

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**  
**Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Transportation
Agency Contact	Jason Lange (jason.lange@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	25-3634-RAA-01
Funding Opportunity Title	Illinois Electric Vehicle Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (RAA) Program
CSFA Number	494-00-3634
CSFA Popular Name	
Anticipated Number of Awards	76
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$7,100,000
Award Range	\$0 - \$200000
Source of Funding	Federal
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	Yes
Indirect Costs Allowed	No
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	05/07/2025
Application Date Range	05/06/2025 - 08/07/2025 : 4:00 PM
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... <a href="https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/drive-electric/reliability-and-accessibility-accelerator--raa--program.html">https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/drive-electric/reliability-and-accessibility-accelerator--raa--program.html</a>
Technical Assistance Session	Offered : Yes Mandatory : No Date : 05/22/2025 : 10:00 AM Registration link : <a href="https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r144a72aa2d82b89658b8ae1747f06343">https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r144a72aa2d82b89658b8ae1747f06343</a> 7/10/25 - 11 AM to 12 PM - <a href="https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rece6c40a2d227a8460ac3fdbbd6e5a1f">https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rece6c40a2d227a8460ac3fdbbd6e5a1f</a>



The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is the uniform method that information is communicated to potential applicants. It should provide detailed information to the applicant so that they may assess if they are eligible for funding, able to successfully manage the public funds, and meet applicable program objectives and performance measures.

Please read all instructions carefully and include all pertinent information for your program solicitation. The instructions for this form can be accessed [here](#).

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12. Anticipated Number of Awards 0-76	13. Estimated Total Program Funding \$7,100,000	14. Award Range - Award Floor / Award Ceiling \$0.00 / \$200,000.00	
15. Source of Funding (mark all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass through <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private/other funding		Service Area (pick one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Government Services <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	
16. Indirect Costs Allowed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		17. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Restrictions on Indirect Costs: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		18. Posted Date 05/07/25	19. Application Date Open / Date Closed 05/06/25 / 08/07/25
If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction n/a			
20. Technical Assistance Session Session Offered: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      Session Mandatory: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No      Specify date and time n/a Provide link to registration, if applicable 5/22/25 - 10 AM to 11 AM - <a href="https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r144a72aa2d82b89658b8ae1747f06343">https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r144a72aa2d82b89658b8ae1747f06343</a> 7/10/25 - 11 AM to 12 PM - <a href="https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rece6c40a2d227a8460ac3fdbbd6e5a1f">https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rece6c40a2d227a8460ac3fdbbd6e5a1f</a>			

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Program Description

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), allocates \$7.5 billion for programs that will advance electric vehicle (EV) adoption nationwide. Among these investments is the \$5 billion National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program that provides dedicated funding to states to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network that facilitates data collection, access, and reliability. Ten percent of the NEVI Formula Program is set-aside for grants that reflect the need to make the EV charging network more reliable including the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (RAA) Program.

The goal of the RAA program is to repair or replace EV chargers that were non-operational as of October 12, 2023. The non-operational EV chargers were identified as unavailable in the Department of Energy's Alternative Fuel Database Center's (AFDC) Alternative Fueling Station Locator. The RAA Program will advance Illinois' goal of one million EVs on the road by 2030 and will provide the necessary infrastructure to support rising EV sales.

In September 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a call for projects through the RAA program. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) applied for RAA funding in November 2023 to repair or replace EV chargers at 76 sites (identified in Section 4.3) that were non-operational as of October 12, 2023. In January 2024, IDOT was awarded \$7.1 million in RAA funds from FHWA to repair or replace 76 EV chargers.

Funding Information

Total Program Funding

\$7,100,000

Funding Sources (mark all that apply):

☒ Federal or Federal pass through

☐ State

☐ Private/other funding

Funding Source Description

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Funding Restrictions

RAA funds can only be used to repair or replace EV chargers at 76 sites in Illinois.

Award Information

Award Floor	Award Ceiling	Award Start Date	Award End Date	Award Announcement Date
\$0.00	\$200,000.00	November 2025	n/a	Fall 2025

Award Type

Competitive

Capital Grant

☒ Yes ☐ No

Anticipated Number of Awards

0-76

Indirect Costs Allowed

☐ Yes ☒ No

Cash Match Requirement

n/a

In-Kind Match Requirement

n/a

Other Funding Requirement

n/a

Submission Information

Submission Timeline Type	Submission Open Date	Submission Close Date	Submission End Time
One-Time	05/06/25	08/07/25	4:00 PM

Submission Timeline Additional Information

Preliminary applications are due 7/8/25 at 4 PM CDT; Final applications are due 8/8/25 at 4 PM CDT. A preliminary application submittal is required to submit a final application.

Allow Multiple Applications ☐ Yes

☒ No

Application Review Start Date/Pre-Qualification Deadline

08/14/25

#### Other Submission Requirements

n/a

#### Questions on Submission Information

Question Submission Open Date Question Submission Close Date Question Submission Email Address

05/06/25

07/31/25

DOT.DriveElectric@Illinois.gov

Question Submission Additional Information

Make subject of email 'RAA NOFO'

#### Technical Assistance Session

Technical Assistance Session ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes & Mandatory

Session Date and Time

n/a

Conference Info / Registration Link

5/22/25 - 10 AM to 11 AM - <https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r144a72aa2d82b89658b8ae1747f06343>  
7/10/25 - 11 AM to 12 PM - <https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rece6c40a2d227a8460ac3fdbbd6e5a1f>

#### Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type Eligible Applicants

Private

For-Profit Organizations

Change

Additional Eligibility Information

Companies may submit application on behalf of site hosts. Site hosts may submit application. Local Public Agencies may submit applications if they own charger.

#### Evaluation & Scoring

Criteria

Application scoring criteria, focuses on: Project Budget; Project Team Qualifications, Experience, and Project Location.

Review & Selection Process

The RAA program is unique since the eligible sites have been identified. Due to the limited amount of funding available, the priority is to repair/replace EV chargers with similar chargers and to bring each site to NEVI compliance (i.e. at least four charging ports at each site) or to upgrade EV chargers within one mile of an AFC exit to NEVI compliance. The goal of RAA is to replace as many EV chargers as possible with the available RAA funding. If funding is available, IDOT will consider upgrading EV chargers (i.e. Level 2 to DCFC) contingent on grid upgrades required.

#### Additional Information

Additional Information (URL) / Link to Agency Application

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/drive-electric/reliability-and-accessibility-accelerator--raa--program.html>

Additional Information URL Description

n/a

#### Award Administration Information

State Award Notices

Awards will be issued prior to the grant start date.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

This NOFO is restricted by policies set forth in GATA as well as all applicable requirements of Title 23 United States Code (U.S.C) and 2 CFR 200 apply to the administration of these funds. This includes, but is not limited

to, 23 CFR 680, FHWA 1273, the Davis-Bacon Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and Buy America

Reporting

The Periodic Performance Reports and Periodic Financial Report is required at a minimum of four (4) times per year but may be required more frequently. Each Grantee's final reporting frequency shall be in the grant agreement. As per the NEVI Final Rule, grantees are required to submit the following three reports: Annual Data Submittal, Quarterly Data Submittal and One-time Data submittal over the course of the five year operations period.

State Awarding Agency Contacts

n/a

Other Information

n/a

Opportunity Review (IDOT GATA)

Opportunity has been reviewed and is approved for posting ☒ Yes ☐ No

Review Completed by Signature & Date

Martha Meersman

Digitally signed by Martha Meersman

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