

Questions, Answers, and Clarifications #2 Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Readiness

PON 14-603

Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

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Q.1	Our proposed project is to actually construct/install up to 4 charging stations at our workplace, perform some public outreach and install signage. Can 'Category A' grant funds be used for design and construction of electric vehicle charging stations?
A.1	No. Projects to purchase or install EVCS infrastructure are not eligible.
Q.2	Will the environmental review process include NEPA, or just CEQA?
A.2	It is incumbent on recipients to determine what laws and environmental review may be applicable to their particular project. In general, it is possible that NEPA will apply to some activities funded by this solicitation. For example, NEPA may apply when federal funds are used, or when federal land is involved. Recipient's counsel should determine what laws apply to a recipient's particular project.
Q.3	Are resolutions from our Board of Directors required to be submitted with the application and if so, do you have a sample template?
A.3	Resolutions from a Board of Directors are not required as part of an application. However, public agencies that receive funding under this solicitation must provide an authorizing resolution approved by their governing authority to enter into an agreement with the Energy Commission and designate an authorized representative to sign (V. Administration, Section J, Agreement Requirements, page 27). Sample resolutions are available, if needed, from the Commission Agreements Officer listed in the solicitation. In addition and if necessary, a copy of a resolution adopting a Readiness Plan may be used to verify the existence of an existing PEV regional plan.
Q.4	Since funds for category B of PON-14-603 include both planning and implementation, could a category B application be written such that the planning funds go to a region without a PEV plan (Glenn and Colusa County) and the implementation portion of the category B funds go towards a wider region including all five counties (Glenn, Colusa, and Siskiyou, Shasta, and Tehama Counties)?

A.4	Yes, as long as the implementation portion of the proposed project are covered by an existing and adopted PEV plan. In this example, Glenn and Colusa counties are eligible for planning funds and, once a plan is adopted, eligible for implementation activities consistent with the plan. Siskiyou, Shasta, and Tehama counties are eligible for implementation activities only if these regions are covered by an adopted PEV plan and the proposed activities are consistent with the plan.
Q.5	If a city has already started implementing PEVs with charging stations, piggy backing off a regional plan, are they eligible to apply for implementation funds for additional installations?
A.5	Projects to purchase or install EVCS infrastructure are not eligible. Cities without a PEV Readiness Plan may apply for funds for eligible activities under Category A.
Q.6	Must the city have its own PEV plan or can they continue implementation activities using a county or regional plan?
A.6	All implementation activities must be in regions covered by an adopted PEV Readiness Plan and must be consistent with that plan. Cities covered under a larger regional plan are eligible to apply for funds for eligible implementation activities.
Q.7	Can the Zero Emission Vehicle Readiness Grant pay for purchasing and installing PEV equipment (such as fast fill stations, etc.)?
A.7	No.
Q.8	If a joint application is submitted under Category A which includes projects in more than one region specified in Addendum #1, under which region will that application be designated?
A.8	The application will be designated in the region where a majority of the funds (by dollar amount) are being utilized. For example, if an application includes \$100,000 for Ventura County (Los Angeles and San Diego Region) and \$200,000 for counties designated as "Remaining Counties," the application will be designated for funding under Group #3, Remaining Counties.
Q.9	The City of Corona is going to be coordinating with contractors, inspectors, and utilities to improve electric vehicle charging station installation process in residential multi-unit dwellings, public sites, workplaces, and corridors. The City would like this coordination to include a rate and infrastructure study to assess the feasibility and cost of providing EV chargers in single family homes. Is this eligible to include in the installation process planning?
A.9	Yes. Studies which assess the cost and feasibility of charger installation are eligible for funding under Category A of this solicitation.
Q.10	Under Category A, Installation Process: Is a feasibility study for installing PEV charging stations in single family homes (garages) eligible?
A.10	Yes. Studies which assess the cost and feasibility of charger installation are eligible for funding under Category A of this solicitation.

Q.11	<p>The City of Corona wishes to purchase two high profile LED signs with visibility from Highway 91 and City locations. (The rotating messages would include public service announcements highlighting the PEV charging station locations, and applicable voltages, and directional information.) Since the sign would not be dedicated exclusively to PEV content, a portion of the signs' costs would be requested from the grant based upon the percentage of message time devoted to PEV during the 24 hour rotation. Is this type of signage and a percentage of the sign's cost eligible?</p>
A.11	<p>No. Please refer to Addendum 2 in Section II. B.1.d regarding EV signage</p>
Q.12	<p>Under Category A, Signage: Are large billboard-type LED signs with changing messages eligible? 50% of the message rotation would relate to PEV charging station locations, rates and other PEV promotional events.</p>
A.12	<p>No. Please refer to Addendum 2 in Section II. B.1.d regarding EV signage.</p>
Q.13	<p>Can you tell us how many applications have been received for PON-14-603 and/or how much funding is still remaining of the original \$3.3 million allocated for this solicitation?</p>
A.13	<p>You may contact the Commission Agreement Officer listed in the solicitation for an update on the number of applications received to date under this solicitation. Information on the number of applications recommended for funding or the number of applications in a particular regional will only be provided through the published Notice(s) of Proposed Awards.</p>
Q.14	<p>“Applications addressing duplicative activities within regions previously funded by the Energy Commission or recommended for funding under this solicitation will be disqualified.” Please explain how this will be enforced.</p>
A.14	<p>An applicant will be disqualified if the project duplicates a grant that was previously funded by the Energy Commission or duplicates an application already received under PON-14-603. For example, if an applicant applies for funding to develop a PEV Readiness Plan for a region that received previous funding for a PEV Readiness Plan, this application will be disqualified and not eligible for funding.</p>