

1 * * * Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Infrastructure * * *

2 Sec. 2. INVESTMENTS IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT
3 INFRASTRUCTURE

4 (a) State highway network. The Agency of Transportation is authorized to
5 spend up to \$6,250,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget to
6 install direct-current fast chargers (DCFC) along the State highway network
7 consistent with the goals established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec.
8 30. This authorization shall be used by the Agency to purchase and install
9 DCFC or to provide grants for persons to purchase and install DCFC, or both.

10 (b) Housing, employers, and public venues and attractions. The Agency of
11 Commerce and Community Development is authorized to spend up to
12 \$10,000,000.00 in total and as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget to
13 establish and administer one or more grant programs, which may build upon
14 the existing EVSE Grant Program, to support the continued buildout of level 1
15 and 2 EVSE at multi-unit dwellings, including multi-unit affordable housing as
16 defined in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 29(a)(2) and workplaces and
17 level 1, 2, and DCFC EVSE at public venues and attractions, such as parks,
18 downtowns, museums, and ski mountains.

19 (c) State parks and fishing access areas. The Agency of Natural Resources
20 is authorized to spend up to \$3,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year
21 2023 budget to install level 1 and 2 EVSE at State parks and fishing access

1 areas managed by the State. This authorization shall be used by the Agency of
2 Natural Resources to purchase and install level 1 and 2 EVSE or to provide
3 grants for persons to purchase and install level 1 and 2 EVSE, or both.

4 (d) Purpose. The purpose of the expenditures authorized in subsections
5 (a)–(c) of this section is to respond to negative economic impacts to the
6 tourism, travel, and hospitality industries caused by the COVID-19 public
7 health emergency and to provide assistance to low- and moderate-income
8 households that were impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

9 (e) Eligibility criteria. Notwithstanding 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139,
10 Sec. 25, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 29, and any prior iterations of
11 funding criteria used to distribute State EVSE grant awards through programs
12 involving the EVSE Interagency Workgroup, the Agencies of Transportation,
13 of Commerce and Community Development, and of Natural Resources may
14 modify eligibility criteria for and programmatic implementation of any existing
15 State EVSE grant programs to ensure that available federal monies are best
16 utilized to build a network of EVSE throughout Vermont so as to support the
17 widespread adoption of plug-in electric vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A.
18 § 4(85), amongst Vermonters, including those of low and moderate income,
19 and provide increased access to a reliable network of EVSE to better serve and
20 support the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries.

1 (f) Administration expenses. Unless prohibited by federal or State law, the
2 Agencies of Transportation, of Commerce and Community Development, and
3 of Natural Resources may use up to 15 percent of the total amount that is
4 distributed in grant awards under subsections (a)–(c) for costs associated with
5 administering and promoting any State-run electric vehicle supply equipment
6 grant programs.

7 * * * Vehicle Incentive Programs * * *

8 Sec. 3. VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

9 (a) Incentive Program for New PEVs. The Agency is authorized to spend
10 up to \$12,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on the
11 Incentive Program for New PEVs established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No.
12 59, Sec. 34, as amended.

13 (b) MileageSmart. The Agency is authorized to spend up to \$3,000,000.00
14 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on MileageSmart as established
15 in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.

16 (c) Replace Your Ride Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up to
17 \$3,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on the Replace
18 Your Ride Program established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as
19 amended.

20 (d) eBike Incentive Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up to
21 \$1,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on an eBike

1 Incentive Program to provide incentives for the purchase of electric bicycles,
2 as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(46). Incentives shall be available to all
3 Vermonters who self-certify as to having an income at 80 percent of the State
4 median income.

5 (e) eRecreation Incentive Program. The Agency is authorized to spend up
6 to \$1,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023 budget on an
7 eRecreation Incentive Program to provide incentives for the purchase of all-
8 terrain vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 3501, and snowmobiles, as defined
9 in 23 V.S.A. § 3201, that do not contain an internal combustion engine as
10 manufactured and sold.

11 (f) Purpose.

12 (1) The purpose of the expenditures authorized in subsections (a)–(d) of
13 this section is to provide assistance to low- and moderate-income households
14 that were impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

15 (2) The purpose of the expenditures authorized in subsection (e) of this
16 section is to respond to negative economic impacts to the tourism, travel, and
17 hospitality industries caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and to
18 encourage Vermonters to use all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles without
19 internal combustion engines as a means to support Vermont’s tourism, travel,
20 and hospitality industries through increased outdoor recreation and the
21 associated benefits to local businesses.

1 (g) Eligibility criteria. Notwithstanding this section; 2019 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 121,
3 Sec. 14, 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. G.112, 2021 Acts and Resolves
4 No. 3, Sec. 56, and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Secs. 18, 19, and 21; and
5 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as amended by Sec. 5 of this act, the
6 Agency may modify the eligibility criteria for and programmatic
7 implementation of the Incentive Program for New PEVs, MileageSmart, the
8 Replace Your Ride Program, and the eBike Incentive Program to ensure that
9 available federal monies are best utilized to encourage Vermonters with low
10 and moderate income to adopt more efficient modes of personal transportation.

11 (h) Administration expenses. Unless prohibited by federal or State law, the
12 Agency may use up to 15 percent of any single authorization in subsections
13 (a)–(e) and an additional \$2,000,000.00 as appropriated in the fiscal year 2023
14 budget for costs associated with administering and promoting the vehicle
15 incentive programs, including on the Agency’s existing partnership with Drive
16 Electric Vermont.