



**New Jersey Economic Development Authority
“Take Charge Program”
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (“NJEDA” or “Authority”) will begin accepting applications for the Take Charge Program (“Take Charge” or “Program”) on **October 5, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** Applications for the Program will be accepted on a rolling basis and will remain open until all available funding is reserved for approved applicants or until three years after the date of application launch, whichever is sooner.

As approved by the Authority’s Board of Directors on August 20, 2026, the Program makes available up to \$25 million in grant funding through a rolling application process to eligible applicants for the installation of electric chargers for private fleets: [Take-Charge-Approved-Board-Memo.pdf](#).

A non-refundable \$500 fee will be required at the time of application submission per project application. The application can be accessed at: <https://www.njeda.gov/takecharge/>.

Program Purpose and Overview

Take Charge Program aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector by lowering the costs associated with installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This program is designed to accelerate the adoption of transportation electrification by providing financial support specifically for the installation of electric chargers for private commercial fleets.

The program enables fleets to participate in future Virtual Power Plant (“VPP”) programs being developed in New Jersey by providing funding for on-site renewable energy generation and/or battery energy storage components to power chargers. These distributed assets allow fleet operators to manage charging usage to reduce electricity costs and potentially sell electricity back to the grid, providing a revenue opportunity and supporting to wider grid reliability and affordability.

The Program targets projects that serve these private fleets and offers additional bonuses for projects located in Overburdened Communities (“OBCs”) or formally designated Adjacent Communities, as defined by New Jersey’s Environmental Justice Law (N.J.S.A 13:1D-157), and projects from small business applicants.

Funding

The total funding for this Program is \$25 million allocated from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) auction proceeds available to the Authority from the RGGI Strategic Funding Plan(s).

The Authority may increase total grant funding pool to \$50 million **if** application demand exceeds the initial \$25,000,000 funding allocation.

The total funding and potential award amount are based upon current information about funding availability. NJEDA reserves the right to increase that award amount and number of awards should additional funds become available.

Eligible Applicants and Program Requirements

Eligible applicants for the Program are for-profit commercial organizations that are purchasing and installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure and on-site clean energy generation and/or storage systems in New Jersey. Projects must also install on-site renewable energy generation and/or battery storage components that provide power to the chargers.

Eligible applicants must have two or more existing commercial-use vehicles, which can be electric or non-electric vehicles that the applicant plans to transition to electric with the construction of the charging infrastructure.

The vehicles must be registered in New Jersey, domiciled in New Jersey, or otherwise plan to utilize the proposed charging infrastructure in New Jersey. Charging-as-a-service providers and property owners installing chargers on behalf of a tenant fleet may also apply, provided they partner with a commercial fleet operator that otherwise meets the program's eligibility requirements.

All construction work must be conducted by New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (“DOL”) Public Works registered contractors in accordance with NJ prevailing wage and affirmative action requirements.

Applicants must select a Pre-Qualified Network Service Provider from the list of Compliant Network Service Providers housed on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) website.

The Applicant must also be in substantial good standing with the NJDOL and NJDEP. A current tax clearance certificate will need to be provided prior to application approval to demonstrate the applicant is properly registered to do business in New Jersey and in substantial good standing with the NJ Division of Taxation. A valid Applicant tax clearance certificate also is required prior to closing and disbursement of funds.

Non-profits, municipalities, or educational institutions are **not eligible** to apply for this program.

Eligible applicants must satisfy the Authority’s debarment/disqualification review and not be in default under any Authority program or have any outstanding obligations to the Authority.

Additionally, if the applicant is leasing the site for the charger installation, they must demonstrate that the property owner has approved of the project. Tenants must also provide a valid lease for at least the length of the proposed project's construction timeline and the three-year compliance period. Applicants who have not yet finalized a lease for the total duration of the compliance period may be provided an exception, if the property owner certifies their intent to maintain or transfer usage of the chargers to a new tenant in the event of a non-renewal of the current lease.

Eligible Uses of Grant Funding

Allowable expenses or uses of funds under the Program include, but are not limited to:

1. Materials, labor, and equipment for:
 - New Level 2 charging stations
 - New Direct Current Fast Charging ("DCFC") charging stations
 - Delivery, activation fees, and warranty costs associated with new charging stations
 - Network subscription costs for up to three years
 - "Make-Ready" costs, including upgrades of the electric power distribution system to the site, or wiring and electric work on the customer side of the electric meter necessary for charger installation
 - On-site renewable energy generation and/or battery storage systems to provide and/or store power for chargers (funding for this category cannot exceed more than 60% of the total eligible project cost)
 - Associated site upgrades necessary for charger installation and operation, including signage, protective bollards, and pavement striping
 - Payments for the use of temporary mobile chargers and/or mobile battery storage systems (costs incurred for mobile chargers/batteries are eligible on the condition that permanent chargers are installed by the end of the allowable construction period)
2. Site assessment, engineering, and related design costs for the above items
 - Funding for this category cannot exceed more than 15% of the total eligible project cost, with a lookback period for any completed design-related work that is 12 months prior to application submission but no earlier than October 30, 2025 (i.e., the date of the Take Charge Program's original approval by the NJEDA Board).

Ineligible Uses of Grant Funding

Ineligible costs include but are not limited to:

- Level 1 charging stations
- Chargers installed on residential properties for personal or non-commercial use
- Electric vehicles
- Permitting fees
- Combustion-based generators or charging systems, including but not limited to combustion-based temporary or mobile chargers

- Taxes
- Charging related operating expenses such as electricity supply charges and maintenance costs
- Land acquisition or lease payments

Application Submission and Review Process

Applications for Take Charge will be accepted on a rolling basis until all available funding is reserved for program awardees or until three years after the date of application launch, whichever is sooner.

