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## **EnergIIZE EV Jump Start Application Process Overview Workshop Q&A**

EnergIIZE Commercial Vehicles Project EV Jump Start Application Process Overview Q&A below from August 11, 2022 presentation.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

# EnergiIZE EV Jump Start Application Process Workshop

Questions and Answers

*Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. PT*

As a reminder, we encourage you visit the Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission (EnergiIZE) Commercial Vehicles project website ([www.Energiize.org](http://www.Energiize.org)), and the most up to date version of the EnergiIZE Implementation Manual for more information ([https://energiize.org/implementationmanual/EnergiIZE\\_Implementation+Manual\\_+Q3+2022+vFinal.pdf](https://energiize.org/implementationmanual/EnergiIZE_Implementation+Manual_+Q3+2022+vFinal.pdf)).

## 1. Are public agency fleets eligible?

If the site location for the public agency fleet is located in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or Low-Income Community (LIC), then yes. Please refer to the [Implementation Manual](#) for definitions and links for DAC and LIC. Transit agencies are eligible if they locate infrastructure in a DAC or LIC, or can provide proof they service at least 50 percent low income or disadvantaged riders. Please take a look at the Jump Start Certification Form starting on page 64 of the [Implementation Manual](#).

## 2. How is the status of a Low-Income Community (LIC) or a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) verified?

The EnergiIZE team will be verifying DACs using [CalEnviroScreen 4.0](#) and LICs using [AB 1550](#). These links are also listed in the [Implementation Manual](#).

## 3. Can you please explain what types of groups qualify as representative, community-based groups? Can you please give examples? These definitions are relevant to Qualitative Questions 2 & 3.

We define community-based organizations as public or private nonprofit organizations that are representative of a community or significant segments of a community (see Key Terms on page 7 of the Implementation Manual). The EnergiIZE team will be verifying DACs using [CalEnviroScreen 4.0](#) and LICs using [AB 1550](#). These links are also listed in the [Implementation Manual](#).

## 4. Who is eligible? Does the end user of the fleet need to be DBE/WBE/SBE certified? Does the third party need to be DBE/WBE/SBE-certified?

Eligibility is listed on page 13 of the [Implementation Manual](#). For DBE/WBE/SBE-certification requirements, please take a look at the Jump Start Certification Form located in Appendix K of the Implementation Manual. We do offer alternatives if you don't have a certification but meet those criteria.

**5. We are a transit agency. We have a portion of our service area that meets the AB 1550 low-income definition, do we qualify? Does the charging equipment have to be installed in that area identified by AB 1550?**

If you are a transit agency and at least 50% of operations are in a DAC or LIC, then yes you would qualify even if infrastructure will be located outside the DAC/LIC.

**6. If our company only plans to buy an electric van, do we need to complete a site verification form?**

Unless you own the land and can provide a deed, the site verification form is required. This incentive project funding lane is focused on electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Please review eligible costs in the [Implementation Manual](#).

**7. Can I (a nonprofit) apply on behalf of a city?**

If your organization is not the fleet owner/operator and you would like to apply on behalf of a fleet, you must be an approved vendor. Please fill out an approved vendor application (download at <https://energiize.org/vendor>) if this is the route you would like to go.

**8. Can cities or municipal utilities apply?**

Cities and municipal agencies are eligible for funding assuming they are locating infrastructure in a disadvantaged or low-income community or are a tribal entity, according to the answers given above.

**9. If a fleet has more than one eligible site, can the sites all be applied for on one application? Can multiple sites, in the same fleet and therefore same tax ID apply as a single infrastructure project/application?**

We require a unique federal tax ID for each application and that they be located at the same identifiable address.

**10. Is funding available for on-road and off-road fleets?**

On-road fleets are eligible. MD/HD off road is eligible so long as they operate in the state of California. Regardless, fleets must meet the eligibility criteria established in the [Implementation Manual](#).

**11. What does it mean that EnergiIZE funding cannot be stacked with California Energy Commission funding, but applicants are encouraged to stack additional funds?**

EnergiIZE is a CEC-funded project and cannot be stacked with other CEC grants for the same project site. EnergiIZE allows and encourages stacking for other funding sources, provided costs are not double counted. You are encouraged to seek other sources of funding from private, state, local, or federal programs. Since we are not familiar with all funding programs out there, we encourage you to check with those programs to make sure THEY allow stacking, too. For example, if you get air district or local utility funding, please check with the air district or utility to make sure they are okay with you using EnergiIZE funds, too.

**12. Is a project stackable with ISEF program?**

Yes, EnergiIZE Commercial Vehicles project is stackable with the California [HVIP Innovative Small e-Fleet \(ISEF\)](#) program.

**13. Would an electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure project that is underway (currently in the construction phase) be eligible for funding?**

We cannot accept invoices for previously incurred costs. Only costs incurred after incentives are awarded are eligible for reimbursement.

**14. Do we need to submit the project we have submitted to the Fast Track Lane if we have qualified for Jump Start Lane?**

If you meet Jump Start eligibility criteria, you are eligible to apply during the EV Jump Start funding lane with the same project from EV Fast Track funding lane submission, or a different project. If you apply to another funding lane (EV Fast Track, Hydrogen, Public Charging) and meet Jump Start eligibility criteria, you do not need to submit an additional application.

**15. When will projects be approved and when will funds be awarded?**

As this is the first time launching the EV Jump Start funding lane, it will depend on how many applications are received. The EnergiIZE team will work towards a quick turnaround.

**16. What is the estimated time to being designated as an approved vendor?**

EnergiIZE Vendor applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and will depend on how many applications are received.

**17. Does the infrastructure have to be publicly accessible?**

Infrastructure does not necessarily have to be publicly available. See eligibility requirements in the [Implementation Manual](#).

**18. If the company plans to buy 10 vans at a cost of over \$150,000, do we need to answer the qualitative questions?**

Yes, the qualitative questions must be answered if the total value of funds being requested exceeds \$150,000. This incentive project funding lane is focused on electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Please review eligible costs in the [Implementation Manual](#).

**19. If your company was an approved vendor for one funding lane, are you also able to apply to another funding lane? Does the “approved vendor” designation carry over?**

Yes, an approved vendor can apply to another funding lane. Awards however will differ based on the determination of the funding lane review cycle.

**20. Does energy “demand management equipment” which is listed in the potentially eligible equipment list include battery energy storage?**

Currently, we do not offer funds for battery energy storage.

**21. Where can I find the approved product list? What do I do if I have equipment I would like to be added to the approved product list?**



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You can find the Energize Approved Product List (APL) on our website at the following link: <https://energiize.org/infrastructure>. Scroll down to the 'Technology Catalog' header and click on the 'Electric Catalog' button to open the full PDF list. Email [infrastructure@calstart.org](mailto:infrastructure@calstart.org) if you would like to request your equipment be added to the Energize APL.

