



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-083

Date: June 15, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Jun 16, 2023 14:56 EDT)

Re: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Application

On May 2, 2023, the City Commission approved Resolution #23-85 supporting the submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Opportunity (CFI). The CFI grant was created to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work, specifically in downtown areas, local neighborhoods, and underserved or disadvantaged communities. The grant application period closed on June 13, 2023.

During the due diligence period, City staff determined that the City was not in a position to define the true cost of building out the EV infrastructure before the grant application submission deadline. The EV infrastructure improvements required to fulfill the grant obligations would include new transmission lines, power transformers, electrical connections, milling and resurfacing, and other costly items that need to be fully vetted by City staff and outside agencies like Florida Power and Light (FPL). Given this, the application was not submitted during this cycle.

City staff from the Transportation and Mobility Department and the Public Works Sustainability Division are developing a long-term EV program in anticipation of the 2024 CFI application period. In addition to grant funding opportunities, the FY2024 Parking Fund budget request includes \$150,000 per year (for five years) to expand the EV infrastructure.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov

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