



## Grants for Public Level 2 Electric Vehicle Chargers Pilot Programs

### Background

Recently, the Maine Legislature directed the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to solicit proposals for pilot programs to support the growing shift to electric vehicles in Maine's transportation sector.<sup>1</sup> In February 2020, the MPUC approved funding for two pilot programs to support this goal. The two pilots will be used to inform future consideration of programs to promote beneficial electrification of transportation.

### Summary of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Pilot Grant Programs

One pilot, to be administered by Central Maine Power (CMP), establishes a make-ready grant program for 60 Level 2 EV charger plugs. A second pilot, to be administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT), establishes a "rebate" program for 48 Level 2 EV charger plugs in CMP's service territory and 12 Level 2 EV charger plugs in Versant Power (formerly Emera) service territory. Both grant programs will provide incentives of no more than \$4,000 per charger plug.

**A prospective grantee may apply and participate in only one of these two pilot grant programs and may not combine a pilot grant award with any other grant or charger award.**

### Efficiency Maine Trust's Rebate Program

Efficiency Maine's rebate program will be conducted via a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process and requires a completed application form and two valid price quotes. This pilot will fund Level 2 EV charger projects with between 4 and 8 charger plugs at eligible public, workplace, or multi-unit dwelling sites. Basic chargers are eligible for up to \$2,000 per plug or 80% of the allowable project costs (whichever is less). Networked<sup>2</sup> chargers are eligible for up to \$4,000 per plug or 80% of the allowable project costs (whichever is less). Allowable costs include equipment, materials, construction and installation.

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### Central Maine Power's Make-Ready Grant Program

Central Maine Power's make-ready grant program will be conducted through an open enrollment process and requires applicants to complete the program application form on [www.cmpco.com](http://www.cmpco.com). Selection criteria will be used to determine which applicants are chosen to take part in the program, with preference given to applicants who are going to install networked instead of basic chargers. The review process for acceptance into the program will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and applications will be considered on a first applied – first reviewed basis. The program will continue until the maximum number of 60 ports are fulfilled.

This pilot will provide an incentive for public Level 2 EV charger projects with a minimum of 4 charger plugs at eligible public, workplace, or multi-unit dwelling sites. Sites are eligible for an incentive of up to \$4,000 per plug towards the cost of the make-ready infrastructure. CMP will own the make-ready infrastructure between the customer's existing or new service and up to and including the meter or charging pedestal. **For More Information Contact: Peter Hinkley, 207-530-0181 [Peter.Hinkley@avangrid.com](mailto:Peter.Hinkley@avangrid.com) or see the CMP Website: [www.cmpco.com](http://www.cmpco.com)**

<sup>1</sup> See, An Act to Support Electrification of Certain Technologies for the Benefit of Maine Consumers and Utility Systems and the Environment, Public Law, 2019, Chapter 365 sub-§5.

<sup>2</sup> Networked refers to a combination of EV charging equipment components and software that allows for centralized management, administration, communication, diagnostics, data collection, and potential point of sale capabilities.