



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 November 6th, 2023 at 8am EST to February 22nd, 2024 at 4pm EST.

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

Yes. For the 2023-2024 application period, communities meeting the eligibility criteria located across Canada are eligible to apply.

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 Canada;
- The applicant must be a municipality or an Indigenous community with less than 100,000 residents;
- The Community must have a higher number of residents per charging head ratio than the provincial average (see Question 4 for more details);
- A minimum of four (4) charging heads must be included in the Project;
- 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. What is the average ratio of residents per charging head in my province/territory?

Below is a table with all the average ratios of residents per charging heads per province/territory. For example, in Ontario, there are about 2,181 residents per charging heads, meaning that if a community has a ratio of 2,200 or 2,300 residents per charging head – or anything above these ratios, they are eligible.

| Province / Territory | Residents per Charging Head |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nova Scotia | 2,656 |
| New Brunswick | 2,203 |
| Prince Edward Island | 657 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 3,473 |
| Quebec | 1,073 |
| Ontario | 2,181 |
| Manitoba | 4,344 |
| Saskatchewan | 4,194 |
| Alberta | 3,984 |
| British Columbia | 1,231 |
| Yukon | 1,547 |
| Northwest Territories | 20,535 |
| Nunavut | 0 ¹ |

Table 1: Provincial Average Number of Residents per Charging Head²

5. 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.

¹ The average number for Nunavut is zero because there are currently no charging stations in the territory and all Communities are eligible.

² This average was calculated using the population data from the [Statistics Canada 2021 Census](#) and the number of charging heads from Natural Resource Canada’s [Electric Charging and Alternative Fuelling Stations Locator](#) as of August 2023.



Electric vehicle charging stations that are accessible through paid parking or through purchase of services or goods are not considered as public charging stations.

6. 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 during the week of April 15th on the Earth Day Canada and Aviva Canada websites, as well as social media.

7. How much funding is available per community?

A funding of maximum \$125,000 CAD is available per community. This funding will cover 100% of the costs for the charger equipment and installation.

8. 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 where applicable and will need to submit supporting documents to receive the funding.

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

9. 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](#).



10. A project is under way in my community that will make the ratio of residents per charging heads go below the provincial average. Am I still eligible?

The ratio of residents per charging heads 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 February 22nd, 2024.

11. Will there be information sessions or webinars about the program?

2 information sessions are scheduled throughout the application period, on Tuesday, November 21st at 12pm EST and on Tuesday, January 23rd at 12pm EST.

Links to register are available [here](#) and a recording will be made available online for those who cannot attend.

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

