Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Commercial Electric Vehicle Charger Rebate Program

Program Guide

2026 Open Enrollment
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Program website: ladwp.com/commercialEVrebate
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How to Use this Guide

LADWP has created this guide to help applicants understand the program requirements. This document has been separated by the requirements at each step of the application process.

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Program Overview

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is offering the Commercial Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Rebate Program to incentivize the installation of EV supply equipment, including:

- Level 2 chargers to charge light-duty EVs;
- Direct current fast chargers (DCFCs) to charge light-duty EVs; and
- Alternating current (AC) or direct current (DC) chargers to fuel medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) EVs, Class 2b through Class 8

Rebates are available to LADWP customers in good standing at commercial, industrial, and multifamily locations.

LADWP has created this guide to help applicants understand the application process and program requirements. Be sure to confirm your eligibility by reviewing the program's Terms and Conditions available at LADWP.com/commercialEVrebate.

The next open enrollment period is scheduled from November 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. PST to January 14, 2027 at 4:00 p.m. PST If the total rebate amount requested during open enrollment exceeds the available funds, LADWP may prioritize applications based on project readiness (see Project Readiness). If funds remain available for a program segment after January 14, 2027 at 4:00 p.m. PST, enrollment will stay open on a first come, first served basis. A rebate reservation is available to set aside funding for your rebate prior to the deployment of the chargers as long as the program's requirements are met. Alternatively, customers may apply to the program after completing deployment.

Funding for this enrollment is $45 million for Level 2 chargers, $20 million for DCFCs, and $6 million for chargers for medium- and heavy-duty EVs.

What's New for 2026

If you have applied before, please note these changes:

- Equity rebates: The higher rebate amounts now require a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) location plus a multifamily property (5+ residential units) or public location for Level 2, or public access for DCFCs.
- DAC designations now use CalEnviroScreen 5.0.
- Chargers must be commissioned on or after June 1, 2025.
- Chargers must be new and must add charging capacity. Replacement chargers and "rip and replace" projects are not eligible.
- Protective barriers, site-specific lighting, and restriping are now eligible costs.
- Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) chargers have a new rebate table, and Class 2b, extended-range, and used MHD vehicles are now eligible.
- Level 2 reservations require LADWP engineering approval before you apply. The Feasibility Study option is no longer offered.
- Public DCFC applications must include a site plan. MHD reservations require a letter of intent to acquire qualifying vehicles.
- LADWP may prioritize funding based on project readiness.

- Level 2 projects have nine months after reservation approval to submit final documents (DCFC and MHD: twelve months).
- Rebates cannot be combined with California Energy Commission funding unless otherwise stated by the California Energy Commission. Third-party payees need a Payment Authorization Form.
- Customers must be in good standing, and LADWP is increasing site visits and verification of submitted information.

Steps Required before Applying

Before applying: Level 2 Chargers

1. Submit plans: First, submit a complete Commercial EV Charger Customer Submittal Package to ensure that the utility infrastructure is sized for the incremental load resulting from your planned deployment via the online form.
2. You must receive engineering approval from LADWP's EV Service Design Group before applying for a rebate reservation: an Adequate Facilities Letter (dated on or after January 1, 2025), a Service Commitment Letter, or a Service Upgrade Required Notification. Projects with an Adequate Facilities Letter dated before January 1, 2025 must resubmit plans for engineering review.

Before applying: DCFCs and/or chargers for MHD EVs

1. Submit plans: First, submit a complete Commercial EV Charger Customer Submittal Package via the online form.
2. You must receive an email from LADWP's EV Service Design Group confirming that LADWP has received a complete Customer Submittal Package **before applying for a rebate reservation**.
3. For public DCFCs, prepare a site plan showing the location of any existing chargers, all proposed ports and their associated charging stalls, and ADA-accessible ports. For chargers for MHD EVs, obtain a letter of intent from the vehicle purchaser to acquire qualifying MHD EVs.

