



Illinois NEVI Call for Locations Informational Session

July 8, 2026



Before We Begin

Please review the following meeting procedures and expectations:

This webinar is being recorded.

All participants are muted and off camera.

Participants can submit questions via the Q&A chat feature.

All Q&As received during the call or via email will be summarized and published on the [NEVI page](#) on the IDOT Drive Electric website.

A copy of the presentation will be distributed to today's participants and published on the [NEVI page](#) on the IDOT Drive Electric website.



Agenda

1. Introduction
2. NEVI Program Overview
3. NEVI Call for Locations
4. Submission Process



Meet Your Presenter



Elizabeth Irvin
Deputy Director
Office of Planning
& Programming, IDOT



Illinois Department
of Transportation

What is the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program?

The NEVI program is a federal program providing funding to states to strategically deploy EV charging stations to establish an interconnected EV charging network.



Program Design

The **State of Illinois** was awarded **\$148 million in NEVI funding over five years (FY 2022-2026)** to support the deployment of a statewide EV charging infrastructure network, prioritizing stations along the interstate highway system.



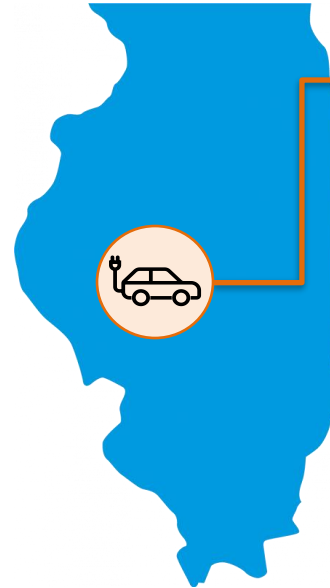
Federal Requirements

Basic federal requirements for the NEVI program are detailed in **23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 680**.



IDOT's NEVI Plan

IDOT used a portion of this funding to **complete the buildout of its Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs)**. 62 projects along the state's AFCs were selected in Phase 1 of the program. Illinois has since received a 'Fully Built-Out' designation from FHWA, and IDOT is prioritizing increasing EV charging access in areas beyond the state's main corridors moving forward.



Phase 2 Goals

Phase 2 focuses on **expanding the state's EV charging network to roadways beyond the AFCs**. There is also an emphasis on increasing EV charging access in underserved locations and deploying additional charging station types, including AC Level 2 sites and DCFCs specifically meant to serve **medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) vehicles** along Interstate routes.

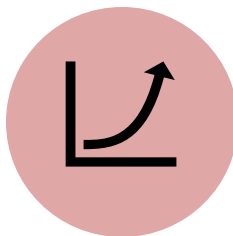
NEVI Project Eligibility & Priorities

IDOT intends to prioritize EVSE projects that align with the following programmatic goals:



Expand Charging Access

Increase DCFC and L2 charging availability in areas currently underserved by EV infrastructure



Support Economic Development

Encourage community investment and support local economic growth through EV infrastructure



Advance MHD Infrastructure

Expand charging infrastructure that supports medium- and heavy-duty vehicle electrification

Prospective projects:

- Can be **located anywhere in the state**, regardless of proximity to major roadways
- Can now be submitted by Local Public Agencies (LPAs) as the primary applicant
- Must be accessible and open to the public
- Cannot be located directly within the Interstate and/or state-owned right-of-way (but can be located off an Interstate exit)

NEVI Call for Locations & Pre-Qualification Overview

The Call for Locations is an opportunity for any organization or business interested in developing NEVI-funded EVSE infrastructure in Illinois to pre-qualify their prospective project for upcoming funding opportunities.

The rationale for the Call for Locations is two-fold:



Support for Early-Stage Projects

- We've received feedback that some prospective applicants have struggled to identify partners.
- Pre-qualification will provide applicants who are still finalizing the details of their projects with a platform to **connect with potential partners** and advance project development.



Streamline the Application Process

- We recognize that receiving NEPA approval is an early, critical step that plays a significant role in determining project timelines.
- Pre-qualification will allow applicants to clear that dependency ahead of future funding opportunities.

NEVI Call for Locations Submission Process

For this round only: simplified application process that includes only BDE 2711 Form and accompanying documentation.

- Applicants must submit a completed **BDE 2711 (Environmental Review Determination) Form** and the **required supporting documentation**.
- Applicants **do not need to have finalized all project details** or to **complete a full NEVI grant application** at this time. Applicants will still eventually be required to submit a full application to receive funding.
- IDOT will review submissions by the end of August and will follow up with next steps
- There will be future NEVI funding opportunities that do not require having submitted in this call

Required Documentation



BDE Form 2711 Environmental Review Determination Form



Project location map and project area map



Site photos from four cardinal directions

Submission Process

Applicants should take the following steps to successfully submit a BDE 2711 Form

- Provide **both a project location map and a project area map**. Do not submit only one.
 - The **project location map** should include high-level aerial view showing the broader project area (e.g., using Google Maps or Google Earth imagery).
 - The **project area map** should include a close-up view identifying the proposed charging station location and project limits. Consider using boundaries, callouts, and labels to express additional detail and project limits. A simple map pin is often insufficient.
- **At least four** site photographs showing views to the **north, south, east, and west** from the project location are **required**.
- Ensure maps and photos tell a clear story so reviewers can understand the proposed project location and scope without additional explanation.

