## Implementation Manual for Fast Charge California Project 1

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## **IMPORTANT NOTE TO APPLICANTS:**

Applications that had Funds Reserved for a site under the Golden State Priority Project Window 1 (GSPP-1) or Window 2 (GSPP-2) are ineligible to cancel or withdraw that application and resubmit for the same site under FCCP-1 with the following exceptions:

- Applications cancelled or withdrawn prior to March 1, 2025, are exempt.
- For a Fast Charge California Project 1 (FCCP-1) application that had Funds Reserved in GSPP-1 or GSPP-2, the new application will be limited to the eligible costs incurred and paid on or after the eligible cost date for FCCP-1 of January 1, 2025. No previously incurred and paid costs from when the applicant was active in GSPP-1 or GSPP-2 will be eligible.
- While an application may have received Funds Reserved previously, resubmission does not guarantee an award in FCCP-1.

## A. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

In 2018, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-48-18 directing all state entities to work with the private sector and all appropriate levels of government to reach a goal of five million ZEVs on California roads by 2030.

In September 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-79-20 to advance the sale of ZEVs. Specifically, the executive order directs state agencies to propose regulations that:

- Require increasing percentages of new passenger vehicles and trucks delivered for sale in California to be ZEVs, culminating in 100 percent ZEV sales by 2035.
- Require increasing percentages of new medium and heavy-duty vehicles delivered for sale in California to be ZEVs, culminating in 100 percent ZEV sales by 2045 everywhere feasible and 100 percent of all drayage trucks to be zero emission by 2035.
- Require 100 percent of off-road vehicles and equipment operations to be zero emission by 2035.

These milestones require mechanisms to install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure expeditiously and effectively.

In 2021, the California Energy Commission (CEC) approved a second electric vehicle infrastructure (EVI) block grant for the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) to expand the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) with the design and implementation of additional electric vehicle charger incentive projects throughout California ("CALeVIP 2.0"). The <u>Fast Charge California Project 1</u> (FCCP-1) is the second incentive project under CALeVIP 2.0.

FCCP-1 is a statewide program available in all four regions of California: Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Central. Only Applicants that submit with their Application both a Final Utility Service Design and an Issued Permit will be eligible to participate in FCCP-1.

FCCP-1 eligibility rules do not require that the DC Fast Chargers (defined below) be installed in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income (LIC) communities or on Tribal Lands (TL). Subject to the exception below for Tier 1 Applications in which all DC Fast Chargers are prioritized for installation in DAC/LIC/Tribal Applications, FCCP-1 funding will be reserved on a rolling, "first-come, first-served" basis. In accordance with the DAC/LIC/Tribal Priority Rule, DAC/LIC/Tribal Applications will be prioritized for processing over all other Applications received on or after the date the DAC/LIC/Tribal Application is filed.

## The window for submitting FCCP-1 Applications will open on July 8, 2025, (9:00 a.m. PT) and will close on September 30, 2025 (5:00 p.m. PT).

The goal of FCCP-1 is to provide incentives for quick and efficient installations of high-powered DC fast chargers within California to help meet California's ZEV goals. FCCP-1 provides incentives to Applicants with qualified sites for the purchase and installation of eligible EV charging infrastructure equipment. FCCP-1 benefits the residents of California by providing air pollution emission reductions through the provision of adequate infrastructure to support plug-in EV growth. CSE is implementing FCCP-1 through a partnership with CEC.

Fast Charge California Project (FCCP) may have another funding round under the name Fast Charge California Project 2, but it is not guaranteed. The determination of additional rounds of funding will be determined by the CEC. The first funding round for FCCP is described in this FCCP-1 Implementation Manual.

To be eligible for incentive payments under FCCP-1, Applicants and sites identified in the Application must meet FCCP-1 Eligibility Requirements. This FCCP-1 Implementation Manual provides the list of FCCP-1 Eligibility Requirements and provides necessary definitions, explanations, and processes associated with the FCCP-1 Eligibility Requirements. The FCCP-1 Implementation Manual, including but not limited to the FCCP-1 Eligibility Requirements contained therein, may be periodically updated as needed to clarify FCCP-1 requirements and improve the effectiveness of FCCP-1. **The FCCP-1 Implementation Manual for this funding round, including any updates, will be posted online at:** <a href="https://calevip.org/document-library">https://calevip.org/document-library</a>.

**Note to Applicants**: In addition to the FCCP-1 Implementation Manual, CSE will publish the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions to which each Applicant must agree to be bound to become eligible and remain eligible to participate in FCCP-1. Timely execution of the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions and compliance with the terms constitute part of the FCCP-1 Eligibility Requirements. The FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions will be posted on the CALeVIP Website at calevip.org. The FCCP-1 Implementation Manual may be updated at any time at the sole and absolute discretion of CSE acting in conjunction with CEC. The Incentive Recipient must adhere to the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions and the most recent version of the FCCP-1 Implementation Manual posted on the CALeVIP Website, which will supersede any previously published versions.

## 1. Definitions

<u>Active Application/Project</u>: An Active Application/Project is any application that currently has funds reserved under CALeVIP 1.0, CALeVIP 2.0, or Communities in Charge. No Incentive Recipient may have more than a cumulative total of 50 active applications/projects open across CALeVIP 1.0, CALeVIP 2.0, and Communities in Charge.

Advanced Energy Storage: Advanced energy storage (AES) is typically a battery that uses a smart energy management system to charge and discharge as needed.

<u>All-Inclusive Solar EV Charging Systems</u>: A dedicated EV charging make-ready system with fully integrated solar panels that provide power to an EVSE or an ESS that powers the EVSE.

**Application:** The form submitted by the Applicant through the Application Portal on the CALeVIP Website to apply for FCCP-1 funding. The Application will allow the Incentive Recipient (as defined below) to designate an individual Applicant as the Incentive Recipient's representative for Application actions and communication. During the Application submission, the Applicant must agree to the terms and conditions of the program, which is done on behalf of the Incentive Recipient.

<u>Applicant</u>: The individual or entity designated by the Incentive Recipient as the Applicant on the Application. The Incentive Recipient may replace the Applicant with a different Applicant at any time by submitting a fully completed and executed Applicant Reassociation Form.

<u>Application Reassociation Form</u>: This form is used to replace the Applicant on the application with another individual. This form can be accessed on the CALeVIP Website through the document library and be submitted via email to calevip@energycenter.org.

<u>Application Date</u>: The date on which an application is submitted into the Application Portal on the CALeVIP Website and acknowledged as received by CSE.

**Application Manager**: The individual designated in the Application as the person responsible for managing all activities related to an active Application on behalf of the Applicant and Incentive Recipient. This individual can be a person in the employment of the Applicant or the Incentive Recipient.

**Application Portal:** The link on the CALeVIP Website providing access to the Application form.

<u>Application Window</u>: The time frame during which Applicants can apply for incentive funding under FCCP-1. This time frame may be extended and/or modified in the sole and absolute discretion of CSE, acting in concert with the CEC.

**Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)**: A vehicle that is propelled by electric motors and powered solely by energy stored in rechargeable batteries. These vehicles do not have an internal combustion

engine.

<u>CALEVIP 2.0</u>: Refers to all CALEVIP projects that fall under the Grant Funding Opportunity GFO-20-607, the second Block Grant for Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Projects throughout California, including GSPP-1 and GSPP-2, and FCCP-1.

CALeVIP Website: The website located at www.calevip.org

**<u>CHAdeMO</u>**: A Japanese-developed standard for electric vehicle DC fast charging.

<u>Charger:</u> A device that is used to convert and regulate alternating current power into direct current power to transfer energy into a battery. A Charger can be located on an electric vehicle (onboard charger) for AC charging or outside of the electric vehicle for DC charging.

<u>Charging Port</u>: A DC fast charger connector attached to a DCFC that can simultaneously output power into an electric vehicle. For purposes of FCCP-1, only charging ports capable of at least a 150-kW Guaranteed Output are considered "Charging Ports". Any DC fast charger port not capable of at least a 150-kW Guaranteed Output are not "Charging Ports" under FCCP-1 and are not eligible for funding.

**<u>Charging Stall</u>**: A designated spot in a parking lot or charging hub where vehicles are parked for electric vehicle charging.

**<u>Charging Station</u>**: A location with one or more Charging Ports at a single address.

**Checkpoint Milestone Stage:** Beginning on the application's Funds Reserved Date, an Applicant has 90 days to fulfill the Checkpoint Milestone. To pass the Checkpoint Milestone, an Applicant will need to upload proof of the order for the site's charging equipment and switchgear, Issued Permit, and Final Utility Service Design. After passing the Checkpoint Milestone, Applicants are not permitted to change their charging equipment unless the company supplying the chargers discontinues operations and is unable to fulfill the equipment order. Any Application failing to pass the Checkpoint Milestone within 90 days of their Funds Reserved Date will be cancelled.

<u>City/County/Privately-Owned Parking Lot or Garage</u>: A publicly or privately owned parking building or lot that provides parking spaces to the public (i.e., public parking is Primary Use).

**<u>Combined Charging Standard (CCS)</u>**: An internationally developed standard (also known as SAE J1772 combo) for electric vehicle DC fast charging.

**<u>Communities in Charge</u>**: Implemented by CALSTART, Communities in Charge offers rebates for Level 2 EV chargers. The second program funded through the Grant Funding Opportunity GFO-20-607, the second Block Grant for Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Projects throughout California.

**Collaborator:** An individual who is added by the Applicant to an Application that can act on the Applicant's behalf. The Applicant is responsible for verifying any application information added by a Collaborator. If the Incentive Recipient determines that a collaborator is no longer representing them or acting on their behalf, the collaborator can be removed at the Incentive Recipient's discretion. Both the Applicant and the Incentive Recipient shall have the sole and absolute discretion to remove a Collaborator. Once removed, the Collaborator shall not be allowed to act in connection with the Application.

**<u>Construction Progress Tracker (CPT)</u>**: The system that will be used in FCCP-1 to track the construction progress of Applications that have had FCCP-1 funding reserved.

