



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

## Frequently Asked Questions

Oregon Zero-Emission Fueling Grants, updated 8/11/2025

### When will the grant program open for applications and how long will I have to apply?

The current funding round for Oregon Zero-Emission Funding Grant is open, and applications must be submitted prior to Sept. 3, 2025, at 5 p.m. PT. This is an extended date from the original deadline of Aug. 15, to allow more time to complete applications.

### What's eligible for funding- chargers or ports? Is there a limit on project equipment?

We are specifically looking at the number of *physical chargers*, not the number of ports. If a single charger has more than one port, that is great! Awards are limited to 80% of total eligible project costs, up to \$249,000 for two DCFC chargers, or up to \$137,000 for a single DCFC charger. We are not limiting the number of chargers in a project, only the award amount based on the physical DCFCs involved. A project with three DCFCs is still limited to the \$249,000 maximum request. Additionally, hydrogen cell-based charging infrastructure is not eligible.

### Does DEQ offer any assistance to help me get started with my application?

Yes. Please email [dieselgrants@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:dieselgrants@deq.oregon.gov) to request application assistance.

### How will we find out about grant awards and funding decisions?

All applicants will be emailed information on award decisions in mid-October.

### If my project receives approval, when can I get started?

Projects selected for funding awards must have agreements signed by both DEQ and a designated representative with signing authority from the awardee business or organization. DEQ Procurement manages the agreement contracting process and will send a "Notice to Proceed" email. Awardees may start incurring eligible expenses for reimbursement after the "Notice to Proceed" email has been sent.

### How long do I have to complete my project?

Projects with documented plans, timelines and a scheduled completion date by December 2027 will be given priority in the application process. Projects extending beyond the agreement completion date due to unforeseen circumstances will be able to request reimbursement in 2028 on a case-by-case basis.

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## **Can the grants fund projects already in design and development (i.e. if design has been completed, could an OZEF grant fund installation and purchase of equipment)?**

Yes, this is the ideal scenario for the types of projects DEQ would like to fund.

## **How vulnerable are OZEF's reimbursement funds to federal freezes?**

DEQ is implementing the [Climate Equity and Resilience Through Action](#) program, which is a \$197 million federal grant to reduce Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions, and deliver secondary benefits like lower utility costs, more housing production and improved health outcomes. If the federal government freezes or terminates the grant, DEQ will not be able to process outstanding or new funds from the grant. In this case, DEQ would advocate for expenses already incurred. DEQ will alert its subgrantees and recipients immediately if the grant is frozen.

## **Are planning projects or technical assistance-focused projects eligible for this round of OZEF funding?**

No, only capital improvement projects will be considered for this application funding period.

## **OZEF Grant Program**

For additional questions, please contact Tracie Weitzman at [dieselgrants@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:dieselgrants@deq.oregon.gov).

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