

ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER LOG		
DE-FOA0003214 - Communities Taking Charge Accelerator, FY24 Funding Opportunity Announcement		
Question Number	Question	Answer
1	Would this be a project we could submit under Topic 2 – expanding E-Mobility solutions through Electrified Micro, Light, and Medium-Duty Fleets? Would a project where we submit a group of locations with a need for EV Charging be supported under Topic 3 – Managed Charging for Clean Reliable Energy? Would proposing locations at workplace for residents who don’t have access to at home-EV charging be a viable project? Or are you looking more for public charging locations of which apartment communities could utilize off-site that are still close to home?	It is up to the applicant to determine if their proposal is relevant to the FOA and FOA topics. DOE will not provide feedback on technical ideas outside of the concept paper process.
2	Do you plan on hosting any webinars to discuss the program?	No informational webinars are scheduled.
3	How can we find interested partners for the FOA?	The Teaming Partner List is available on EERE eXCHANGE and will continue to be regularly updated to reflect new teaming partners who provide their organization’s information. It is not required to use the teaming partner list, it is simply an available tool to use if desired. More information about the teaming partner list can be found in the funding opportunity description section of the FOA. Please see Section I.A.iii for further information.
4	Could you clarify whether e-bikes purchased for use in a public bike share system – operated by a nonprofit entity – fall under the definition of infrastructure, or are otherwise subject to BABA?	Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult Appendix D of this FOA to determine whether their project may have to apply this requirement, both to make an early determination as to the need of a waiver, as well as to determine what impact, if any, this requirement may have on the proposed project’s budget.
5	After I downloaded the FOA, I was unable to open it. Could help me access it?	The FOA link has been checked and is operational. Please update to the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader, download the file to your computer, and open the file using a desktop version of Acrobat Reader rather than opening from a web browser.
6	Could you tell me if matching funds are required?	Cost share requirements can be found in Section III.B of the FOA.
7	Can you send to me the information about Grants in the area of decarbonization and hydrogen? I am on the website, but I am having trouble finding something.	It is up to the applicant to determine if their proposal is relevant to a particular FOA and FOA topics. The DOE will not provide feedback regarding which FOA is applicable to a particular project area. Applicants are encouraged to search grants.gov and other public websites for funding opportunities.
8	I just wanted to reach out in order to see if for the micro mobility funding you are funding only charging or full ebike conversion Motor and Battery technology.	Proposals are not limited to those suggested in in the FOA topic description. It is up to the applicant to determine if their proposal is relevant to the FOA, FOA topics, and if the equipment, where applicable, best suits the end goal of the proposal. DOE will not provide feedback on technical ideas outside of the concept paper process.
9	Is a Data Management Plan required for the Full Application? The table on page 37 states it is a Full Application Content Requirement, but page 48 states it is only requested during the award negotiations phase.	The Data Management Plan (DMP) is only applicable to Topic 3. A DMP is required at the time of application (if applicable), and if the applicant is selected for award negotiations, the DMP will be negotiated at that time. See Section IV.D.xvii
10	I was wondering if an e-carshare program in collaboration with our local housing authority would be eligible under category 2 - Topic 2: Expanding E-Mobility Solutions through Electrified Micro, Light and Medium-Duty Fleets.	It is up to the applicant to determine if their proposal is relevant to the FOA and FOA topics. DOE will not provide feedback on technical ideas outside of the concept paper process.
11	Where can I find the information to verify if we meet basic eligibility?	Eligibility information can be found in Section III of the FOA document.
12	Can we can apply in conjunction with the transportation systems of some major cities within the Charge Accelerator funding opportunity for the manufacture and installation of Solar Bus Shelters that also include solar chargers for scooters and e-bikes?	Teaming partners are highly encouraged for applications in all topic areas. It is up to the applicant to determine if their proposal is relevant to the FOA and FOA topics. DOE will not provide feedback on technical ideas outside of the concept paper process.
13	We are a heavy-duty Transit bus manufacturer (not freight) and wanted to check if we are eligible to apply for this opportunity.	Eligibility information can be found in Section III of the FOA document. It is up to the applicant to determine if their proposal is relevant to the FOA and FOA topics. Topic 2 only discourages projects focused on heavy-duty freight fleets and infrastructure (Section I.B)
14	Are there any additional restrictions on eligible costs for eligible projects beyond what is specified in the FOA for the Communities Taking Charge Accelerator, specifically regarding Topic Area 2?	Eligibility information can be found in Section III of the FOA document. Please see 2 CFR 200 for more information regarding allowable costs.
15	In reviewing the general requirements for Topic 3, we came across the following statement: "Development of use cases that cover fast-charging (>150kW), off-corridor, and public Level 2 charging (with opt-in), aiming to establish a foundation for future EV infrastructure advancements." Could you please clarify whether these requirements also apply to proposals focusing solely on residential managed charging for single-family homes? If so, could you provide more details on the specific elements you are seeking?	It is up to the applicant to determine if their proposal is relevant to the FOA and FOA topics. DOE will not provide feedback on technical ideas outside of the concept paper process.
16	Can an application include multiple areas of interest?	No. Each Topic Area must have its own separate application. As referenced in Section III.F. An entity may submit more than one Concept Paper and Full Application to this FOA, provided that each application describes a unique, scientifically distinct project.
17	Is an applicant permitted to propose a project that qualifies under multiple topic areas?	Submitting a single proposal to apply to multiple topic areas is not permitted. As stated in section III.F of the FOA, applicants may submit more than one concept paper and full application provided each describes a unique scientifically distinct project. Applying to multiple topic areas would require the submission of multiple concept papers/full applications.
18	Will the Communities Taking Charge FOA, be subject to Title 23 Requirements?	DOE funding is Title 42.
19	Will the Communities Taking Charge Accelerator funding be available in future fiscal years (i.e., FFY 2025 and beyond)?	DOE cannot comment on future solicitations.
20	Could the Joint Office push the deadline for concept letters back by a few weeks?	At this point there is no extension to the deadline for the concept paper submission. However any changes to deadlines will be published in Exchange.