

## EVI FON-002-2023: Rural Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging

### Responses to Webinar Questions as of April 14, 2023

Question	Answer
Please clarify how the incentive will be calculated for projects at local government properties and public libraries. If a project costs \$15,000 for a dual port charging station, would the incentive be 90% of \$15,000 or would it be \$8,000 per port (\$16,000)?	For projects at local government properties and public libraries, the incentive will be either \$8,000 per port or 90% of total eligible project costs, <b>whichever is less</b> . For instance, if a project costs \$15,000 for a networked dual port charging station at a local government property or public library, the incentive would cover 90% of the total eligible project costs, or \$13,500. If the project costs \$18,000, the incentive would be capped at \$8,000 per port, resulting in a total incentive of \$16,000. Incentive amounts for non-networked chargers and projects not located at local government properties and public libraries will differ and are explained in section 1.2 of the FON.
Are applicants required to pay for maintenance and service plans upfront, or can we still receive the incentive if those plans are billed annually?	Maintenance contracts and extended warranties must be billed and paid as a single, upfront, lump-sum cost in order to be eligible.
Will other counties be receiving funding between now and 2025?	A previous round of funding awarded incentives to projects in Maine's other 14 counties. Additional funding opportunities may become available in the future. Please <a href="#">subscribe</a> to our email notification list to receive the most up to date information about Efficiency Maine's <a href="#">funding opportunities</a> .
Do the incentives cover electrical infrastructure costs, or just the EV chargers themselves?	Yes, eligible costs for this FON include charging equipment, installation and commissioning of charging equipment, networking subscription costs for the first five years, electrical service upgrades and/or circuits, mounting hardware and bollards, construction costs such as excavation, paving and signage essential to the installation of the chargers, and maintenance contracts and extended warranties. Operating costs such as electric bills and landscaping and site preparation not directly necessary for the installation of the chargers are not eligible for funding.
Are town owned properties such as trail heads eligible for this funding opportunity?	Yes, if these town-owned properties are located in rural areas in Cumberland County or York County (excluding Portland, South Portland, and

	Westbrook), they are eligible for this funding opportunity.
Are shipping and taxes on the chargers themselves considered to be eligible costs?	Yes, shipping and taxes on the chargers are considered to be an eligible cost.
Is there a deadline for installation completion? I thought this was mentioned earlier in the presentation	Yes, the deadline for project completion is December 31, 2023.
Does the charging station have to be located close to the building? Could chargers be located further away; for example, across a parking lot?	Chargers don't necessarily need to be located close to a building. However, it is important to note that the farther away the charger is from a power source, the larger the total project cost might be.
Can the applicant businesses be reimbursed for site work that is performed in-house?	Yes, the applicant can be reimbursed for work performed in-house but price quotes for the work must be attached to the application. These costs must also be documented by paid invoices upon project completion.
Are charging station operators eligible for this opportunity if they do not own the property where the chargers will be installed?	Yes, charging station operators and other entities who are not property owners can apply for this funding. However, the property owner/manager must sign the project application form alongside the applicant, and consent to hosting EV chargers on their property for at least five years.