



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Approval Re: Approval to Apply for a United States Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Fiscal Impact:

The Grant will fund eighty percent (80%) of the required funding for electric vehicle charging stations. A twenty percent (20%) match will be required by the County, provided through a competitive solicitation process to award to partners through an agreement with revenue-sharing partners that will assist with planning, designing, installing, furnishing, and maintaining the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Dept/Office:

Central Services/Grants Manager

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve the County to apply for the United States Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant and authorize the following actions in order to submit a grant application:

1. Authorize the County Manager to apply via the Grants.Gov portal on behalf of the County, and
2. Authorize Purchasing Services to competitively solicit the services of partners in the planning, designing, installing, furnishing, and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations, and
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute any budget changes required to implement the requirements of the grant application; and
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute the revenue-sharing contract(s) with partner(s) selected through the competitive process that will provide funding to meet the County's 20% match obligation.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On March 14, 2023, the Notice of Funding Opportunity was posted for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration. The closing date for applications is May 30, 2023. The CFI Program is a new competitive grant program created by Infrastructure Law to provide publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work. CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all-electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicle drivers. This first round of funding allocates \$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 funding available to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and other fueling infrastructure projects in urban and rural communities in publicly accessible locations.

The County issued a Request for Expressions of Interest on April 10, 2023, to find partners that will support a plan, design, furnish, install, and maintain the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. The concept will be a

revenue-sharing solution for the County. Ultimately, the partners will provide funding on behalf of the County to meet its twenty percent (20%) match obligation for the CFI grant. In exchange, the partners will receive access to publicly-owned lands.

In accordance with Administrative Order 75 - Grant Management, Board approval is needed to apply for the CFI grant as a match of at least twenty percent (20%) is required.

Clerk to the Board Instructions: