



# EV SMART CITIES PROGRAM

## WHAT IS EV SMART CITIES?

EV Smart Cities is a recognition program designed to provide cities with a roadmap to electric vehicle (EV) readiness, including securing funding and getting projects off the ground. The path to becoming EV ready involves a portfolio of best practices and actions that include both simple steps and more complicated initiatives that makes it possible for any community to participate.

The program provides flexibility for individual community priorities and institutional capacity. Participating communities won't have to reinvent the wheel on their own. They will create an environment of peer communities to work together and establish new EV markets and benefit residents and businesses in their local communities.

The EV Smart Cities program is led by the Great Plains Institute. It is funded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Clean Transportation Pilot Program.

## DETAILS

- No cost to participate (only staff time!)
- Program Length: November 2022 - March 2024
- Time commitment:
  - One to three one-on-one meetings and/or technical assistance
  - Optional monthly webinars on supporting best practices
  - Self-directed work to meet local goals

## ELIGIBILITY

- Staff capacity to participate fully in the program (identify one staff person)
- Any city with priority to geographic representation across Minnesota
- Complete a Letter of Commitment to implement EV readiness actions

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To participate in the EV Smart Cities Program or for more information, contact Diana McKeown, Metro CERT Director at the Great Plains Institute at [dmckeown@gpisd.net](mailto:dmckeown@gpisd.net).

Has your city already completed many EV readiness actions? If so, talk to Diana about the opportunity to participate in the EV Smart Cities- Light Duty program.

# WHY PARTICIPATE?



## PROGRAM BENEFITS

Successful community participants will be recognized for their work to accelerate local adoption of EVs, while benefiting the economic, social, and environmental vitality of their community. Communities pursuing EV Smart certification will receive the following benefits:

- Technical assistance
- Roadmap for securing both state and federal funding sources
- Partnership development with local electric utilities and other private partners
- Recognition as an “EV Smart Cities” program participant

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Drafting EV ordinances
- Support organizing educational events for your community and staff
- Assistance creating an informational section for EVs on your webpage
- Guidance on adding EVs into comprehensive, specific area or functional plans
- Building relationships with local electric utility and car dealerships
- Development of a roadmap for actions to be EV ready
- Assistance streamlining permitting processes
- And more!

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