

Electrification of Transportation Systems Program Overview

The Washington Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating the first of two grant rounds as part of the Clean Energy Fund (CEF) 5 Electrification of Transportation Systems program. **Funding will be awarded to projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to achieve the following:**

- Early stage development and planning for capital asset investments to integrate and manage load using behavioral, software, hardware, or other demand-side management technologies.
- Provide enduring benefits to underserved communities disproportionately burdened by air pollution, climate change impacts, or lack of transportation systems;

Eligible projects must focus on early-stage development and planning to manage and integrate electrical load from expanding EV markets and increased electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure through capital asset investments. Projects do not necessarily need to include the purchase of capital assets, but must at least produce plans with the intention to purchase capital assets or infrastructure upgrades. Specific strategies and assets are intentionally undefined in order to promote proposals from communities that fit their specific needs.

Eligible Applicants	Available Funding	Match Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally Recognized Tribal Governments • Small Utilities (Defined in RCW 19.29A.010(25)) • Local Governments • State Agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding available: \$1,000,000 • Awards will range between \$100,000 and \$400,000 	<p>Match requirements vary based on the primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally Recognized Tribal Government: 1:10 match ratio • Local government, small utility, or State agency partnering with another small utility or Tribal Government: 1:5 match ratio • Local government, small utility, or State agency without any partners: 1:1 match ratio

Two-phase application process:

In order to reduce the administrative burden on applicants, proposals will be accepted in two phases. Phase one includes a simple one-page description of the project and key features. Applicants will be issued a notice that will either “encourage” or “discourage” them to fill out a full application based on their competitiveness in the applicant pool.

Priority Proposals:

Partnerships between eligible applicants

- Proposals from first time applicants
- Projects that clearly demonstrate meaningful community engagement and benefits, especially in communities highly impacted from air pollution, climate change impacts, and lack of access to transportation services
- Projects planning for the long-term that synergize with further funding opportunities from State and/or Federal sources to implement plans produced through this program