Disadvantaged Communities (DACs): A disadvantaged community census tract, as defined by the California Climate Investments Priority Populations Map: https://gis.carb.arb.ca.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=5dc1218631fa46bc8 d340b8e82548a6a&page=Priority-Populations-4\_0.

**DAC/LIC/Tribal Applications:** Applications in which 100% of all DC Fast Chargers planned for implementation in the Application are in a DAC, LIC, or on Tribal Land. Any DAC/LIC/Tribal Application in FCCP-1 will be given the DAC/LIC/Tribal Priority Rule.

**DAC/LIC/Tribal Priority Rule:** All DAC/LIC/Tribal Applications shall be given processing priority over all other Applications received on or after the Receipt Date of the DAC/LIC/Tribal Application.

**DC Fast Charger (DCFC):** A device that provides direct current to support charging at high power with inputs of 480+ volts and output power ranges of 20 kW to over 350 kW.

**Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP):** The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) is a program developed by industry stakeholders including automakers, EVSE manufacturers, educational institutions, utility companies, and electrical industry professionals; and provides training and certification for electricians installing electric vehicle supply equipment.

<u>Electric Vehicle Service Provider (EVSP)</u>: A business that provides one or more services to a Charging Station, including EVSE installation, maintenance services, and networking services.

<u>Eligible Costs</u>: Incurred and paid costs that are permitted by the program for inclusion in the rebate calculation. For a listing of eligible costs, see section 5.

<u>Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)</u>: The system that transfers electricity from a power source to an electric vehicle for the purpose of recharging its batteries. However, the EVSE does not necessarily convert and regulate alternating current power into direct current power to transfer energy into a battery. A DCFC is one type of EVSE.

**Energy Storage System (ESS):** A device or group of devices that store energy in a variety of formats, including chemical energy, thermal energy, mechanical energy, and potential energy. ESS equipment is an eligible cost toward the project cost when directly supporting eligible EVSE but does not increase the incentive amount.

**FCCP:** FCCP is the <u>Fast Charge California Project</u>, which is the second incentive project under CALeVIP 2.0.

**FCCP-1:** This is the first funding cycle under FCCP. There may or may not be additional funding cycles in FCCP.

**FCCP-1 Eligibility Requirements:** The comprehensive set of eligibility requirements contained in the FCCP-1 Implementation Manual and the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions.

**Final Utility Service Design:** The final design of the new or upgraded utility service being provided to the Installation Site for the Proposed Installation. The design should be approved by both the utility and the Applicant and indicate that the service will meet or exceed the Minimum Site Output Capacity.

**Final Verification:** The stage where required documents and project costs are submitted, reviewed, rejected, resubmitted and approved. Once all documents and project costs are approved the incentive recipient will be paid the calculated rebate via ACH or check according to what was selected at the time of application.

**FCCP-1 Implementation Manual:** The document detailing Incentive Project rules, eligibility guidelines, applicant requirements, and project definitions. The most current version of the FCCP-1 Implementation Manual posted to the CALeVIP Website at <a href="https://calevip.org/document-library">https://calevip.org/document-library</a>. When an application is submitted, the most current Implementation Manual available will apply. CSE, however, may modify this Implementation Manual, and the Project Requirements, as needed for the good of the program. All new versions of the Implementation Manual will supersede any previous iterations.

**FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions:** The Terms and Conditions posted for FCCP-1 on the CALeVIP Website at <u>https://calevip.org/document-library</u>.

**Funds Reserved Date:** The date on which funds are reserved for an Application.

<u>Guaranteed Output:</u> The maximum power rating for each Charging Port when all Charging Ports are in use. Only Charging Ports capable of at least a 150-kW Guaranteed Output are eligible.

**Incentive Recipient**: The Incentive Recipient, previously referred to as the Applicant Organization, is the person or entity that is identified in the Application as the person or entity that will receive the incentive funding after completion of an eligible installation.

This FCCP-1 Implementation Manual and the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions make the Incentive Recipient and the Applicant jointly and severally financially responsible for both the rebate funds issued for any repayment of any portion of the rebate that may be required under the FCCP-1 Implementation Manual and/or the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions. Any previous references to "Applicant Organization" will here on out adhere to this Incentive Recipient definition.

Installation Address: The street address at which the Proposed Installation will be completed.

**Installation Data Form:** A questionnaire about a specific application's Proposed Installation that is prompted, filled out, and submitted through the user dashboard at the time of final document submission.

**Installation Site:** The site on which the Proposed Installation will be completed.

**Issued Permit:** The permit(s) provided by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) indicating that the Proposed Installation's design meets the AHJ's requirements and complies with all laws, rules, codes, and regulations. Some installations with solar and/or ESS may require permits from multiple AHJs.

**J3400**: The version of the NACS connector standardized by the Society of Automotive Engineers for industrywide adoption.

Light-Duty Fleet: Groups of motor vehicles owned or leased by a business, government agency, or other organization rather than by an individual or family. A Proposed Installation cannot have Light-Duty Fleet as its Primary Use and retain eligibility for FCCP-1. Additionally, the Primary Use of the Proposed Installation must be to serve light-duty vehicles but can serve medium and heavy-duty vehicles as a secondary use. Primary Use of the Proposed Installation cannot be for medium or heavy-duty vehicles.

Light-Duty Vehicle: A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,500 pounds or less.

Low-income Community (LIC): A low-income community census tract, as defined by the California Climate Investments Priority Populations Map: <u>https://gis.carb.arb.ca.gov/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=5dc1218631fa46bc8</u> <u>d340b8e82548a6a&page=Priority-Populations-4\_0</u>.

Major Highway: An interstate highway, U.S. federal highway, or California state highway.

<u>Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicles:</u> Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of over 8,500 pounds.

<u>Minimum Site Output Capacity</u>: The site output capacity refers to the total power (kW) that must be provided to electric vehicles when all funded Charging Ports at the Proposed

Installation are in use. The minimum requirement to be eligible for FCCP-1 funding is four Charging Ports capable of simultaneously outputting 150 kW, for a total of 600 kW minimum simultaneous site output capacity. Proposed Installations with more than four Charging Ports must guarantee an additional 150 kW of site output capacity for every additional funded Charging Port. Proposed Installations with Charging Ports incented at the 275 kW+ level must guarantee at least 275 kW of site output for every Charging Port incented at the 275 kW+ level.

<u>Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)</u>: An independent laboratory recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to test products to applicable product safety standards.

<u>Network Provider</u>: A business that manages the network operations centers to manage the software, database, and communication interface that enables operation of each Charging Port at the Charging Station.

**<u>New Site</u>**: A type of installation where no electrical infrastructure except for pre-installation conduit is in place at the installation site on the Receipt Date of the Application.

North American Charging Standard (NACS): A connector design developed by Tesla that is capable of both Level 2 and DCFC charging.

<u>Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV)</u>: A vehicle that can be plugged into an electrical outlet or charging device to recharge its battery. There are two types of plug-in electric vehicles: battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

<u>Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)</u>: A vehicle that is propelled by electric motors and an internal combustion engine. This type of vehicle is powered partially by energy stored in rechargeable batteries, with the remaining energy coming from gasoline or diesel.

**<u>Primary Use</u>**: Primary use is the main intended site use for which more than 50% of total charging is provided.

**Property Owner:** A person who has the legal right to use, sell, or transfer a piece of property. The property owner owns all chargers and is responsible for compliance with all program rules.

**Proposed Installation:** This term refers to the entire scope of the incentivized Charging Station that will be installed at the installation site.

<u>Quality Submittal Standards:</u> Minimum standards for documents that are submitted in connection with an Application toward any documentation requirement. These standards apply to all required documentation and can be found in Section C.5 herein.

**<u>Receipt Date</u>**: Date on which the Application is submitted to CSE via the Application Portal and is recorded as received by the Application Portal.

<u>Secondary Use</u>: Secondary use is when charging is provided outside of the Primary use and must be less than 50% of total charging provided.

<u>Site:</u> Developed real property substantially under the common control of a single entity serving residents/employees/customers/guests for a common purpose.

<u>Site Owner:</u> The entity that owns and controls the Installation Site, in full or in part, and grants authorization for the Proposed Installation to occur in adherence with all program requirements.

**Stub-Out/Make-Ready:** A type of installation where an existing installation site is wired with all the electrical infrastructure needed to support installation of EVSE. Includes at least 2-inch minimum spare conduit run with pull rope that is sized, installed, and located per the National Electrical Code for future installation of wiring supporting, at minimum, a 150-kilowatt (kW) DCFC load.

<u>Site Verification From (SVF)</u>: The form completed and signed by the Site Owner and the Applicant or Collaborator authorized by the Incentive Recipient, confirming that the installation work is authorized at the listed installation address by the property owner and applicant for the purposes of participating in FCCP-1.

<u>Tier 1 Application</u>: Applications with both a Final Utility Service Design and Issued Permit at time of submittal.

**Total Approved Costs:** The sum of the costs incurred and paid in connection with the Application that are eligible to be covered by the incentives issued through FCCP-1.

<u>Tribal Land (TL)</u>: Land that is owned by Native American tribes or held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of tribes.

**Uptime:** When EVSE hardware and software are both online and available for use, or in use, and the Charging Port successfully dispenses electricity in accordance with the incentivized power capacity requirements. As defined by: ([Total Standard Hours of Operation – Downtime + Excluded Downtime] / [Total Standard Hours of Operation]) \* 100 percent. All uptime will be monitored in compliance with AB 2061 (chapter 345, Statutes of 2022). In addition to the other requirements set forth in this project, the terms and conditions applicable to the Incentive Recipient and the law, electric vehicle chargers and charging stations must comply with recordkeeping and reporting standards which CEC is currently in the process of developing. Once these regulations are finalized, chargers installed under this project will need to comply with the new regulations. Incentive Recipients must be prepared to comply with any new or updated regulations, even if the regulations are not in existence at the time of application to this project.

