

Proposal Scoring

1. Is there a preference to have the Level 2 charging stations powered by renewable energy?

Yes. Proposals that identify sources of renewable energy that will be used to provide electricity to the stations through a utility wind or solar, community solar, or onsite solar array will receive points.

2. What is environmental justice, and how is it used to evaluate projects?

The principle of Environmental Justice is to ensure that pollution does not have a disproportionate impact on any group of people. The MPCA uses mapping tools to identify areas of concern for Environmental Justice in Minnesota. Learn more about Environmental Justice on the MPCA's webpage:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mPCA/mpca-and-environmental-justice>.

All applications will be evaluated for their environmental justice impact.

3. How are health effects of vehicle pollution considered in evaluating projects?

The MPCA worked with the Minnesota Department of Health to identify areas of the state that are disproportionately affected by the adverse effects of air pollution. All applications will be evaluated for their benefits in these areas.

4. What is the basis for determining 100% of the energy would be renewable? In other words, what methodology would be used to determine the kWh drawn by vehicles using the charging stations?

If you have a contract with the utility, and you have 100% renewable, it would be whatever is used and billed by the utility. An entity could have the chargers on a separate meter and or networking system with the utility to determine the amount of electricity used by the chargers.

5. Is there an effort to ensure these stations are spread out by location across the Twin Cities or Minnesota?

Not at this time. Awarded projects will be based on the total points received. There are some points awarded for location based on areas for concern for environmental justice (and air quality and health scoring), as well as distance from other Level 2 charging stations.

Multiunit Dwellings

1. Are townhomes eligible for this grant as multi-unit dwellings?

No. Only apartment and condo buildings that have shared garage space are eligible. Townhomes usually have private garages. To apply, a multiunit dwelling must have at least eight residential units.

2. Does the number of units in a multi-unit dwelling affect the score?

Only multi-unit dwellings with at least 8 units are eligible, but otherwise the number of units does not affect the score.

3. Some apartment buildings assign parking spots to each resident while others use shared lots. Will this impact the building's chances of being selected?

No, applications for multi-unit dwellings are not scored based on whether there is assigned or shared parking.