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## **E&E to Launch Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Funding Assistance Programs**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**—On February 1, 2022, the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E) is launching two programs to help further expand Arkansas’s electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The Level 2 EVSE (electric vehicle supply equipment) Program was initially launched in 2021. In the past year, the program provided rebates for fifty-two chargers throughout Arkansas. In 2022, approximately \$215,000 in rebate dollars will be available to government, private, and non-profit entities on a first-come, first-serve basis. Level 2 charging stations can charge electric vehicles in a few hours, utilizing a 240-volt output.

The second program, the DC Fast Charge Program, will provide funding assistance for the installation of approximately three 150-kilowatt DC Fast Charge (DCFC) stations. Applications for the DC Fast Charge Program will be accepted through April 30. DCFC stations can charge electric vehicles in approximately thirty minutes.

A free webinar on both of these programs will be conducted via Zoom at 1 p.m. on January 28, 2022. To sign up for the webinar, email Jason Willey at [Jason.Willey@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:Jason.Willey@adeq.state.ar.us).

E&E Cabinet Secretary Becky W. Keogh said, “I would be hard-pressed to think of anything more exciting for the growth of Arkansas and the future of our state’s economy than the development of our EVSE infrastructure. I want to encourage all entities who are even considering the possibility of electric vehicle charging stations for their municipality, business, or organization to sign up for our upcoming EVSE webinar.”

Funding for these EVSE programs is part of the \$14.6 million awarded to Arkansas through the Volkswagen Settlement. For more information about all of the Arkansas programs funded by the settlement, go to <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/energy/>.

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