## 2. Project Overview

FCCP-1 provides incentives for installation of new DC fast charger (DCFC) charging stations capable of at least a 150-kW Guaranteed Output, per Charging Port, in all regions of California. Funding for FCCP-1 is available for eligible sites located in any California census tract. Eligibility is limited to Applicants who submit both the Final Utility Service Design and Issued Permit. FCCP-1 does not require the chargers to be deployed in DACs, LICs or on Tribal Lands to be eligible. Applications dedicated to 100% deployment in DACs, LICs and Tribal Lands (DAC/LIC/Tribal Applications) will be given priority processing over any other Applications filed on or after the submission date that are not dedicated to 100% deployment in DACs, LICs or Tribal Land. Subject to the priority given to DAC/LIC/Tribal



Applications, all eligible applications will be processed via a first-come, first-served rolling Application Window. There will be no set allocations per region. **A minimum of \$55 million will be available in incentives.** 

Basic project details for FCCP-1 are identified in Table 1.

## Table 1: Project Details

Eligible Geography	Statewide
Funding Available	At Least \$55 Million
Application Window	July 8, 2025 - September 30, 2025

Eligible incentive amounts are included in Section B.2 herein.

Incentive Recipients can determine their eligibility and apply for available incentive funds online at the FCCP-1 webpage: <u>https://calevip.org/incentive-project/fccp-incentive-1</u>. The full FCCP-1 webpage will be available online no later than March 15, 2025.

Individuals without computer or internet access can begin the application process by contacting CSE by telephone at 510-519-8123.

Once submitted, all Applications will be assessed for minimum tier requirements based upon the readiness of the Proposed Installation at the time of application. Only Tier 1 Applications

will be eligible for funding in FCCP-1. Tier 1 requirements are detailed in Table 2.

## **Table 2: Tier Designations**

Tier	Required Documents at Application
1 - "Ready to Build"	Final Utility Service Design
	and Issued Permit

Applications will only be accepted within the application window, which opens at 9:00 a.m. (PT) on July 8, 2025, and closes at 5:00 p.m. (PT) on September 30, 2025. Any timely submitted Tier 1 Application will be added to a funding queue for processing on a rolling, first-come, firstserved basis. The funding queue will be processed in order of application received, except for applications within DACs, LICs, or TLs, which will be given processing priority over every Application that does not qualify for DAC/LIC/TL Application status and that has a Received Date on or after the Received Date of the DAC/LIC/TL Application. No new applications will be accepted after the funding window closes on September 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (PT). Incentive funding will be reserved in queue order for all eligible Tier 1 Applications, or until all the funding allocated for the application window is reserved, whichever occurs first. In the event of oversubscription, any remaining Tier 1 Applications in the queue will remain on a waitlist for up to 165 days after the close of the application window and will be processed if additional funds become available.

For any Application for which funds are reserved, the Applicant will have 450 days from the funds reservation date to complete the Proposed Installation (chargers energized and fully operational) and provide all supporting documentation. Once all document submissions required by the FCCP-1 Implementation Manual and FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions are received, reviewed and approved, incentive funds will be issued within 15 calendar days of notice of application approval. All final incentive amounts are calculated based on the Total Eligible Project Costs as discussed in Section B.5.

Information about FCCP-1 is available to the public and other interested parties via the CALeVIP upcoming rebates webpage: <u>https://calevip.org/incentive-project/fccp-incentive-1.</u> CSE maintains and operates the CALeVIP Website as well as other webpages that include an up-to-date list of eligible equipment models and network providers, online incentive applications, and all supporting documentation and forms. The CALeVIP Website is intended to provide an easy, user-friendly experience while providing transparency for each funding round.

Key dates for announcements and notifications related to FCCP-1 are identified in Table 3.

Action Item	Time Period
Initial Announcement	January 31, 2025
Date Eligible Costs Can Be Paid (see Section B.5)	January 31, 2025
Webpage Available	March 17, 2025
Application Window Opens	July 8, 2025
Application Window Closes	September 30, 2025
Funding Status Notification (Unsuccessful Applicants)	By November 17, 2025
Funding Status Notification (Successful Applicants)	July 8, 2025 – March 14, 2026
Waitlist Ends; all remaining waitlist applications canceled	March 14, 2026

**Note:** CSE will notify Incentive Recipients of funding reservations related to their Applications as soon as feasible, but no later than the dates identified in Table 3.

## **B. SITE ELIGIBILITY AND EQUIPMENT**

## 1. <u>Site Eligibility</u>

Installation Sites must comply with the following requirements to be eligible for funding through FCCP-1.

## a. The installation address is located within the State of California

All counties are eligible and bucketed into one of the following regions. Funding will not be allocated by region, and counties are bucketed for reporting purposes only. All FCCP-1 funding will be available statewide.

	Butte	Modoc	Solano
	Colusa	Napa	Sonoma
	Del Norte	Nevada	Sutter
	El Dorado	Placer	Tehama
Northern Region Counties	Glenn	Plumas	Trinity
	Humboldt	Sacramento	Yolo
	Lake	Shasta	Yuba
	Lassen	Sierra	
	Mendocino	Siskiyou	
Southern Region Counties	Los Angeles	Orange	San Diego
	Alpine	Kern	Riverside
	Amador	Kings	San Bernardino
Faster Davier Counties	Calaveras	Madera	San Joaquin
Eastern Region Counties	Fresno	Mariposa	Stanislaus
	Imperial	Merced	Tulare
	Inyo	Mono	Tuolumne
	Alameda	San Benito	Santa Barbara
	Contra Costa	San Francisco	Santa Clara
Central Region Counties	Marin	San Luis Obispo	Santa Cruz
	Monterey	San Mateo	Ventura

## Table 4: Statewide Counties by Region

## b. Ensure safety and security

Be well-lit, secure, and in compliance with all federal, state, and municipal laws,

ordinances, rules, codes, standards, and regulations.

#### c. Be publicly accessible

- Except for sites with a parking lot or parking garage PRIMARY site use, all sites must be publicly available 24 hours per day, 365 days a year, without restrictions or limitations on availability.
- Sites with a parking lot or parking garage PRIMARY site use are exempt from these requirements as long as the chargers remain accessible to the public for at least 18 hours a day, seven days a week, excluding holidays.
- To be considered publicly available, a charger must not be located behind a fence or in a gated parking lot, such that the public is unable to access or is deterred from accessing.

#### d. Have existing paved surface

- Sites must have existing site use and paved surface/parking.
- Sites cannot install chargers on unpaved parking spaces or be affiliated with any new construction on the site.

#### e. Be one of the following existing site types

- <u>Airport</u>: Short-term airport parking sites (hourly) are eligible. Airport parking sites that allow more than 24-hour parking (e.g., daily or long-term parking) are ineligible.
- <u>Business district</u>: An area within a community that has a high concentration of businesses and average dwell times of 30 minutes or less. The site must have a direct line of sight to the major road. This is typically the central area or commercial center of a town, city, or unincorporated area, though many business districts may be present within these areas. Dealerships, office buildings, and warehouses are not eligible under this site type.
- <u>Casino</u>: A building where gambling games of chance against the house/casino are played. Stand-alone poker rooms or card halls are ineligible.
- <u>Charging hub:</u> An existing paved site, without present or pre-existing site use, which will be used exclusively to provide battery recharging services to electric vehicles. All development work that is not related to the Proposed Installation must be completed before applying.
- <u>City/county/privately-owned parking lot or garage</u>: A publicly or privately owned parking building or lot (i.e., parking is the primary use) that provides parking spaces to the public and is accessible for at least 18 hours a day, seven days a week, excluding holidays. Mixed-use parking garages that serve multiple businesses may be considered for parking garage as the primary site use up at the discretion of CSE. Pay-to-park is eligible. Workplace locations, park-and-ride lots, and long-term parking sites are ineligible. Parking lots must be paved to be eligible for FCCP-1.
- <u>College/university</u>: Must be an accredited, nonprofit two- or four-year college or university and must be accessible to students, visitors, and the public. The same college/university campus may be rebated for up to 20 active Charging Ports.

Satellite university sites that are physically separated from the main campus will be considered a different installation location and will be allowed up to 20 active Charging Ports. The 20 Charging Ports per site may be at one address or spread across several addresses on the same campus but must have at least four charging ports per installation address.

- <u>Community center</u>: A facility owned and operated by a public agency or a nonprofit community organization. The primary purpose of the facility must be for recreation, social welfare, community improvement, or public assembly.
- <u>Gas station</u>: Any existing facility that, as its primary use, serves as a motor vehicle fueling service station retailing petroleum-based automotive fuels (e.g., gasoline, diesel, E10/E15) to the public and has additional complementary customer store(s) or service(s) located on site.
- <u>Grocery store</u>: A store that sells food and household supplies.
- <u>Hotel</u>: A hotel must meet two criteria:
- A permanent building for the primary purpose of short-term lodging.
- Provides access to dining, shopping, or entertainment options available to the public or is less than a quarter mile from a site with another eligible Primary Use.
- <u>Large-format retail store</u>: Large, free-standing, generally single-floor retail stores over 80,000 square feet offering a variety of products to their customers.
- <u>Library</u>: A place in which literary, musical, artistic, or reference materials (such as books, manuscripts, recordings, or films) are kept for use but not for sale.
- <u>Medical facility</u>: A facility that provides any medical services. This includes clinics, dental offices, urgent care, and any other facility providing medical services.
- <u>Place of worship</u>: A building used for the gathering of a religious or faith-based organization for spiritual purposes and must be accessible to visitors and the public.
- <u>Police or sheriff station</u>: Storefront police or sheriff substations that serve the surrounding community and adjacent areas. Proposed Installations at police and sheriff stations are still subject to public accessibility requirements and should not primarily be for fleet use.
- <u>Public transit hub</u>: Centers for public transit, including light rail stations, train stations and bus stations. Does not include park-and-ride lots. Short-term parking sites (e.g., ride share, taxi, hourly use) are eligible. Transit hub parking sites that allow for full-day parking (e.g., commuter use) are ineligible.
- <u>Restaurant</u>: A business where meals and refreshments may be purchased.
- <u>Retail shopping center</u>: A group of retail and other commercial establishments that are planned, developed, owned, and managed as a single entity.

