



Employment Training Panel Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) Fund 2.0 Solicitation For Proposal (SFP) Q&A

This Q&A includes questions asked during July 7, 2026, Grant Orientation and questions sent to the Grant Inquiry mailbox. Duplicate questions were removed. Any additional questions must be submitted by July 22, 2026, and answers will be posted by July 24, 2026.

Q: Is the 15% in administrative support on top of the \$135 that is allocated for the administrative or support costs?

A: No. The 15% administrative costs are already included within the \$900 per trainee amount. Of that \$900, \$135 covers administrative and support costs and the remaining \$765 supports training and certification. See Section III Funding, Disbursement of Payments of the SFP for the per trainee cost breakdown.

Q: Can electricians who are sole proprietor contractors qualify as trainees?

A: Yes, they could be eligible as trainees if they hold a current General Electrician Certification issued by the California Department of Industrial Relations. See Section II, Eligibility and Grantee Requirements of the SFP for all eligible trainees.

Q: What might the average award amount be for a partner entity/sub-awardee?

A: There is no minimum or maximum award amount for this SFP. Award sizes vary because they are based on each Applicant's proposed scope of work, activities, goals, and number of trainees.. See Section III, Funding the SFP.

Q: Why are resumes of staff required?

A: Resumes are required because ETP's agreement with the California Energy Commission requires applicants provide staff qualifications as part of the documentation. This ensures the personnel involved in the grant have the appropriate expertise.

Q: Will any weighted consideration be given to applicants who were granted the initial version of the grant?

A: All applicants are evaluated equally. Per Section VI, Proposal Submission Instructions, under the Proposal Evaluation and Scoring section of the SFP, all proposals are reviewed, scored, and ranked by independent reviewers using the same criteria and point values for every applicant.

Q: Would a public school district that provides adult training services qualify to apply?



A: Yes, per Section II, Eligibility and Grantee Requirements, under the Eligible Applicants section of the SFP, an Adult School is eligible as a Training Agency.

Q: If a contractor can provide its own complete Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment training curriculum, does the curriculum need to be EVITP-aligned? If so, does EVITP provide training materials or assist with reviewing and validating the curriculum to ensure it meets EVITP standards?

A: Per Section I, Overview of the SFP trainees should be trained and certified through the EVITP Organization or are compliant with the Public Utilities Codes 740.20.

Q: Should an Applicant mention in the application that they were previously granted an EVITP Fund award? Or would that reflect negatively?

A: Mentioning a previous EVITP Fund award will not affect scoring. All applications are evaluated equally. Per Section VI, Proposal Submission Instructions of the SFP, proposals are reviewed, scored, and ranked by independent reviewers using the same criteria and point values for every applicant.

Q: Can these funds be used to build a training site? Or seems just to be used for tuition to have someone trained.

A: No. These funds cannot be used to build a training site and are intended for the purpose of training and certifying trainees in the EVITP curriculum. See Section I, Overview of the SFP.

Q: Is the instruction only online (virtual)?

A: EVITP training and certification is provided online or in compliance with the Public Utilities Codes 740.20. See Section I, Overview and Section II Eligibility and Grantee Requirements of SFP

Q: If awarded the grant the SFP states that Grantees will be required to complete additional forms such as Darfur Contracting Act, etc. Could you explain what these forms are?

A: These forms are part of the standard contracting requirements that Grantees must complete if awarded funding. In Section VI, under Required Forms, the SFP lists several forms such as the Darfur Contracting Act certification, that are required by the Employment Development Department (EDD), which has contracting authority over ETP. These forms ensure compliance with state contracting laws and must be completed by all awarded Grantees.



Q: If a trainee completes a separate electric vehicle training program, will they be eligible to receive an EVITP certification directly? Or are they required to pay an additional \$275 and complete the 20-hour EVITP online training before they can obtain the certification?

A: No, completing another electric vehicle training program does not make a trainee eligible for EVITP certification. To be certified, trainees must take EVITP's own 20-hour online training course and pass the EVITP exam, or are in compliance with the Public Utilities Codes 740.20. This requirement applies to all trainees in the grant. See Section I, Overview and Section II Eligibility and Grantee Requirements of the SFP.

Q: An issue for DAC's that limits charger infrastructure installation is utility demand fees and weights & measures certification by counties. Any possible assistance in the future with that?

A: No. This grant only covers EVITP training and certification. Unfortunately, it does not help with issues like utility demand fees or weights & measures requirements. The grant's purpose, as described in Section I of the SFP, is strictly to support training electricians through the EVITP program.

Q: Do registered electrician apprentices and trainees qualify for EVITP-funded training?

A: Per Section II Eligibility and Grantee Requirements of the SFP individuals who meet the eligibility criteria under Public Utilities Code 740.20 may be trainees.

Q: Do the same eligibility requirements apply to Partner Entities?

A: Yes. Partner Entities must meet the same eligibility requirements as the Lead Applicant. Section II of the SFP explains that every partner entity must provide all required eligibility documentation to verify that they qualify for participation in the grant.

Q: Of the \$900 that a grantee is awarded per person can they pay the \$275 registration fee for a person and any additional funds goes to training?

A: Per Section III of the SFP, the \$900 is already split by ETP:

- \$765 is paid for EVITP training and certification costs upon verification of EVITP certification or recertification and,
- \$135 is paid for administrative and support costs upon verification of EVITP certification or recertification.

See section III Funding of the SFP.



Q: If an organization does not yet have the necessary BPPE credential to participate as a Training Agency, however, the organization employs a certified electrician for EV charger installation and contracts out charger installations. Would it be eligible to participate in an MEC application as an "Employer" while delivering training as our scope of work?

A: If the organization does not meet the eligibility requirements to be a Training Agency, it cannot deliver training under this grant. However, the certified electrician could be trained under this program by a grantee.

Q: On the application there is not an area for listing a subcontractor. How is this information provided on the application?

A: The application does not include a specific section for subcontractors. If you plan to use a subcontractor, you should describe this in the narrative portion of the application.

Q: The EVITP website shows that EVITP Course and Exam fees will increase to \$350 beginning October 1, 2026. Does ETP plan to address this increase by increasing the per trainee award amount to \$975?

A: No. The amount per trainee as laid out in Section III Funding under Disbursement of Payments of the SFP will not change.

Q: Since advance payments are not permitted under this solicitation, is the Grantee expected to pay the EVITP Course and Exam fee upfront for Trainees who cannot pay the fee themselves?

A: Yes. To receive payment under this grant, Grantees must submit verification of EVITP certification or recertification per Section III Funding of the SFP. No advance payments will be issued under this funding.