Tip: The engineering review can take up to five weeks. Submit your plans as early as possible.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted electronically via LADWP.com/commercialEVrebate for customers applying to the Level 2 and DCFC program segments. To apply, the LADWP account holder must:

1. Register for an LADWP account before the open enrollment period.
2. Gather all required electronic attachments of all supporting documents. Please refer to Information Needed to Apply for a list of all information required for your project.
3. Log in to access the electronic application between November 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and January 14, 2027 at 4:00 p.m., and submit a complete application with all required attachments. Please refer to Tips for Electronic Uploads before starting the application.

Customers interested in applying for chargers to fuel medium- and heavy-duty vehicles must mailto:pluginla@ladwp.comsubmit the Smartsheet form on the program website to request a PDF version of the application.

Exceptions to Applying Online

1. A PDF version of the application will be available by request during open enrollment only for projects without existing electric service or if applying for chargers to fuel medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. mailto:pluginla@ladwp.comThe LADWP customer of record or Authorized LADWP Account Holder Representative must submit the Smartsheet form on the program website, including all required documents, during open enrollment and before 4:00 p.m. on January 14, 2027. Please include the installation address, the LADWP Work Request number, Program Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet), and the LADWP Account number or name of the legal entity that will be responsible for the electric service in your request. The Authorized LADWP Account Holder Representative must have authority to apply on behalf of the business and/or property owner and must be an individual other than a representative of the contractor or third-party payee. Contractors and third-party payee representatives may not submit these requests or applications on behalf of the LADWP customer of record. LADWP may request additional information about your project before providing the PDF version of the application.
2. If you are facing technical difficulties with the electronic application during open enrollment, mailto:pluginla@ladwp.comyou must submit the Smartsheet form on the program website before 4:00 p.m. on January 14, 2027 with a screenshot of the error, the installation address, the LADWP Work Request number, Program Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet), and the LADWP Account number. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Following review, a team member will contact you and may provide either a PDF application or access to the online application. Any issues not reported before open enrollment closes will not be granted exceptions.

Project Readiness

If the total rebate amount requested by all applications received during the open enrollment period is greater than the available funds, LADWP may prioritize funding based on project readiness.

Project readiness may include, but is not limited to, finalized commissioning, construction progress, engineering approval, permit status, or ongoing utility service upgrade activities. LADWP uses the following readiness levels:

- **Readiness Level 1, Commissioned:** Energized with an LADWP meter and active service; Adequate Facilities Letter or Service Commitment Letter; finaled permit(s)
- **Readiness Level 2, Ready to Build:** Adequate Facilities Letter or Service Commitment Letter; issued, unexpired permit(s)
- **Readiness Level 3, Service Upgrade Underway:** Active utility service upgrade with LADWP fees paid
- **Readiness Level 4, Service Upgrade Required:** Service Upgrade Required Notification received (may be awaiting the Scope Cost Letter)
- **Readiness Level 5, Plans Submitted:** Customer Submittal Package submitted (DCFC and MHD only)

Contractor Profile

A Contractor Profile gives contractors the opportunity to simplify the application process for LADWP customers applying to the program. As a contractor, registering for a profile will ensure that LADWP has current contact information on file for your business. Registered contractors will be provided with an LADWP Contractor Profile Number that should be shared with clients to use in their application.

Obtaining a Contractor Profile is optional, but highly recommended. To obtain a form, please contact pluginla@ladwp.com.

Information Needed to Apply

For All Applications:

1. Contractor Details:
    - Contractor Profile Number (optional, if provided by contractor)
    - Alternatively: Your primary contractor's name, email address, state license number, phone number, mailing address, and if you would like to include that contact in notifications regarding your application and its status
2. Payment Details:
    - Name and email address of the payee if you are assigning payment to a third party and if you would like to include that contact in notifications regarding your application and its status. If you assign payment, you will also need a Payment Authorization Form signed by the LADWP customer of record and the payee
3. Information about the installation:
    - Whether you are applying for Post-Deployment or Reservation
        - If the chargers are deployed: commissioning date. A project is commissioned on the finaled date of the electrical permit, or on the meter start-service date for chargers installed under a new LADWP service. Chargers must be commissioned on or after June 1, 2025
    - Whether the installation address is located in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) based on CalEnviroScreen 5.0 results, and whether the installation is at a multifamily property (5+ residential units) or available to the public. The higher Equity rebate requires a DAC location plus a multifamily or public location (Level 2), or public access (DCFC). To determine if a premises is located in a DAC, customers may use: https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/sb535
    - Primary use of the Charger(s): Workplace, Fleet, Public, Multifamily Residents (5+ residential units), or Other (specify)
    - Third-party financial incentives received or anticipated to be received for the purchase and/or installation of the charger(s) for which you are requesting a rebate, including incentives received by a third-party payee. Rebates cannot be combined with California Energy Commission funding sources, including block grants, competitive grants, Communities in Charge, or the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project, unless otherwise stated by the California Energy Commission
    - An electronic copy (with a maximum size of 10 MB) of the completed Program Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet)

For Level 2 Charger Rebates:

1. Number of Level 2 Charger rebates
2. Total number of parking spaces available to employees, customers, visitors, or tenants. One Level 2 charger rebate is available for every parking space, with a maximum of 80 Level 2 charger rebates per premises. Tandem parking spaces assigned to a single living unit count as one parking space.
3. LADWP Work Request Number(s) (assigned to you by LADWP's EV Service Design

Group after submitting your electrical plans)
4. An electronic copy (with a maximum size of 10 MB) of LADWP's engineering approval: an Adequate Facilities Letter (dated on or after January 1, 2025), Service Commitment Letter, or Service Upgrade Required Notification. Legible electronic copies (PDFs) and photographs (JPEG/ JPG files) are acceptable.

For DCFC Rebates:

1. Number of Tier 1 rebates (50 to 149 kW)
2. Number of Tier 2 rebates (150 to 274 kW)
3. Number of Tier 3 rebates (275 kW+)
4. Number of eligible chargers with either public access or with restricted access. "Public Access" means access by the public at least 18 hours a day, seven days a week, excluding holidays. Any other access (e.g., building residents only) is considered "Restricted Access." A maximum of 20 DCFC rebates are available per premises, including up to 2 with restricted access. Only Public Access DCFCs located in a DAC qualify for the Equity rebate; Restricted Access DCFCs receive the Non-Equity rebate.
    - Public Access (20 max.)
    - Restricted Access (2 max.)
5. LADWP Work Request Number(s) (assigned to you by LADWP's EV Service Design Group after submitting your electrical plans)
6. An electronic copy (with a maximum file size of 10 MB each) of the email confirmation of a complete Customer Submittal Package (legible electronic copies (PDFs) and photographs (JPEG/JPG files) are acceptable)
7. For Public Access DCFCs: an electronic copy of a site plan showing the location of any existing chargers, all ports proposed to be installed and their associated charging stalls, and ADA-accessible ports

Note: If you are applying for a project with both Level 2 chargers and DCFCs, you must apply under two separate applications.

For Medium- and Heavy-Duty Charger Rebates:

Chargers for MHD EVs are applied for using the PDF application (see Exceptions to Applying Online). You will need:

1. Number of Level 2 chargers (6.2 kW or more) and number of DC chargers in each tier: Tier 1 (50 to 149 kW), Tier 2 (150 to 274 kW), Tier 3 (275 kW+)
2. The vehicle class the chargers will serve (Class 2b, or Class 3 to Class 8). The maximum rebate per premises is $500,000 for chargers supporting Class 2b EVs and $2,000,000 for Class 3 to Class 8 EVs; total rebates may not exceed $2,000,000 per premises.
3. LADWP Work Request Number(s) and the email confirmation of a complete Customer Submittal Package
4. For rebate reservations: a letter of intent from the purchaser to acquire qualifying MHD EVs
5. For final payment: proof of purchase or lease of at least one qualifying vehicle for each charger rebate. Qualifying vehicles are on-road battery electric, plug-in hybrid, or extended-range EVs, new or used, that are eligible for financial incentives from a California state agency. Off-road EVs, such as forklifts, do not qualify.