**Note to Applicants**: Each Installation Site is only eligible for one incentive within the CALeVIP 2.0 released projects. For a list of all CALeVIP 2.0 projects, see <u>https://calevip.org/find-project-</u><u>2</u>.

## 2. Incentive Amounts

Incentive amounts are based on eligible incurred and paid costs for DCFC. All final incentive amounts may equal up to 100 percent of the total eligible project costs incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient, subject to the incentive caps listed in Table 5. The amount of incentive funding reserved for a Site will be determined based on the incentive cap for the selected eligible equipment's Guaranteed Output and the number of Charging Ports, for up to 20, as identified in Table 5 & 6.

## **Table 5: Incentive Amounts**

Guaranteed Output per Charging Port	Incentive Cap per Charging Port
150 kW – 274.99 kW	\$55,000
275 kW+	\$100,000

## Table 6: Quantity of Charging Ports Eligible for Incentives per Site (min-max)

Minimum	Maximum
Charging Ports	Charging Ports
4	20

An Applicant can apply for Charging Ports exceeding the maximum quantity but may only receive incentives for the quantity outlined in Table 6.

<u>Example</u>: An Applicant will install 8 DC Fast Charger Charging Ports capable of 175 kW each, at a site in Los Angeles County. The Incentive Recipient is eligible for eight \$55,000 incentives for a total of \$440,000 in incentives.

The Applicant total Proposed Installation cost is calculated based on the eligible Proposed Installation costs proven to be incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient. The final payment will be for 100 percent of the total Proposed Installation costs, up to \$440,000.

## a. No stacking allowed: No combining FCCP-1 funds with other funds

FCCP-1 funding <u>cannot</u> be stacked/combined with any other incentives, grants, or funding to complete a Proposed Installation. The prohibition against stacking applies to all funds, including but not limited to local grants, utility programs, federal tax credits, etc.

Once approved for payment, an Applicant with funding reserved in this initial FCCP-1

application window is eligible to receive an incentive to help cover eligible costs incurred by the Incentive Recipient, up to the amount of funding reserved for the Proposed Installation. Final incentive amounts may not exceed more than 100 percent of the eligible total Proposed Installation costs incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient. If an Incentive Recipient is determined to have stacked/combined other incentive funding with FCCP-1 incentive funding, CSE, acting in concert with the CEC, shall have the sole and absolute discretion to require recoupment of FCCP-1 incentive funds in an amount equal to the stack funds and to seek all fees and costs associated with the effort to recoup the funds.

Revenue obtained from the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) is excluded from this limitation, though the application form will include one or more questions to collect information on planned LCFS designation.

#### b. Incentive disbursement

Incentives will be issued to the Incentive Recipient and may only cover eligible costs (see paragraph B.5) incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient in conjunction with the Proposed Installation. Incentive checks are non-transferable. Incentives are subject to recoupment in accordance with the terms outlined in the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions. In the event of recoupment, or some other justification for recouping incentive payments made, **the Incentive Recipient always remains liable for repayment of incentive funds.** Terms of third-party contracts relating to projects included in Applications do not negate or in any way modify the obligations of the Incentive Recipient and the Applicant under this FCCP-1 Implementation Manual or the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions.

Incentive amounts will be up to **100 percent of the total eligible project costs proven to be incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient**, but not exceeding the incentive funding reserved for the Proposed Installation. Disbursements will occur after the completion of the Proposed Installation and after CSE approves the corresponding application for payment.

The Incentive Recipient will have the option of receiving incentive funds through a check sent by mail or through an electronic funds transfer to an account under the Incentive Recipient's name. Once all required documents are submitted, CSE performs a review of the items in Section C.6 and, if documentation is complete and meets all set requirements, the application is approved. The Incentive Recipient can expect the final incentive check to be mailed within 15 calendar days of application approval if the check payment option was selected. If the Incentive Recipient selects electronic funds transfer, the ETF will occur within seven calendar days from approval.

Incentive checks must be cashed within six months of the date on the check. Checks not cashed within this time frame will be canceled and must be reissued, if within an eligible contract time frame. Checks not cashed within the contract time frame will be canceled

and the funds will be forfeited.

## 3. Maximum Incentive per Entity

Each Installation Site is eligible to receive an incentive for a maximum of 20 Charging Ports.

**Applicant Cap:** No Incentive Recipient may receive more than 35 percent (35%) of the total available project funding available for FCCP-1. Additionally, no Incentive Recipient may have more than a cumulative total of 50 active applications/projects open across CALeVIP 1.0, CALeVIP 2.0, and Communities in Charge. Subsidiaries and other organizations associated with one another may be grouped as a single Incentive Recipient at CEC/CSE's sole and absolute discretion.

## 4. Equipment Eligibility Criteria

This section discusses the specific criteria DCFC must meet to attain eligibility for incentive funding through FCCP-1. A list of eligible equipment and incentive amounts is maintained on the <u>CALeVIP Website</u>. CSE, in conjunction with CEC, reserves the right to modify the eligibility requirement as needed throughout the project at any time at its sole and absolute discretion. The effective date of any such modification to eligibility requirements will be listed on the CALeVIP Website and CSE, acting in concert with the CEC, has the sole and absolute discretion to apply such changes to all Applications and all Proposed Installations, including those for which FCCP-1 funding has been reserved.

**DCFCs are the only equipment eligible for grant funding under FCCP-1**. To be eligible for grant funding under FCCP-1, each DCFC must (a) use Combined Charging Standard (CCS) Charging Ports and/or CCS adapters that are fully integrated into the charger such that they cannot be removed from the Installation Site, and (b) be capable of at least a 150-kW Guaranteed Output per Charging Port. Incentive amount reservations will be determined according to the incentive amounts listed in Table 5.

## Proposed Installations must install eligible equipment per one of the following to be considered eligible installations:

- Install FCCP-1 eligible equipment on new EV charging infrastructure at an FCCP-1 eligible site.
- Install FCCP-1 approved eligible equipment at an FCCP-1 eligible site where EV charging infrastructure already exists but on which DCFC equipment was not previously installed (stub-out/make-ready).

Replacement installations (where the DCFCs are being installed as a replacement for existing EVSE) are not eligible.

Note to Applicants: Applicants are allowed to change the charging equipment they are

installing prior to the Checkpoint Milestone (within 90 days after Funds Reserved). However, it is expected that Applicants choose the chargers they plan to install at the time of Application submission. Once the Application has passed the Checkpoint Milestone Stage, no changes to the charging equipment will be allowed unless the company supplying the chargers discontinues operations and is unable to fulfill the equipment order.

#### All Applications that have not ordered equipment by the 90-day checkpoint will be canceled.

DCFC equipment must meet the following criteria to be considered eligible equipment:

#### a. New equipment

New equipment must be installed for the first time. Units resold, rebuilt, rented, received from warranty insurance claims, or with new parts installed are ineligible for incentives. Equipment obtained as a gift, or a prize are not eligible for incentives.

## b. CCS charging ports

DCFC equipment must have at least one CCS charging port to be eligible for an incentive. J3400 and CHAdeMO charging ports may be installed and will count toward the total project costs but will not be considered when determining the incentive cap for the Proposed Installation.

#### c. Networked

DCFC equipment must be networked via wi-fi, ethernet, or cellular connection (4G and above), which is defined as a charger connected to a backend network operations center, which at a minimum enables remote diagnostics, remote start, utilization data collection, and "over-the-air" updates. **Applicants must purchase a networking agreement for at least 6 years** (eligible toward total project cost).

#### d. Power level requirement

All eligible DCFC equipment models must deliver electricity at least 150-kW Guaranteed Output per charging port simultaneously at all times when requested by a vehicle, unless enrolled in a utility power management program.

## e. Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP) Certification from OCA

Eligible equipment must be certified by the Open Charge Alliance to adhere with the Open Charge Point Protocol version 2.0.1 or later. OCA certification information can be found at <u>https://openchargealliance.org/certificationocpp/</u>. The following will be the minimum required certificates to demonstrate compliance:

- OCPP 2.0.1 Core Profile
- OCPP 2.0.1 Advanced Security Profile

## f. Payment requirements

The DCFC equipment cannot require a subscription or membership to dispense energy. If payment is required, the charger must comply with all relevant laws and regulations

pertaining to payment accessibility.

## g. ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> certification

DCFC equipment must be ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> certified and displayed on the ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> product finder page. DCFCs designated as out of scope by ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> are exempt from this requirement if they provide an out-of-scope letter from ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup>. For more information on how to request an out-of-scope evaluation, please contact evse@energystar.gov.

# h. Approved by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) for electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) testing and certification to UL 2202 or UL 9741

DCFC equipment must be approved by an NRTL that is accredited to certify EVSE standards. Underwriter's Laboratory (UL), Intertek (ETL), and MET Laboratories, Inc. are all currently accredited NRTLs. A complete list of NRTLs can be found at <a href="https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/current-list-of-nrtls">https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/current-list-of-nrtls</a>.

## i. ISO 15118 Hardware-Ready, via manufacturer attestation on the product specifications sheet as a version of "ISO 15118" or as "ISO 15118 Hardware Ready"

- Powerline carrier (PLC) based high-level communication as specified in ISO 15118-3.
- Secure management and storage of keys and certificates.
- Transport Layer Security (TLS) version 1.2; additional support for TLS 1.3 or subsequent versions recommended to prepare for future updates to the ISO 15118 standard.
- Remotely receiving updates to activate or enable ISO 15118 use cases.
- Connecting to a backend network.

## j. Certified by the California Type Evaluation Program (CTEP)

Type certifications by the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) are acceptable if the model is certified to a 0.0001 kWh display resolution.

- k. Registered on the <u>CALeVIP 2.0 Equipment Eligibility Dashboard</u> as eligible for FCCP-1 To list eligible equipment, manufacturers must submit a completed online equipment form to CSE through the <u>EV Charger Eligibility Portal</u>. For questions, contact <u>evcharging@energycenter.org</u>.
- I. Comply with all applicable state requirements for publicly available charging stations.
- m. For guidance on some of the major EV charging station regulations in California, please refer to the "Guide to California Regulations for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations"

that can be found on https://calevip.org/document-library.

