Community Charging Rebate Waitlist FAQ

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How could rebate funding become available?

Rebate funding could become available in two ways: Canceled projects or more funding from a new source.

Canceled projects: Each previous rebate opportunity has seen a handful of canceled projects, and we expect that trend to continue into 2027 and Round 5 projects. The reasons vary, but if a project is canceled, that project's previously reserved funding becomes available for ODOT to offer to waitlisted applicants.

Funding from a new source: The program's current and only funding source is a federal grant. When all the funding from the federal grant has been allocated, funding new projects will be paused indefinitely. The pause will not affect projects on the waitlist or ones underway.

Future funding sources for the program are uncertain. ODOT will pursue more sustainable program funding in 2027.

When will rebate funding become available?

ODOT cannot predict when more rebate funding will become available, but waitlisted applicants will receive any funding updates or offers via email.

How long can my application stay on the waitlist?

As long as you would like. There is no deadline or cutoff. If you want to voluntarily remove your application from the waitlist, email communitychargingrebates@odot.oregon.gov.

Why does ODOT only offer previously reserved funding to the same project types and locations?

The federal grant that funds Rounds 5 and 4 has strict funding guidelines for different types of projects and locations.

Can you provide more examples of how ODOT chooses which waitlisted applications it offers funding to?

Sure. Here are two made-up examples.

Example 1 application waitlist

1. Project A: Level 2 chargers.
2. Project B: Level 2 chargers.
3. Project C: DC fast chargers.
4. Project D: DC fast chargers.

If funding became available from a canceled DC fast charger project, ODOT would offer that funding to Project C first because Project C, despite being in the third position, is the first DC fast charger project on the list.
If Project C declined the offer, ODOT would then offer funding to Project D, the next DC fast charger project on the list.

Let's look at a more complex example that includes locations:

Example 2 application waitlist

1. Project E: DC fast chargers in a priority location.
2. Project F: Level 2 chargers in a nonpriority location.
3. Project G: Level 2 chargers in a priority location.
4. Project H: DC fast chargers and Level 2 chargers in a priority location.

If funding became available from canceled Level 2 charger project in a priority location, ODOT would offer that funding to Project G first because Project G is the first matching project type and location on the waitlist.

For more details visit: www.oregon.gov/odot/climate/Pages/communitychargingrebates.aspx

If Project G declined the offer, ODOT would then offer the funding to Project H as a partial award. Project H would be eligible because it has the required attributes: Level 2 chargers in a priority location. The DC fast charger part of the project, while not eligible for the offer, does not preclude Project H's applicant from accepting the offer for **only** the Level 2 chargers.

What if I'm offered rebate funding but it only covers part of the rebate amount I applied for, or only covers one charger type in my project?

ODOT's funding offer criteria may create scenarios where they offer either a partial funding amount to an applicant, the full amount for only one type of charger in an applicant's project, or a combination of both options.

There are too many potential project offer scenarios to list here, so the important thing to know is accepting a partial offer will not necessarily remove you from the waitlist. ODOT will clearly explain your options and their outcomes when they make the offer to you.

If I decline offered funding, will that affect my position on the waitlist?

No. There is no penalty for declining offered funding. Your application will stay on the waitlist and your position (relative to the first position on the list) will not change.

If my application's requested rebate amount is more than what ODOT has available, will they skip over me with their offer?

No. ODOT will offer any available funding to applications on the waitlist, in order, using the criteria outlined in the funding examples question on page 1 of this FAQ.

Can I have more than one application for separate projects on the waitlist?

Yes, but the projects must be in different locations to be considered "separate" by ODOT.

Can I apply for a different project type or location that still has funding available while I have another application on the waitlist?

Yes.

If my project scope changes while I'm on the waitlist, can I edit my application to reflect those changes?

It depends on what you want to edit. If you change your project's location, then you must withdraw your application from the waitlist, change the location, and then submit a new application with the new location. ODOT will treat your application as new and will not honor your old position on the waitlist.

All other edits are handled on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Forth, ODOT's applicant outreach partner, for help with those edits: ODOTchargingrebates@forthmobility.org.

If I've secured other funding since I applied, and ODOT offers me a rebate for my original requested amount, can I accept less than what ODOT offers?

No. You must accept full reservation amount offered. However, in your post-installation application, you must include any other incentives you received for this project. At that time, the other funding amount is subtracted from your total rebate amount. Your final rebate amount after you finish your project will be adjusted to ensure ODOT does not overpay you.

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What happens to projects on the waitlist if ODOT opens another rebate opportunity in the future?

ODOT will offer the requested full amount of rebate funding to applicants on the waitlist first, following the waitlist order and the program criteria for returned funding offers.

Why did ODOT create the waitlist in the first place?

ODOT created the waitlist for the Round 5 rebate opportunity because there was less overall funding available, and the federal grant that funds Round 5 has strict funding allocations for different types of projects. The rebates program is also very popular, and ODOT anticipated there would be more project applications than they could fund.