Additional Requirements for Completed Deployments:

Electronic copies (with a maximum size of 10 MB each) of the following items:

1. **LADWP EV Service Design approval:** A copy of the Service Commitment Letter or Adequate Facility Letter issued by LADWP in connection with the deployment
2. **Contracts with vendors and contractors:** A copy of the contract(s) from vendors and contractors supporting the deployment of chargers, including name, address, and telephone number of the licensed contractor/company, installation address, installation date, itemized installation costs, and itemized EV charger information that matches paid charger invoice(s):
    - Site work (demolition, concrete, mounting, signage, etc.)
    - General electrical work (wire, conduit, etc.)
    - Utility work
    - Utility service extension (trenching/boring to lay electrical supply conduit from the transformer to the electrical panel or from the electrical panel to the charger)
    - Panel upgrade or new panel
    - Stepdown transformer
    - Charger purchase
    - Charger connection
    - Demand management equipment
    - Protective barriers, site-specific lighting, and restriping (new for 2026)
3. **Itemized Invoice(s):** A copy of itemized invoice(s) and proof of payment for chargers and installation, including each of the following:
    - Purchase date and retailer name, address, and phone number. Chargers must be purchased new and unused
    - Make, model number, and quantity of qualifying charger(s)
    - All eligible installation costs. **Note:** Costs incurred for the purchase and installation of chargers, electrical conduits, and panels required by the Los Angeles Green Building Code do not qualify for a rebate.
    - All financial incentives assigned to the vendor/contractor
4. **Charger specification sheet:** A copy of the specification sheet issued by the manufacturer for each charger model shown in the Program Spreadsheet
5. **Proof of permits with "Finaled" status:** Proof of permit(s) issued by Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) or the relevant Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) with a "Finaled" status demonstrating that your site passed inspection. "Finaled" permits are issued after you pass inspection for the deployment of your chargers. The "Finaled" date establishes the project's commissioning date, which must be on or after June 1, 2025.
6. **Pictures:** All pictures must be in color and clearly show the required information. You must include a picture of the device nameplate for each EV charger installed (including serial number, model number, manufacture date, and certification mark from a nationally recognized testing lab (NRTL), such as Underwriters Labs (UL))
7. **W-9 Form:** A completed and signed W-9 form (available at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf) for the payee of the rebate
8. **Payment Authorization Form:** If payment is assigned to a third party, a completed Payment Authorization Form

Milestone Requirements

To maintain a rebate reservation, the documents and project details listed must be provided to LADWP to meet the milestone. Note: Detailed instructions for how to submit these documents will be provided when your rebate application is reviewed and accepted to the program.

Final Deployment Milestone

Within **nine months for Level 2 projects, or twelve months for DCFC and MHD projects,** from the date of your rebate reservation approval, you must submit the final deployment documents for the completed project. The documents and project details listed must be submitted with your final rebate request. LADWP may grant extensions if you are actively deploying the chargers. LADWP may cancel a reservation if the project's LADWP Work Request is canceled or withdrawn.

1. **LADWP EV Service Design approval:** A copy of the Service Commitment Letter or Adequate Facility Letter issued by LADWP in connection with the deployment (if you did not apply for a rebate reservation)
2. **Contracts with vendors and contractors:** A copy of the contract(s) from vendors and contractors supporting the deployment of chargers, including name, address, and telephone number of the licensed contractor/company, installation address, installation date, itemized installation costs, and itemized EV charger information that matches paid charger invoice(s):
    - Site work (demolition, concrete, mounting, signage, etc.)
    - General electrical work (wire, conduit, etc.)
    - Utility work
    - Utility service extension (trenching/boring to lay electrical supply conduit from the transformer to the electrical panel or from the electrical panel to the charger)
    - Panel upgrade or new panel
    - Stepdown transformer
    - Charger purchase
    - Charger connection
    - Demand management equipment
    - Protective barriers, site-specific lighting, and restriping (new for 2026)
3. **Itemized Invoice(s):** A copy of itemized invoice(s) and proof of payment for chargers and installation, including each of the following:
    - Purchase date. Chargers must be purchased new and unused
    - Retailer name, address, and phone number
    - Make, model number, and quantity of qualifying charger(s)
    - All eligible installation costs. Note: Costs incurred for the purchase and installation of chargers, electrical conduits, and panels required by the Los Angeles Green Building Code do not qualify for a rebate.
    - All financial incentives assigned to the vendor/contractor
4. **Itemized invoices and proof of payment:** Must match the contracts and the costs you are claiming as part of your application and show any financial incentives assigned to the vendor