## 5. Eligible Costs

The following costs can be included in the total Proposed Installation costs as part of a single Site installation. Any costs incurred and paid at a different Site, whether or not an Installation Site on a Proposed Installation are ineligible. Only costs actually incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient prior to the request for reimbursement following project completion are eligible for inclusion in the total Proposed Installation costs eligible for reimbursement through FCCP-1 incentive funding.

All costs must be supported by itemized invoices with sufficient proof of payment in accordance with the Rebate Invoicing Procedures and Sample Supporting Documents resource found on the CALeVIP Website. All eligible design, utility, installation, networking, and other service costs can be incurred starting January 31, 2025, are eligible for payment, but are incurred at the Incentive Recipient's risk prior to the Funds Reserved date (e.g., application may be determined ineligible, or funds may be fully reserved prior to the review of an application). For a Proposed Installation to remain eligible, construction cannot begin prior to July 8, 2025.

Eligible costs include:

- a. Equipment includes DCFC, transformers, electric panels/switchgear, advanced energy storage, and all-inclusive solar EV charging systems.
- b. Installation costs (labor and materials)
  - Installation costs may include, but are not limited to:
    - Contractor labor and materials for connecting the charger(s) to the electrical service.
    - Labor for paving, trenching, grading, striping, or boring.
    - Rentals of construction equipment for work such as trenching.
    - Switchgears and panels, conduit, trenching materials, boring materials, wiring, concrete, bollards, and other hardware.
  - Utility costs may include but are not limited to:
    - Utility service order, if applicable for the installation site.
    - Labor related to new/upgraded utility service.
    - Transformer upgrade labor costs.
  - Design costs may include but are not limited to:
    - Planning and engineering design costs such as development of drawings and

plans meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for charger(s).

- Installation Site plan design costs.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Design and engineering labor and services.
- Other Services may include but are not limited to:
  - Necessary project signage.
  - Branding services.
  - EMV card readers and NFC/RFID readers.
  - Shipping costs.
  - Data plans for chargers.
- c. Construction cannot begin prior to July 8, 2025. Any projects whose construction has started before July 8, 2025 will forfeit the incentive funds and the application will be cancelled. Construction may begin starting July 8, 2025, and forward but is at the applicants own risk if funding has not been reserved for the project. Until funds are reserved for a project, there is no incentive assigned to that installation site.

## d. Electric infrastructure related to EV charging upgrades

- Installation Site electrical infrastructure upgrades are often required to serve new DCFC load. Eligible costs may include, but are not limited to:
  - Necessary site transformer upgrades, servicing DCFCs, and electric panel upgrades.
  - Stub-outs for make-ready Charging Stalls.
- Per California AB 841, all Proposed Installations must have at least 25 percent of the total electricians working on the crew for the project, at any given time, hold valid EVITP certification.

## e. Advanced energy storage equipment

## f. Service level agreements

The cost of an agreement for maintenance, remote monitoring, repairs, and any other general services that help ensure reliability of the installed equipment. Costs incurred and paid for up to six years of services are eligible costs. Costs for service level agreements must be incurred and paid up front and only the portion incurred and paid for at the time of final document and invoice submission will be eligible. Payment plans that show service level agreements must show the terms and conditions of the agreement to be considered as eligible costs.

## g. Network service agreements

The cost of an agreement with an eligible network provider. Costs incurred and paid for up to six years of services are eligible costs. Costs for network service agreements must be incurred and paid up front and only the portion incurred and paid at the time of final document and invoice submission will be considered an eligible cost. Payment plans that show network service agreement costs that will be incurred and paid in the future are ineligible. Network providers must be on CALeVIP's Eligible Equipment webpage: https://calevip.org/calevip-eligible-equipment.

If the contracted network provider can no longer provide service for the six-year requirement, it is up to the Applicant and Incentive Recipient to ensure the equipment is set up with a new network provider to continue service and provide data. Failure to comply with this requirement places the Incentive Recipient and Applicant at risk that recoupment will be sought pursuant to terms in the FCCP-1 Implementation Manual and the FCCP-1 Terms and Conditions. Any gap in time that the DCFCs are not in operation due to the absence of a network provider will be added to the end of the required data reporting period to ensure a full six years of charger utilization data is submitted to CSE/CEC.

## h. All-inclusive solar EV charging systems

The cost of a dedicated EV charging system with fully integrated solar panels is an eligible cost. Stand-alone solar panels, even if installed solely for the purpose of providing power for charging and linked to the chargers, are not an eligible cost.

#### i. Extended original equipment manufacturer (OEM) warranties

Extended EVSE warranty agreements covering service and parts for protective and corrective maintenance and repairs. Costs incurred and paid for up to six years of services are eligible costs. Costs for extended warranties must be incurred and paid up front and only the portion incurred and paid at the time of final document and invoice submission will be eligible. Payment plans that show extended warranty costs that will be incurred and paid in the future are ineligible. Extended warranties must show the terms and conditions of the warranty to be considered as eligible costs. Extended warranty agreements must be purchased through the OEM charger. Any third-party warranty agreement will not be considered an eligible project cost.

## j. ADA upgrades required to site due to Proposed Installation

- Eligible costs may include, but are not limited to, upgrades to address existing ADA noncompliance.
- Local jurisdiction and CEC code compliance costs are ineligible.

## k. Additional charging ports

Charging ports beyond the incentivized Charging Ports specified in the Proposed Installation, additional Charging Ports may be installed on a site and will count toward the total project cost used to calculate the final incentive amount. However, the incentive cap will be determined based solely on the number of Charging Ports that meet eligibility requirements (i.e., the incentivized Charging Ports). In accordance with no stacking allowed, any additional non-eligible charging ports that are installed on the site cannot be funded via another funding program simultaneously the active FCCP-1 application. When categorizing costs during Final Verification invoice submission, please refer to the Project Cost Categories table in the CALeVIP 2.0 Rebate Invoicing Procedures and Sample Supporting Documents resource available on the <u>CALeVIP Document Library</u>.

## 6. Ineligible Project Costs

For all Applications, costs ineligible for reimbursement as part of FCCP-1 may include, but are not limited to:

## a. Permits and building code compliance costs

## b. Travel costs

Any costs associated with travel to/from the Installation Site, including but not limited to hotel, food, gas, rental vehicles, and airfare.

## c. Stand-alone solar panels

## d. Stacking: Project costs are offset by other incentive programs or projects

FCCP-1 funding **cannot** be stacked/combined with other incentive funding to complete a Proposed Installation, including but not limited to local grants and utility programs. If the Site is an active application with FCCP-1, the site cannot participate in any other EVSE incentive funding programs for. Both the Applicant and the Incentive Recipient are prohibited from using the benefits of any other programs, including direct incentives or other benefits to pay any costs associated with Proposed Installations.

## e. Costs that are not supported by sufficient proof of payment

This includes, but is not limited to, standard warranties, in-house labor costs, and any eligible costs that are not supported by sufficient proof of payment.

## f. Costs associated with developing an unpaved site or with construction of new buildings or structures

All sites in FCCP-1 must be developed at the time of application. Due to timelines associated with developing new sites, FCCP-1 does not allow for the development of the site and the associated costs of such development are ineligible. Additionally, lighting, fencing, and security systems are not eligible costs.

# g. Any profit charged by an individual or organization receiving the incentive is prohibited

Contractors to the Incentive Recipient are allowed to charge profit. However, neither the Applicant nor the Incentive Recipient may mark up actual costs submitted for rebate payments to include a profit.

## h. Any costs not yet incurred and paid at the time of final document and invoice

## submission for final payment, or any costs incurred and paid prior to January 31, 2025.

**Note to Applicant:** In addition, CSE reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to disallow any submitted costs that are deemed excessive as they relate to overall project costs (e.g., design costs that exceed the value of the chargers etc.).

## 7. Development of List of Eligible Equipment Models

For DCFC equipment incentive eligibility, the equipment manufacturer must first register with CALeVIP via <u>evcharging@energycenter.org</u>. Once registered, the equipment manufacturer can create an account on the EV charger eligibility portal at <u>evchargereligibility.org</u> and submit equipment information to CSE for determination. The DCFC equipment manufacturer must submit equipment information for each product that they would like to make eligible. CSE works with the equipment manufacturer to ensure that all the required information is received and will request additional information, as needed, to make an eligibility determination.

If the equipment meets the eligibility requirements set forth in Section B.2, herein, CSE will add the equipment to the list of eligible equipment on the online dashboard. Only equipment submitted by equipment manufacturers will be listed on the CALeVIP Website.

All verified eligible equipment will be displayed on the <u>CALeVIP 2.0 Equipment Eligibility</u> <u>Dashboard</u>.

## 8. Installation Requirements

A Proposed Installation must be completed in accordance with the following requirements to be eligible for disbursement of reserved incentive funds.

- **a.** All Proposed Installations must be at structures or facilities that existed prior to the date of application and involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The site must already be paved prior to installation and meet all ADA compliance requirements.
- **b.** The Applicant must obtain or cause to be obtained, any required permits and both the Applicant and Incentive Recipient must comply with all applicable federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, codes, and regulations for work performed to complete the Proposed Installation.
- **c.** The Proposed Installation and all work performed to complete the Proposed Installation must be conducted by a qualified and licensed contractor in accordance with all local, state, and federal codes, permitting, and inspection requirements.
- d. All DCFC infrastructure and equipment located on the utility customer's side of the

electrical meter shall be installed by a contractor with the appropriate license classification, as determined by the Contractors State License Board, and at least 25 percent of the total electricians working on each crew, at any given time, must hold a valid Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certification.

- **e.** All persons working to complete the Proposed Installation must be paid the prevailing wage in compliance with California Prevailing Wage Laws.
- **f.** All contractors shall comply with California Prevailing Wage Laws and pay prevailing wages accordingly.
- **g.** A signed EVITP Requirements Affidavit that adheres to the requirements in Section C.6 must be submitted.

