



Helping Communities Thrive by Implementing New Clean Energy Initiatives

What happens when just one internal combustion engine car is replaced by an EV? We've been answering this question with the communities we serve over many years.

Savings and local investment happen. For the household or business that is using it, each EV generates average savings of almost \$1,500 annually on fuel and \$3,200 over a decade on maintenance. Those savings remain in pocketbooks. Meanwhile, local investments to support EV charging help bring energy dollars local, spurring greater hometown economic growth while community members collectively enjoy less air pollution from vehicles.

Recharge America is committed to supporting these initiatives by helping communities secure opportunities afforded by the coming energy transition through education, innovation, and planning. By 2030 we aim to support this work across:

- 20 States
- 100 Communities
- 1,000 Corporate Leaders
- Over 500,000 Charging Stations
- More than 10 Million EVs on the road in the areas we serve

We're helping people across the communities most at risk of being left behind become active leaders in using electric technologies that can help us all.

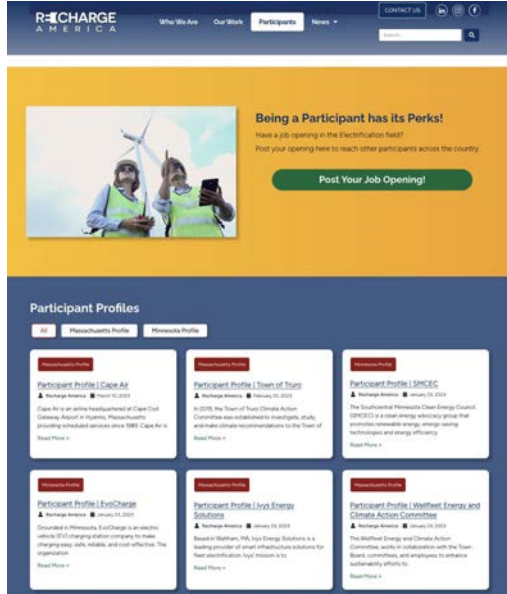
As we continue to grow, **we'd love for you to share Recharge America with your network.** Please send this newsletter to others and encourage them to [become a participant!](#)



Program Highlights

We're excited to announce the launch of [Recharge America's new website](#).

To help our participants have easy access to information in one location, we have launched a page that provides industry news, blogs, and community activities, which is updated on a monthly basis.



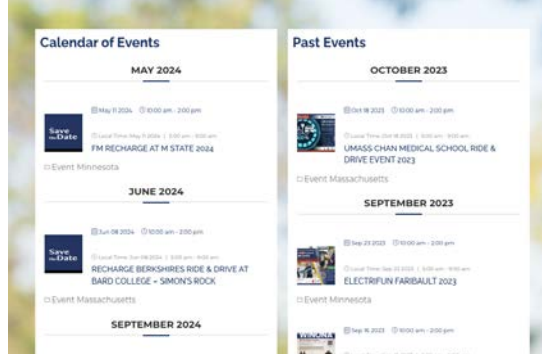
As a participant, encourage others to view your participant profile and updates on our website. Participants are demonstrating a wide array of progress towards achieving a range of goals within and across their communities!

If you have a job opening in your organization, you can list it with **Recharge America for absolutely free** - and it will be featured in our monthly newsletter as well. As we gather resumes of industry professionals, we'll be able to pass those along to our participants as well.



Looking for that one news article we shared with you last year? You can easily find it by scrolling through our news section, or by finding that specific newsletter in our archive.

Wondering what community events your organization could participate in? Check out our upcoming events, and scroll through our previous community activations to view photos of the activities and local residents engaged in electrifying their community.



Visit the [Recharge America website](#) to explore the ways we're engaging with our participants and could help your organization make more progress in tandem with the electrification and EV movement!



Participant Spotlight

Join us in celebrating the **Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT)** outstanding achievements in 2023. MnDOT not only expanded its electric vehicle (EV) fleet but also led the charge in fostering EV adoption through educational initiatives and community events. From EV test drives to engaging webinars, discover how MnDOT is driving towards a cleaner Minnesota.

Visit [our blog](#) for the full story.

Share yours: What have you been working on, been recognized for, and been achieving?

You are driving the clean energy revolution, and we'd love to share your news too!

[Click here to tell us your news!](#)



Industry News



Find more news articles and updates on our NEW website!

<https://recharge-america.org/news/>

- [SparkCharge](#), backed by Recharge America participant BECMA, is helping to pave the way for charging in [rural communities in Virginia](#).
- Advocates say [making Level 1 charging outlets available](#) to renters could do more to convince them to adopt EVs than installing faster charging ports.
- [Smart Electric Panels](#) are the wave of the future for many homes across the country to electrify.



Funding Opportunities

Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries - Industrial Efficiency and

Decarbonization Office

Summary: Up to \$83 million in funding is available to help decrease emissions in the hardest to decarbonize subsectors. This opportunity focuses on applied research, development and demonstration (RD&D) for the highest emitters of greenhouse gas emissions including chemicals and fuels, iron and steel, food and beverage, building and infrastructure and forest products.