5. **Program Spreadsheet:** The Program Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet) if some of the required information was unknown or if you've made changes to information previously submitted
6. **Charger specification sheet:** A copy of the specification sheet issued by the manufacturer for each charger model shown in the Program Spreadsheet
7. **W-9 Form:** A completed and signed W-9 form (available at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf) for the payee of the rebate
8. **Proof of permits with "Finaled" status:** Proof of permit(s) issued by Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) or the relevant Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) with a "Finaled" status demonstrating that your site passed inspection. "Finaled" permits are issued after you pass inspection for the deployment of your chargers. The finaled date establishes the project's commissioning date, which must be on or after June 1, 2025.
9. **Pictures:** All pictures must be in color and clearly show the required information. You must include a picture of each nameplate and a picture of each charger for which you are claiming a rebate.
    - Device nameplate for each EV charger installed (including serial number, model number, manufacture date, and certification mark from a nationally recognized testing lab (NRTL), such as Underwriters Labs (UL))
    - For medium- and heavy-duty EV(s) chargers, only (if not NRTL-certified and listed): Field inspection label received from LADBS-ETL (or from a testing agency approved by LADBS-ETL for field testing) for each qualifying charger
10. **Third-party financial incentives:** All financial incentives that have been received or are anticipated to be received in connection with the purchase and/or deployment of the chargers identified in the Program Spreadsheet, including incentives received by a third-party payee. Alternatively, customers must certify that no financial incentives were received or are anticipated to be received in connection with the purchase and/or deployment of the chargers identified in the Program Spreadsheet. Note: Failure to disclose all third-party financial incentives will result in forfeiting all rebates under the program. The applicant will be required to repay LADWP any previously received rebate amounts.
11. **For chargers to fuel medium- and heavy-duty EV(s), only:** If the chargers are not NRTL-listed and certified, they must be field inspected according to recognized national safety standards and must receive approval by the city of Los Angeles Building and Safety Electrical Testing Laboratory (LADBS-ETL) or any other testing agency recognized by LADBS-ETL for field testing. More information is available at www.ladbs.org/services/core-services/plan-check-permit/product-approval/electrical-test-lab. Please be sure to include a color picture of the field inspection label for each charger shown in the Program Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet).
12. **For chargers to fuel medium- and heavy-duty EV(s), only:** Proof of purchase or lease of at least one qualifying medium- or heavy-duty EV for each charger rebate claimed
13. **Payment Authorization Form:** If payment is assigned to a third party, a completed Payment Authorization Form

Tips for Electronic Uploads

Things to Be Aware of Before You Start

1. Have the contact information for the individual representing the commercial account holder in transactions with LADWP. This cannot be a third-party contractor or payee.
2. For customers with multiple accounts, ensure the meter serving your charger installation is under the account you apply under. Installations across multiple accounts require separate applications.
3. To upload the completed Program Spreadsheet, be sure that the file is saved as an XLSX (Excel Workbook). Note: CSV or other formats cannot be uploaded.
4. Acceptable file formats for all other uploads include JPG or JPEG images or PDF.
5. Be sure to reduce your file size. The maximum size per file is 10 MB.
6. To avoid any errors while uploading your document, please ensure each file name:
    - Is short and concise
    - Is lowercase
    - Does not contain spaces. Instead, use hyphens (i.e. firstname-lastname)
    - Does not contain special characters
7. Have all supporting documents scanned and ready to upload at the time of application, as your online session times out after thirty (30) minutes of inactivity. Ensure all file contents are clear and legible.
8. Keep a copy of the submission confirmation page and all documents submitted for your records.