## C. INCENTIVE RECIPIENT DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS

## 1. Incentive Recipient Requirements

The Applicant is responsible for communication with CALeVIP. The Applicant and the Incentive Recipient are responsible for ensuring program requirements are adhered in connection with the submission of the Application and after its submission. The Incentive Recipient must accept the incentive directly. FCCP-1 does not provide an option to assign the incentive to an equipment seller (i.e., equipment manufacturer) or any other third party. All Proposed Installation costs must be actually incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient to be eligible for rebate payment.

For a person to become eligible as an Applicant they must meet the following requirements.

- a. Be an authorized representative of a commercial or public facility installation site. An authorized representative is defined as the Site Owner of the location where the Proposed Installation will be installed or an individual that has received permission from the Site Owner, via the "CALeVIP Site Verification Form" that can be found on <a href="https://calevip.org/document-library">https://calevip.org/document-library</a> and all relevant documentation, including the Application to apply on behalf of the Incentive Recipient for the Proposed Installation.
- **b.** Represent any of the following:
  - A business based in California or has a California-based affiliate.
  - A sole proprietorship based in California or has a California-based affiliate.
  - A nonprofit organization based in California or has a California-based affiliate.
  - A government entity based in California or has a California-based affiliate.

- A California Native American tribe listed with the Native American Heritage Commission at the time of application.
- c. Establish that there is no threatened or actual legal action against the Applicant or the Incentive Recipient that could impact the completion or operation of the Proposed Installation or disbursement of the reserved incentive funds. Completion of the Proposed Installation must adhere to the FCCP-1 program requirements.
- **d. Poor Performer Ineligibility:** CSE and/or CEC may exclude certain entities from participating in CALeVIP 2.0, either directly or indirectly, as Applicants, Incentive Recipients, equipment providers, contractors, or other entities whose involvement might otherwise delay, obstruct, or prevent the completion of a project site. The following circumstances will be followed:
  - <u>Noncompliance with Applicable Laws:</u> Entities found to be in violation of any applicable U.S. federal, California state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, codes, standards, or regulations may be excluded from participating in the program.
  - <u>Noncompliance with Program Requirements</u>: Entities that fail to meet or adhere to the requirements, guidelines, or standards established by the CALeVIP 2.0 project, or those who engage in conduct that undermines the integrity or effectiveness of CALeVIP 2.0, may be excluded from participation.
  - <u>Noncompliance with Separate Programs</u>: Entities that are found to be noncompliant with requirements imposed under separate programs, whether mandated by law or implemented by other entities, or who have been debarred or suspended from contracting with federal, state, or local governments may be excluded from participating in CALeVIP 2.0 at the sole discretion of the Center for Sustainable Energy and the California Energy Commission.
  - <u>Unreasonable Delays or Conduct</u>: Entities that cause unreasonable delays in project completion, exhibit conduct detrimental to the objectives of CALeVIP 2.0, or engage in activities that compromise the efficiency or fairness of CALeVIP 2.0, may be excluded from participation.

## 2. Application Process

Applications are only accepted during the Application Window. All information and documentation submitted during the applicable Application Window will be deemed as final and corrections to this information may not be permitted.

Once the application window opens, navigate to the webpage for the FCCP-1 funding round at <u>https://calevip.org/incentive-project/fccp-incentive-1</u> to access the application process information and start the application online.

Application assistance will be made available to applicants via email and virtual office hours. All application assistance and resources will be made available at

## https://calevip.org/incentive-project/fccp-incentive-1.

## 3. <u>Reservation of Incentive Funds</u>

#### a. Application processing tiers

Subject to the DAC/LIC/TL Priority Rule (see definitions), Applications will be processed on a rolling first-come, first-served basis, beginning at the opening of, and throughout, the Application Window. Once an Application is submitted and determined to be a Tier 1 Application, it will be added to a queue in order of submittal time and processed for funds reserved. Once an Application gets processed for funds reserved, its 450-day project period begins.

No new Applications will be accepted after the closing of the Application Window. Incentive funding will be reserved in queue order for all Tier 1 Applications, or until all the funding allocated for the Application Window is reserved, whichever occurs first. In the event of oversubscription, any remaining Tier 1 Applications in the queue will remain on a waitlist for up to 165 days after the close of the Application Window and processed if any funds become available.

All Applications that fail to qualify as a Tier 1 Application will be cancelled. If canceled within the Application Window, the Applicant may resubmit their Application once it obtains all requirements to become a Tier 1 Application and can be added to the end of the queue for processing assuming the Application Window is still open.

#### Table 7: Tier 1 Requirements

Tier 1: Ready to Build		
Applications are required to provide both:		
1. An Issued Permit for the Proposed Installation.		
2. A Final Utility Service Design for the Proposed Installation or an official letter		
stating that no new or upgraded service is necessary for the Proposed		
Installation.		

NOTE: Applicants are encouraged to mention to their utility that the installation address is participating in CALeVIP and subject to a 450-day installation deadline. Additionally, depending on the utility provider, applications deploying over 2 MW are advised to communicate with their utility power provider to determine if a Large Load Study will be necessary, as this may further delay the utility service design process.

Incentive funding will be reserved in queue order for all eligible Applications or until all the funding allocated for the Application Window is reserved, whichever occurs first.

The Applicant will be notified if their Application meets the requirements to be classified as a Tier 1 Application within seven calendar days after the Received Date. If the Application is classified as a Tier 1 Application, it will be added to the queue and processed in the order received (subject to the DAC/LIC/TL Priority Rule). Applications that fail to achieve Tier 1 Application designation will be cancelled. Applicants for whom funds have been reserved will be notified on the Funds Reserved Date that funding has been reserved for their Application. Applicants whose Applications were cancelled will receive notice of the cancellation within seven calendar days of the cancellation determination. Once all funding has been allocated, any remaining Tier 1 Applications will remain in the queue for up to 165 days after the Application Window closes. Should additional funding become available, Applications will be funded in queue order. After 165 days, all unfunded Applications will be canceled.

#### b. Duplicate addresses

For any Proposed Installation address receiving more than one Application, the first eligible application submitted will be the application that is eligible to receive funding through FCCP-1. In accordance with program rules that limit each site location to a single Application, any additional applications will not be considered and will be canceled.

Prior to awarding funds reserved, CSE will verify that no Proposed Installation address has any other CEC-funded EV infrastructure projects pending payment, specifically funding from any other CALeVIP incentive project or Communities in Charge incentive project. If the Proposed Installation address is found to have a payment pending from one of these other programs, the application will be deemed ineligible and cancelled.

Proposed Installation addresses that have received final payment of CEC-funded incentives may still be eligible if they were funded through a CALeVIP 1.0 project or a Communities in Charge project. Sites that received funding from a CALeVIP 2.0 project (GSPP-1 or GSPP-2) are ineligible for funding from FCCP-1.

Applicants with active projects in GSPP-1 or GSPP-2 may cancel their application prior to March 1, 2025 and apply for the same site in FCCP-1 if they wish to do so at their own risk of not being funded. Applicants that do so must meet all the requirements in FCCP-1, including the eligible chargers, and any costs incurred prior to January 31, 2025 will not be eligible. Construction on the site also must not have started or planned to start prior to July 8, 2025.

#### c. Waitlist

CSE will open a 165-day waitlist following the close of the Application Window. This waitlist will be available to Tier 1 Applicants in the application queue that did not get funds reserved due to oversubscription of FCCP-1. Waitlisted Applications will be processed in queue order if additional funds become available due to cancellations.

Waitlisted Applications must reverify that the application qualifies as a Tier 1 Application to be eligible for reservation of funds. All active Applications with funds reserved must show sufficient progress to meet their Checkpoint Milestone Stage by 90 days from the Funds Reserved Date. If the Applicant cannot establish that it has met the 90-Day Checkpoint Milestone, CSE has the sole and absolute discretion to cancel the Application. After the 165-day waitlist period, any remaining Applications in the queue will be canceled.

## d. Submittal of required documents

After a Proposed Installation has funds reserved, all required documentation must be submitted to CSE within the required time frames (see Section C.5) and construction progress must be recorded in the Construction Progress Tracker as required in Section C.6. Failure to upload documents within the required timeline may result in cancellation of reserved funds, which CSE may do in its sole and absolute discretion pursuant to the cancellation policy set forth in Section C.8.

Table 8 outlines the required documentation and the deadline for each set.

Incentive Recipient Action	Deadline	
Sign up for the Construction Progress Tracker in Salesforce.	5 days after receiving invitation.	
<ul><li>Checkpoint Milestone documentation:</li><li>DCFC &amp; electrical equipment order</li></ul>	90 days after Funds Reserved Date.	
Update construction progress in the Construction Progress Tracker on an ongoing basis, when listed milestones are met.	Monthly updates, or within 14 days of updates requested by CSE, whichever is sooner.	
<ul> <li>Final Verification documentation, which includes:</li> <li>Completed Invoice Form with project costs.</li> <li>Copy of all design, installation, and equipment invoices and receipts with sufficient proof of payment demonstrating costs incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient.</li> <li>Completed Network Agreement Acknowledgement form.</li> <li>Completed EVITP Requirements Affidavit.</li> <li>Final inspection card signed off by the inspector.</li> <li>Completed Installation Data Form.</li> <li>Attest to the energized, operational, and publicly accessible status of the chargers.</li> <li>Two photos of installed and operational equipment with CALeVIP stickers.</li> <li>Proof of AFDC station locator tool registration.</li> </ul>	450 days after Funds Reserved Date.	

#### Table 8: Timeline of Required Documentation

• Attest that no other incentives, grants, or	
funding have been applied for or received for	
this project installation site.	

## e. Installation timeline and extensions

Applicants have a total of **450 calendar days** from the Funds Reserved Date to complete installation and submit all required documents online through the user dashboard. *Applicants without internet access may mail supporting documentation to CSE. If mailed, submittal date is determined by U.S. mail postmark.* 

If a project is expected to exceed this 450 Day Limit, an extension must be requested and approved at a minimum of 15 days prior to the application expiration date via the online Extension Request Form. All Application extension requests must be made and reviewed according to the Extension & Cancellation Appeal Policy that is effective on the date the request is made.

