the electric vehicle.

Tags		
Charging type	Problem addressed	Solution type
 Private	 Access, Equipment, Cost	 Technology

Charger type: DC fast charging



# Best Practices : Charging Solutions

- Consider Level 1 home charging.
- Involve your local utility early.
- Look for charging installation incentives.
- Prioritize business models that reduce costs.
- Implement load management and vehicle-to-grid charging.
- Include local property owners and residents to create mutually beneficial solutions.
- Prioritize underserved communities and affordable housing locations.



Photo courtesy of it's electric

# Resources

# Additional resources

## AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT ACCESS TO EV CHARGING

Solutions for multifamily housing residents



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  - Multiply this number by 30%. If this amount is greater than \$1,000, you will file for a \$1,000 tax credit. If the amount is less than \$1,000, you will file for the calculated amount.
- When filing your taxes for the year you placed your charging station in service, claim the tax credit using [IRS Form 8911](#).

*Plug In America does its best to provide current, accurate information, but we are not tax professionals. Consult your tax advisor to see if you qualify.*

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**Questions?**

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# Q&A

**Thank you for joining!**

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