To apply, an applicant must register or log into the online NJEDA application portal, complete all required application questions fully, and upload all required documents, including but not limited to, fleet information, project description, project site address and property information, estimated project timeline and project budget. A full list of required information can be found in the Program Specifications (see Appendix A of Board Memo dated August 20, 2026). NJEDA staff will review all applications for completeness and eligibility. If within the three-year window, previously reserved funding becomes available due to applicants not utilizing funding reservations, the application may be re-opened.

Applicants will be provided a 10-business day cure period to correct submission deficiencies identified by staff as incomplete or incorrect. At the sole discretion of the Authority, staff may ask for additional information or clarification of the information included in the application, including, but not limited to, responses, documentation, and attachments. Applicants that are nonresponsive or that do not provide complete responses to NJEDA requests for additional information within the 10-business day period will be notified by NJEDA staff via email that the application will be administratively withdrawn and not advance through the application review and approval process.

If an applicant is determined to be eligible, the EDA will issue an approval letter with a maximum potential grant award amount based on the information submitted by the applicant. Applicants will be notified whether they are awarded Take Charge grant funds as soon as practicable upon completion of approvals and declinations and the completion of all possible appeals.

Grant Amounts

Take Charge offers grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$100,000 **per project** to a maximum of \$5,000,000 **per EIN**, covering up to 50% of eligible project costs.

For projects located in Overburdened Communities or formally designated Adjacent Communities as defined by the New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law (N.J.S.A 13:1D-157) and projects from small business applicants, the cap on eligible project costs can be increased by an additional 5% each on a per project basis. These bonuses can be stacked.

Grant Funding Disbursements

Applicants will have six months from application approval to submit the following:

- Confirmation of the project address or the documentation required to update the project address.
- Confirmation from the utility provider that sufficient electrical capacity currently exists; confirmed plans and a schedule for any necessary capacity upgrades; or confirmation that the project's power needs will be met through non-utility sources, such as existing on-site generation or proposed renewable generation.
- Proof of sufficient funding for the total estimated project costs, plus an additional 15 percent contingency for potential construction cost overruns. Acceptable documentation may include bank statements, financing agreements, or similar evidence of available working capital. Additional NJEDA financing may be used to cover costs not eligible under the Program or for up-front capital used by the Applicant for eligible costs that must be paid by the Applicant before requesting grant reimbursement.

The Authority may approve additional six-month extensions at its discretion. Once these requirements are satisfied, NJEDA and the Applicant will execute a grant agreement, and funding will be available for reimbursement as follows:

- **Initial reimbursement:** Up to 15 percent of the approved award may be reimbursed for eligible site assessment, design, and engineering costs incurred within the 12 months before application submission or between application submission and grant agreement execution.
- **Progress reimbursement:** After the Applicant has incurred at least 50 percent of the total estimated eligible project costs, NJEDA may reimburse up to 50 percent of the total grant award, less any amount previously disbursed.
- **Final reimbursement:** The remaining award used for eligible expenses will be reimbursed after project completion and submission of all required final disbursement documentation, including proof of completed charging infrastructure and charger connectivity.

Applicants will have 24 months from grant agreement execution to complete the project and submit all required reimbursement documentation, subject to additional six-month extensions at the Authority's discretion. Reimbursements will be based on proof of actual project expenses, including receipts and contractor invoices, signed construction progress or completion certifications, and project photographs. NJEDA may conduct site visits during or after construction to verify that the work complies with Program requirements and is performed by New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Public Works registered contractors in accordance with applicable prevailing wage and affirmative action requirements.

Compliance and Reporting Requirements

Following project completion and final disbursement of funds, awardees must supply charger usage data to the Authority for a period of three continuous years. To simplify sharing of data, applicants must select software that is already pre-qualified and listed as a Compliant Network Service Provider on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection website. If the

awardee is unable to maintain operation of the charging site within the three-year compliance term, they must either assign a new owner or the Authority will impose a recapture of the grant award on a prorated basis as follows:

Year of Compliance event of default within	Recapture Percentage
1 year from project completion	100%
2 years from project completion	60%
3 years from project completion	30%

Additionally, participants must provide proof of enrollment in a VPP and/or managed charging program before the end of the three-year compliance period. If the awardee is unable to submit proof of enrollment before the end of the period, the Authority will impose a 15% recapture of the grant award.

Fees

A non-refundable \$500 fee per project application is required at the time of application submission.

Additional Requirements and Information

Information about the Take Charge Program is available at <https://www.njeda.gov/takecharge/>.

Questions concerning this Program's Notice of Funding Availability should be submitted to takecharge@njeda.gov.

State and Federal Requirements

Funding for this grant is subject to State and Federal statutes including, but not limited to, the following, which may impact affiliates: N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq., which prevents the New Jersey government entities from certain dealings with businesses engaged in prohibited activities in Belarus or Russia; Compliance with the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons promulgated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov>; N.J.S.A. 24:6I-49 which provides that the following are not eligible for most State or local economic incentives (a) a person or entity issued a license to operate as a cannabis cultivator, manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, retailer, or delivery service, or that employs a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service; and (b) a property owner, developer, or operator of a project to be used, in whole or in part, by or to benefit a cannabis cultivator, manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, retailer, or delivery service, or to employ a certified personal use cannabis handler to perform work for or on behalf of a cannabis establishment, distributor, or delivery service; and N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12, et seq., which prohibits a member of the Legislature or a State officer or employee or their partners or a corporation in which they owns or controls more than 1% of the stock to undertake or execute any contract, agreement, sale, or purchase of \$25.00 or more, made, entered into, awarded or granted by any

State agency, with certain limited exceptions including grant awards by the New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology.