



## Charged for Change Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

### Frequently Asked Questions



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## 1. When is the application period?

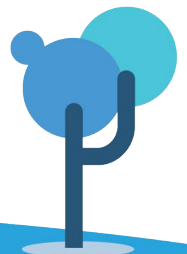
The application period is open from November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. EST to February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

## 2. 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 Community as defined in the [Application Guide](#);
- The Community must have a higher number of residents per charging head ratio than the provincial average (see Question 3 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 Project 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 and On-Street Public Places; (ii) MURBs; and (iii) Workplaces, as defined in the [Application Guide](#).

## 3. 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 1,439 residents per charging head, meaning that if a community has a ratio of 1,500 or 1,600 residents per charging head – or anything above these ratios, they are eligible.

Province / Territory	Residents per Charging Head
Nova Scotia	2,164
New Brunswick	1,739
Prince Edward Island	508
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,790
Quebec	827
Ontario	1,439
Manitoba	2,850
Saskatchewan	3,155
Alberta	2,676
British Columbia	875
Yukon	1,341
Northwest Territories	10,268
Nunavut	0 <sup>1</sup>

Table 1: Provincial Average Number of Residents per Charging Head<sup>2</sup>

#### 4. 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.

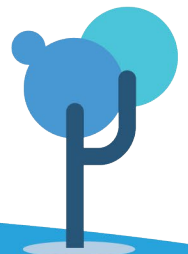
Electric vehicle charging stations that are accessible through paid parking or through purchase of services or goods are not considered as public charging stations.

#### 5. When will the selected Communities be announced?

The selected Communities will be directly contacted by Earth Day Canada after the Sponsor Selection Committee deliberations.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 2024.



A public announcement will then be made during the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.

Several instalments will be made throughout the project, as defined in the Funding Agreement, with the first installment being made upon signature of the Funding Agreement.

The selected communities must have the capacity to pay any upfront project costs where applicable and will need to submit supporting documents to receive subsequent installments.

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

## 8. 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
- MURBs
- Workplaces

For further definition of these locations, please refer to the [Application Guide](#).

9. A Project is under way in my community that will make the ratio of residents per charging head go below the provincial/territorial average. Am I still eligible?



The ratio of residents per charging head 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## 10. Will there be information sessions or webinars about the Program?

Two (2) information sessions are scheduled throughout the application period, on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. EST and on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. EST.

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

## 11. What support is provided during the application period?

To support applicants during the application period, several items are available:

- The present FAQs, to answer specific questions
- The [Application Guide](#) with all the details about the Program
- The [Application Questions](#), to help prepare the application in advance
- A [Sample Application](#), with the type of answers the Sponsor Selection Committee will be looking for during the evaluation period
- A [Project Budget Template](#) covering all required costs for the Project as well as optional costs that may be included
- A support centre for all questions that would not be answered by the above items

For any other questions related to the Charged for Change Program, please email [chargedforchange@earthday.ca](mailto:chargedforchange@earthday.ca).

