


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-352-1	Meeting:	August 19, 2024
	Agenda Item:	29	Roll Call:	24-1161
	Submitted by:	Malcolm A. Hankins, Assistant City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing Submittal of Sites as part of a Regional Joint Application from the Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program and Providing Matching Funds.

SYNOPSIS:

The City of Des Moines, in concert with other communities who are members of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), are jointly pursuing funding from the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program for the installation of EV charging infrastructure at select sites. The City of Des Moines is targeting sites that expand public access to Level 2 charging at community centers and libraries, and the Richard A. Clark Municipal Service Center, with a particular focus on charging infrastructure that serves locations designated in the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Transportation Disadvantaged Census Tracts and USDOT Justice 40 designated tracts, as identified in the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CJEST) in keeping with the goals of the grant to expand charging to underserved communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Not to exceed \$350,000

Funding Source: Future CIP

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program makes available \$2.5 billion to eligible entities over a five (5)-year period with maximum annual awards ranging from a minimum of \$500,000 - \$15 million per applicant. Information about the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program can be found at: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/>.
- The MPO is the lead applicant for the joint regional application being prepared. If funding is awarded, the City of Des Moines would be responsible for providing the required local match to support Des Moines locations.
- City staff have proposed eight (8) sites, including: Pioneer Columbus Community Center, Four Mile Community Center, Franklin Public Library, East Side Library, South Side Library, North Side Library, Forest Avenue Library, and the Richard A. Clark Municipal Service

Center. Two (2) Level 2 chargers, with four (4) charging points each, are proposed to be installed at each location.

- The City of Des Moines may pursue funding to support further expansion of the charging network in future CFI grant cycles.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): YES

Date: May 30, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23 - 0787](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of sites as part of a regional joint application from the Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program and providing matching funds. ([Council Communication No. 23-271](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Seconded by Voss. Motion carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

If funding is awarded, acceptance and approval of specific projects within the City of Des Moines will be presented for City Council consideration.

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