BDE 2711 is available here or on
the IDOT NEVI page



Email the completed form and
accompanying documentation as a ZIP
file to DOT.NEVIApplication@illinois.gov
with the following naming convention in
the subject line:
Applicant Name_Site Address



Illinois Department
of Transportation

IDOT Environmental Review Determination

[E-mail](#)[Reset Form](#)

Project Name

Date Submitted to IDOT

Requesting Entity/ Project Sponsor

Grant Agreement #

Project Address

Project City/Nearest City

Project County

Project Contact Name

Project Contact E-mail

Project Contact Phone

Other IDOT Office(s)

The purpose of this form is to initiate project documentation for the IDOT Bureau of Design & Environment (BDE) to conduct environmental reviews. BDE will review the completed form and supporting documentation to determine what actions are necessary for the project to be in compliance with environmental laws and regulations. These actions may include the need for environmental field surveys.

This form is intended for use on atypical IDOT project requests, including National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program electric vehicle charging station grant projects.

This form should not be used for state or federally funded local public agency (LPA) highway construction projects which fall under the procedures outlined in the BDE Manual Chapter 27-1 or the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (BLRS) Manual Chapter 20.

BDE will review the information provided on this form to determine if environmental reviews by IDOT BDE are required. Please answer the following questions as thoroughly and accurately as possible. Following review of the project, BDE will follow-up with the Project Contact and IDOT Office(s) listed above.

General Project Description:	Yes	No	Don't Know
Will project work occur fully or partially on existing IDOT state right of way?	☐	☐	☐
Will the location of the project fully occur on private property?	☐	☐	☐
Will the location of utility(ies) work that is part of the project, also fully occur on private property?	☐	☐	☐
Current or Anticipated Project Funding Sources (check all that apply):			
☒ Federal	☐ State	☐ Township Bridge Program (TBP)	
☐ Motor Fuel Tax (MFT)	☐ Local Non-MFT	☐ Other	
If funding source is Other, including non-federal match share, please provide more information here:			
Project Schedule/Desired Project Construction Start Date, including any utility installation (Day, Month, Year)			

Environmental Review Questions

Does the project involve the following activities?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Acquisition of additional property, right-of-way (ROW) or easements (temporary or permanent) specifically for this project?	☐	☐	☐
If additional property, ROW or easements will be acquired, will the acquisition be completed in the name of the state for IDOT transportation purposes?	☐	☐	☐
Any excavation or subsurface utility relocation on state right-of-way?	☐	☐	☐
Require a drainage structure runaround or any in-stream work (i.e., any work or other activity within the stream banks that modifies or otherwise affects the stream bed or stream banks)?	☐	☐	☐
Require removal of trees which are at least three inches in diameter and at least three feet in height?	☐	☐	☐
If trees will be removed, will the removal of trees occur beyond 100 feet from the existing edge of road pavement or railroad surface?	☐	☐	☐
If trees will be removed, will all trees be removed between October 1 and March 31?	☐	☐	☐
Require an ILR10 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system (NPDES) permit (i.e. will the project disturb greater than one acre of land)?	☐	☐	☐
Require bridge deck or culvert surface work will occur either from the underside or from above the deck surface and bore down to the underside (this includes any activities that could impact expansion joints, deck removal on bridges, or structure demolition for bridges, culverts, and/or other structures)?	☐	☐	☐
Require a 404 permit from the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)?	☐	☐	☐
Disturb previously undisturbed land or agricultural fields?	☐	☐	☐
Involve replacement or rehabilitation of a bridge/culvert 40 years old or older?	☐	☐	☐
Are there standing structures visible from the area of the undertaking that are greater than 40 years old?	☐	☐	☐
Likely to involve public controversy related to any historic property, including activities within or bordering a National Historic Landmark?	☐	☐	☐

If you are unclear on any of the above questions, please comment here

Project Location Maps

- Provide **both a project location map and a project area map**. Do not submit only one.
 - The **project location map** should include high-level aerial view showing the broader project area (e.g., using Google Maps or Google Earth imagery).
 - Please use a box around the project area rather than a map pin



Project Area Maps

- Provide **both a project location map and a project area map**. Do not submit only one.
 - **The project area map** should include a close-up view identifying the proposed charging station location and project limits.
 - **At a minimum** identify project limits and where chargers will be located



Project Area Maps

Add other relevant project details if known (ex: transformer location, utility lines, etc)





Q&A SESSION



Illinois Department
of Transportation



THANK YOU



Illinois Department
of Transportation