## f. Final installation and payment

Once all required documents are submitted, CSE performs a review of the items in Section C.6 and, if documentation is complete and meets all set requirements, the Application is approved. The Incentive Recipient can expect the final incentive check to be mailed within 15 calendar days of application approval if the check payment option was selected. If the Incentive Recipient selects electronic funds transfer, the ETF will occur within seven calendar days from approval.

Incentive checks must be cashed within six months of the date on the check. Checks not cashed within this time frame will be canceled and the funds returned to the CALeVIP 2.0 funding.

## 4. Changes to Application After Submittal

Any changes to the submitted Application may be accepted or denied at the sole and absolute discretion of CSE. Changes to the Applicant through an Application Reassociation Form, changes to the Incentive Recipient will be considered on a case-by-case basis and CSE has the sole and absolute discretion to deny such requests.

## 5. <u>Required Documentation</u>

For an Incentive Recipient to be awarded a reservation of incentive funding (Funds Reserved status), an eligible Application must be submitted through the CALeVIP 2.0 Application Portal. When submitting required documents and items during the initial application submission, Checkpoint Milestone, and Final Verification, please refer to the CALeVIP 2.0 Rebate Invoicing Procedures and Sample Supporting Documents resource on the CALeVIP Website for further details and examples. To be considered an eligible application, an application must include the

following.

- **a.** A complete Application including, but not limited to:
  - Incentive Recipient's name, as registered in the State of California.
  - Incentive Recipient's address, as registered in the State of California.
  - Incentive Recipient's mailing address.
  - Incentive Recipient's tax ID number.
  - The full name and contact phone number of the primary person responsible for managing the application and all correspondence on behalf of the Incentive Recipient.
  - The address of a site identified as eligible for FCCP-1, and where the Proposed Installation will be installed.
  - Selection of DCFC charging equipment identified as eligible for FCCP-1, for a total of <u>at least four eligible Charging Ports.</u>
  - Selection of a network provider identified as eligible for FCCP-1.
- A completed Site Verification Form (SVF) provides confirmation that the Incentive Recipient is the Site Owner or that the Site Owner authorizes the Incentive Recipient to install the charging equipment at the site. A SVF is considered complete if it meets the following requirements
  - Complete with date and signature; the signatory needs to be listed on the application as the Applicant, Collaborator, or Site Owner (if applicable).
  - Completion of all relevant text and fields on documentation.
  - Copy free of handwritten changes.
  - Installation address of Proposed Installation, organization name, and/or property owner name matches that of the address/organization/owner verified on the application.
  - All information included must be verifiable.
  - Clear, legible scans/photos of submitted documents.
- c. A complete Tier 1 package, which includes:
  - A copy of the Final Utility Service Design or an official letter from the utility stating that no new or upgraded utility service is necessary for the Proposed Installation.
  - A copy of the Issued Permit or a letter on official AHJ letterhead stating the AHJ is a self-permitting agency and that the Proposed Installation will follow all municipal laws, rules, codes, and regulations (the installation address must be listed).
  - Utility flexible connection programs: If the utility serving the Proposed Installation site cannot provide the capacity needed to meet the minimum output required by FCCP-1, and the Proposed Installation will participate in an established program to support flexible connection (e.g., PG&E's Flex Connect program), the Applicant must inform CSE at least 15 business days before applying via email to calevip@energycenter.org. Sites applying for FCPP-1 that have sufficient capacity for their requested load, cannot participate in a utility flexible connection program. Only

sites that do not currently have sufficient capacity are allowed to participate in the utility flexible connection programs and FCPP-1. CSE will verify with the utility that the Proposed Installation will meet the minimum requirements with the following documentation:

- A statement from the utility stating that the utility will serve the site with sufficient power to ensure that all FCCP-1 funded Charging Ports must be able to provide sufficient energy (>50% aggregate nameplate) to the site as to not impact regular site operations >90%+ of the time.
- A written document from the utility stating they agree to the above terms and are working to upgrade site capacity within the next five years.
- Acknowledgement that all other requirements of CALeVIP 2.0 FCCP-1 remain in effect for each Proposed Installation.
- Incentive Recipients and/or site hosts will be required to have signage posted at the charging station stating they are participating in the in a utility flexible program which may result and lower power capacity than what is displayed on the chargers.

Please note that if you email CSE requesting this exception, the processing time of your application may differ from other stated timelines in CALeVIP 2.0 documents, including this FCCP-1 Implementation Manual.

- d. Ninety (90) calendar days from Funds Reserved date, Applicants must submit for each Application – a copy of the official equipment order for the charging equipment and switchgear directly from the vendor in accordance with the Checkpoint Milestone Stage. If verification of equipment order is not submitted within 90 calendar days, the application will be canceled.
- **e.** During the Final Verification phase, prior to the funding reservation expiration date:
  - Submit monthly updates on project progress to the Construction Progress Tracker.
  - Complete an Installation Data Form online within 450 calendar days from the Funds Reserved Date.
  - Submit required documentation within 450 calendar days from the Funds Reserved date. Supporting documentation must be scanned and submitted through the CALeVIP 2.0 Application Portal. Supporting documentation must include the following documents:
    - A signed Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) Requirements Affidavit.
      - <u>EVITP Requirements Affidavit must include:</u>
        - Proposed Installation matches that of the application.
        - All fields filled out.
        - Verifiable EVITP certification number.
        - Signatures from the contractor and the Applicant or authorized representative of the Incentive Recipient.

- Completed Invoice Form with project costs through the user dashboard.
  - Invoice Form must include separate entries for each invoice and each entry must have:
    - Matching invoice date and invoice number for each corresponding invoice.
    - Cost category, unit cost, quantity, and tax designation for each invoice line item. The amounts should match those listed on the corresponding submitted invoice with proof of payment.
- Copy of paid design/engineering invoice(s) if costs are being submitted for review.
  - Invoice must include:
    - Contractor/engineer name, contractor/engineer license number, and payment terms (paid in full cash, check, electronic payment, credit card, paid stamp, etc.).
    - Date of payment.
    - Installation address.
    - Incentive Recipient listed as the purchaser.
    - Detailed itemization of all costs.
    - Sufficient proof of payment demonstrating the Incentive Recipient incurred and paid costs, and any relevant supporting documentation for in-house costs.
- Copy of paid equipment invoice(s) if costs are submitted for review.
  - Invoice must include:
    - Seller's name and payment terms (paid in full cash, check, credit card, paid stamp, etc.).
    - Equipment makes and model number(s) and serial number (if available).
    - Equipment order quantity is at minimum equal to the quantity applied for within the application.
    - Incentive Recipient listed as the purchaser.
    - Date of payment.
    - Detailed itemization of all costs.
    - Sufficient proof of payment demonstrating the Incentive Recipient incurred and paid costs, and any relevant supporting documentation for in-house costs.
- Copy of paid installation invoice(s) if costs are being submitted for review.
  - Invoice must include:
    - Contractor name, contractor license number, and payment terms (paid in full cash, check, electronic payment credit card, paid stamp, etc.).
    - Date of payment.
    - Description of installation work with detailed itemization.
    - Installation address.

- Incentive Recipient listed as the purchaser.
- Sufficient proof of payment demonstrating the Incentive Recipient incurred and paid costs, and any relevant supporting documentation for in-house costs.
- A signed Network Agreement Acknowledgement form or a copy of the executed network service agreement or contract.
- Copy of final inspection card, including inspector sign-off.
- Documentation of commissioning
- At least two photographs of installed and operational charger(s) at the installation address.
  - Photographs must include:
    - Clear, legible photographs of installed and operational DCFC.
    - A complete view of the front of the installed and operational DCFCs showing all Charging Ports.
    - CALeVIP sticker label must be displayed in a clearly visible location.
- Submit proof of submission of installed chargers' information to the Alternative Fuels Data Center station locator tool for all DCFCs incentivized through FCCP-1.
- Attest in an emailed statement that the DCFCs are fully installed, powered on, operational, and publicly accessible.
- Complete and submit the Installation Data Form through the user dashboard.
- Attest in an emailed statement that no other incentives, grants, or funding have been applied for or received for this Proposed Installation site.
- **f.** Ensure the DCFCs remain in service, in compliance with the operational requirements, and at the project site address, for a minimum of six years.
- **g.** Maintain a six-year network service agreement immediately after the equipment energization.
- **h.** Be available for follow-up inspection if requested by CSE or CEC or either the entity's designated contractor or representative.
- i. CEC reserves the right to request voluntary participation from Incentive Recipients in ongoing research efforts that support the goals of CALeVIP. This includes the use of all charger sessions and interval data for all research purposes.
- **j.** Through submission of an application to FCCP-1, agree to allow the CEC to utilize your application data for publicly available data tools, including, but not limited to, the CEC's Cost Transparency Tool.
- **k.** The Applicant is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information on all incentive Applications and required documentation submitted to CSE. Submission of false

information on any required documents may be considered a criminal offense under <u>Section 115 of the California Penal Code</u> and is punishable under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

## 6. <u>Construction Progress Tracker</u>

Applicants are required to sign up for the Construction Progress Tracker (CPT), by accepting the invitation from CSE to create an account in the Salesforce CPT portal, within five calendar days of the emailed invitation.

Applicants and/or Application Managers are required to update the CPT on the Incentive Recipient's behalf with progress on project design, approval, and installation tasks once completed in the field. CSE will provide a walk-through of the tool for Applicants and/or Application Managers that receive an FCCP-1 funding reservation.

If updates are not made in the CPT monthly, or within 14 calendar days of a written request from CSE, applications are subject to cancellation pursuant to the Cancellation Policy and extension requests are subject to denial pursuant to the Extension Policy. CSE reserves the right to cancel applications in their sole and absolute discretion.

For additional information on the CPT, please contact <u>CPTadmin@energycenter.org</u>.

## 7. <u>CALeVIP Labeling</u>

Incentive Recipients are required to add CALeVIP-provided labeling on a visible location of all chargers that have received an incentive through FCCP-1.

## 8. Cancellations

Applicants are required to adhere to the deadlines outlined in Table 9 for each Proposed Installation. Failure to comply may result in cancellation in the sole and absolute discretion of CSE pursuant to the Cancellation Policy.