Concept paper due March 19, 2024

Full application due June 11, 2024

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced \$90 million in funding to support building energy code adoption, training, and technical assistance at the state and local level. The funding is the [second installment](#) in a \$225 million [program](#) established by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Concept paper due April 5, 2024

Full application due June 6, 2024

MassBike announces round two of funding for e-bike purchase. Visit [this site](#) for more information, including household income eligibility. You can apply [here](#).

Applications due March 31, 2024

Clean Energy Workforce grants still available. Please visit [Massachusetts Clean Energy Center](#) for more information on funding available for organizations bringing clean energy and electrification employment and training opportunities to underserved communities.

Applications due May 1, 2024

Check out the [Resources for Fleet Managers](#) page at the Department of Energy for funding opportunities to expand your electric fleet.

Applications vary based on funding opportunities

A third round of funding for Electrifying School Bus Fleets is available through MassCEC. The official RFP will drop this spring, with webinars to follow.

Applications will be due 2 months after proposal is released

Owners of energy storage systems in Minnesota could qualify for grants from MN Department of Commerce. Learn more about it [here](#).

Applications rolling

[Funding for electric buses](#) is available for state, city and town governments, as well as Tribal Nations through DOT. 100 awards will be distributed.

Applications due April 25, 2024

MassCEC has funding and grants available for [Minority and Women Owned Businesses](#). If your organization falls into these categories or you're assisting an organization within these categories, you may qualify for funding.

Proposals due April 12, 2024



Upcoming Events

We're busy planning several events for 2024. Check out what we have coming up!

May 11, 2024 - FM Recharge at M State, Moorhead, MN

Minnesota State Community & Technical College

10 am - 2 pm

Test drive a variety of EVs, talk with local EV owners about their vehicles and experience, tour the campus, enjoy delicious BBQ, and jump on an e-bike and take a spin at this free and open to the public event! Learn about charging options and incentives and explore local businesses and organizations with information on electrification, sustainability, careers/jobs/training in those fields, and local programs, services, and events all in one place.

June 8, 2024 - Recharge Berkshires EV Ride & Drive Event, Great Barrington, MA

Bard College at Simon's Rock

Daniel Arts Center

10 am - 2 pm

Test drive a variety of EVs, talk with local EV owners about their vehicles and experience, enjoy delicious food truck delights, and jump on an e-bike and take a spin at this free and open to the public event! Learn about solar power, composting, and state and federal incentives for EVs and charging. Explore local businesses and organizations with information on electrification, sustainability, careers/jobs/training in those fields, and local programs, services, and events all in one place.

September 18, 2024 - Recharge Minnesota Recognition Symposium -

Economics, education, job creation: Making the EV Transition Work in

Your Community

McNamara Alumni Center, Johnson Great Room

10 am - 1:15 pm

Explore topics surrounding economics, education, and job creation as they relate to EVs and electrification with panels of speakers from key industries. Enjoy networking opportunities over a delicious catered breakfast and lunch.

October 9, 2024 - Recharge Massachusetts Recognition Symposium -

Envisioning an Equitable EV Transition for Massachusetts

Boston University, Ladd Room

10 am - 3 pm

Launch your vision for an equitable EV transition for Massachusetts with panels of speakers from key industries. Enjoy networking opportunities over a delicious catered breakfast, lunch, and post event bites.

October 19, 2024 - Recharge Springfield at Springfield Technical

Community College

Springfield Technical Community College

10 am - 2 pm

Gear up for Recharge Springfield at Springfield Technical Community College. Experience the thrill of EVs firsthand with test drives and an EV showcase.

Explore career opportunities in the electrification sector at our dedicated career fair, and enjoy a day filled with interactive exhibits, food trucks, and more.

Whether you're an EV enthusiast or a professional looking to make a mark in the electrification field, this event promises something for everyone.

Some other events happening:

National

April 2-4, 2024 - Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit

The US Department of Energy is hosting the Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit in Washington, D.C. [Sign up here](#) to attend.

Massachusetts

April 11, 2024 - Southern Berkshire Energy Efficiency Forum

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion at an energy efficiency forum, where experts guide you through cost-saving measures for your home and vehicles. Learn practical tips and sustainable strategies to make your lifestyle more energy-efficient. Participants will have the opportunity to sign up for no-cost home energy assessments with HomeWorks and CET.

April 26, 2024 - 2024 MIT Sustainability Summit: Systems Change

This event will take place in person and virtually at the Boston Marriott in Cambridge, MA.

Minnesota

April 11, 2024 - Clean Energy Business Day

Mark your calendars for April 11 – for the 8th Clean Energy Business Day at the Capitol!

- Network with business leaders and industry experts
- Share your business story with policymakers
- Hear directly from lawmakers about how you can shape energy policy

What events do you have coming up? [Let us know](#) and we'll share with our community of participants.

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