Applicant/Incentive Recipient Action	Deadline	
Sign up for the Construction Progress Tracker in Salesforce and accept the invitation for the eligible application.	5 days after receiving invitation.	
Checkpoint Milestone documentation:	90 days after Funds Reserved Date.	

## **Table 9: Timeline of Incentive Recipient Deadlines**

• EVSE & electrical equipment order.	
Update construction progress in the Construction	Monthly updates, or within 14 days
Progress Tracker on an ongoing basis, when listed	of updates requested by CSE,
milestones are met.	whichever is sooner.
Apply CALeVIP stickers to installed chargers once	Prior to submission of Final
stickers are received and chargers are installed.	Verification documentation.
Final Verification documentation, which includes:	
<ul> <li>Completed Invoice Form with project costs.</li> <li>Copy of all design, installation, and equipment invoices and receipts with sufficient proof of payment demonstrating costs incurred and paid by the Incentive Recipient.</li> <li>Completed Network Agreement Acknowledgement form.</li> <li>Completed EVITP Requirements Affidavit.</li> <li>Final inspection card signed off by the inspector.</li> <li>Completed Installation Data Form.</li> <li>Attest to the energized, operational, and publicly accessible status of the chargers.</li> <li>Two photos of installed and operational equipment with CALeVIP stickers.</li> <li>Proof of AFDC station locator tool registration.</li> <li>Confirmation no other incentives, grants, or funding have been applied for or received for</li> </ul>	450 days after Funds Reserved Date.
this project installation site.	
Begin the process of sharing charging session data with CSE.	Upon charger energization and commissioning, but no later than the date incentive funding is received.

## 9. Extensions

The purpose of FCCP-1 is to rapidly deploy EV charging stations to help meet the state's ZEV goals. As such, project deadlines will be strictly enforced, and failure to meet deadlines will result in cancellation of applications, resulting in the loss of the associated reserved funding. CSE reserves the right to cancel Applications described above in its sole and absolute discretion pursuant to the Cancelation Policy. In addition to its cancellation rights, CSE reserves the right to grant additional time in cases where a delay outside of the Applicant's control occurs. The decision to grant extensions is reserved to CSE's sole and absolute discretion. Examples of excusable delays include, but are not limited to, a delay in equipment delivery from the equipment provider, a delay in utility interconnection due to lack of utility resources, or active public health orders and labor shortages impacting the ability to schedule work. CSE may request supporting documentation to verify excusable delays.

Any delay within the Applicant's control is considered non-excusable and the associated Application and funding reservation will be subject to cancellation at CSE's sole and absolute discretion. Examples of non-excusable delays include, but are not limited to, unreasonable delay between the Funds Reserved Date and beginning construction, lack of communication with CSE, unreasonable response times to the permitting agency, Site Owner issues, and delays in ordering all necessary equipment to complete installation.

For a more detailed description of each delay, as well as information on how to make a request for a deadline extension, refer to the Extension Policy that is effective on the date the request is made.

## 10. Research Participation

CSE reserves the right to request participation from Incentive Recipients in ongoing research efforts that support CALeVIP and FCCP-1 research goals. CSE shall distribute surveys to Incentive Recipients or use other research methods (e.g., focus groups, etc.) to collect data and other information pertaining to incentivized DCFCs. CSE will identify research parameters and determine the most effective mechanism for obtaining information. CSE reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to cancel funding reservation for an Application for failure to timely provide complete responses to surveys provided by CSE, as more fully described in Section C.9.

## 11. Operational Requirements

## a. Standard operation and maintenance requirements

The Incentive Recipient is required to keep each DCFC funded through FCCP-1 operational and in compliance with all applicable FCCP-1 requirements, for a minimum of six years. To ensure compliance, the Incentive Recipient is required to maintain a service-level agreement and an extended warranty, for all applicable DCFCs, for the entirety of the six years. All issues, including those due to faulty equipment, are the responsibility of the Incentive Recipient and should be resolved promptly to comply with uptime requirements outlined below.

## b. Uptime requirements

All uptime will be monitored in compliance with AB 2061 (chapter 345, Statutes of 2022). In addition to the other requirements set forth in this project, the terms and conditions applicable to the Incentive Recipient and the law, electric vehicle chargers and charging stations must comply with recordkeeping and reporting standards which CEC is currently in the process of developing. Once these regulations are finalized, chargers installed under this project, will need to comply with the new regulations. Incentive Recipients must be prepared to comply with any new or updated regulations, even if the regulations are not in existence at the time of application to this project.

The Incentive Recipient is required to ensure that each DCFC in a Proposed Installation is "up" **at least 97 percent** of a site's standard hours of operation and that chargers shall remain in service at the Proposed Installation address for a minimum of 72 months (six years).

The Proposed Installation is "up" when its hardware and software are both online and available for use, or in use, and the Charging Port successfully dispenses electricity at the Guaranteed Output. The Proposed Installation's uptime will be calculated by CSE, as follows, on an annual basis:

- **Uptime** = ([Total Standard Hours of Operation Downtime + Excluded Downtime] / [Total Standard Hours of Operation]) \* 100 percent.
- **Downtime** is defined as any 15-minute interval within the standard hours of operation in which a charger is not operational.

Excluded downtime is defined as a period of downtime, within the standard hours of operation, caused by any of the following:

- <u>Electric Grid Power Loss</u>: Power supplied by the electric utility for a site is not supplied at levels required for minimum function of the Proposed Installation. This may include, but is not limited to, service outages due to utility equipment malfunction or public safety power shutoffs.
- <u>Accident, Vandalism, or Theft:</u> Physical damage to the Proposed Installation for events such as vehicle collision with a charger, theft of charging cables, damage to charging ports from mishandling, or damage to screens. Excluded downtime is limited to a maximum of five days for each event.
- <u>Telecommunication Network Outages:</u> Loss of communication between a DCFC and a central system due to cellular or internet service provider system outages that are beyond the control of the Incentive Recipient. Downtimes caused by cellular communication chips that are no longer compatible with existing cellular networks do not count as excluded downtime. It is up to the Incentive Recipient to ensure cellular communication chips are upgraded as necessary to remain compatible during the 72-month period
- <u>Planned Outage for Maintenance or Upgrade</u>: Any planned maintenance.
- <u>Extraordinary Events</u>: Unforeseeable events that would have been impossible to plan for using commercially reasonable methods.

A change in ownership of the Proposed Installation site does not relieve the Incentive Recipient from the uptime requirements described above. Any change in ownership must require the new owner to comply with the provisions of the contract for the balance of the 72-month period.

## c. Uptime and charging session data requirements

Incentive Recipients are required to grant CSE and the CEC direct access to EV charger

utilization data for six years through the Incentive Recipient's selected eligible network provider for the Proposed Installation. Data requirements for the site are only required for charging ports funded by CALeVIP.

If the Proposed Installation's selected eligible network provider does not provide the required data to CALeVIP on a minimum of an annual basis, the Incentive Recipient will be responsible for providing the required data within 90 days of being notified by CSE and thereafter on a minimum of an annual basis. If the eligible network provider does not provide the required data, they may be removed from the eligible approved network provider list for future CALeVIP projects. A change in ownership of the Proposed Installation site does not relieve the Incentive Recipient from the delivery of the charging session data requirements described.

## d. Network provider requirements

All network providers must submit an intake form for CSE to review compliance with minimum requirements and begin the data sharing agreement process. All network providers must meet the following requirements to participate in the FCCP-1:

- 1. Provide networking services for DCFCs at Proposed Installations.
- 2. Be capable of processing payments through a toll-free number option and initiating a charging session remotely.
- 3. Have a signed data sharing agreement in place with CSE.
- 4. Be capable of obtaining and providing the charging session data identified in each network provider's data sharing agreement using 15-minute intervals. All data fields are confirmed on the EVSP Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) between CSE and EVSP. All data fields included in the Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) are confirmed by the CEC data team prior to DSA executions.
- 5. Provide the required data on at least a quarterly basis.
- 6. Implement a mechanism to transfer the required data to CSE with a format and frequency that is acceptable to CSE and CEC.
- 7. Comply with all regulations resulting from AB 2061 legislation.

If a Proposed Installation fails to contract with an eligible network provider for networking services, the corresponding application will not be granted Funds Reserved status and will be canceled.

## e. California Assembly Bill 2061 requirements

All electric vehicle chargers and charging stations installed on or after January 1, 2024, must:

• Comply with recordkeeping and reporting standards as described in CEC's regulations. These requirements are not applicable to those electric vehicle chargers and charging stations installed at residential real property containing four or fewer dwelling units.

• Comply with all industry best practices and charger technology capabilities that are demonstrated to increase reliability, as described in CEC's regulations.

Further, without limitation to other requirements in this grant agreement, Incentive Recipients shall comply with any other regulatory requirements, including but not limited to uptime, operation, and maintenance requirements. Such regulatory requirements may, but will not necessarily, be enacted after execution of this grant agreement. Once regulations are final, they will apply to work under this grant agreement irrespective of when finalized. Any updates to regulations may also be applicable to work under this grant agreement.

If the Incentive Recipient is an EVSP or other third-party entity that is not the site host, the electric vehicle service provider or third-party entity shall provide a disclosure to the site host about the site host's right to designate the service provider or third-party as the entity to report the data on behalf of the site host. The Incentive Recipient shall verify receipt by signing the disclosure.

## f. Noncompliance of Operational Requirements

If an Incentive Recipient is found to not comply with the operational or network requirements (noncompliance), the Incentive Recipient will be notified of noncompliance by the CEC. The Incentive Recipient will be required to repay incentive funds to the CEC, within 60 calendar days of receiving a notification of noncompliance. The repayment amount will total 2 percent of the incentive for each year of noncompliance, for up to six years of operation. If deemed noncompliant, CSE will work in conjunction with the CEC to recoup any incentive funds from the Incentive Recipient.

Thank you for your interest and participation in FCCP-1. Please refer to this document as the definitive source of information about program eligibility and requirements. If you have additional questions or comments about FCCP-1, please email <u>calevip@energycenter.org</u>.